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COUGHRAN, TOM B.: Papers, 1895-1993

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Approximate number of pages:	8,260

An instrument of gift for these papers was signed by Coughran's daughter, Jane Coughran in February 1995. An appendix for materials received in a later accretion was signed by her in January 2014. Literary rights in the unpublished writings of Tom Coughran in this collection have been retained by Jane Coughran until her death and thereafter pass to the United States of America. Under terms of the instrument of gift, the following classes of items are withheld from research use:

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Tom B. Coughran was born on March 18, 1906 near Visalia, California. He graduated from Visalia High School in 1923 and received a degree in economics from Stanford University in 1927. Following graduation he joined the First National Bank of Exeter, California. When that bank was bought by Bank of America, Coughran advanced quickly. He was named manager of the Exeter branch in 1932 and promoted to head of the Monterey branch in 1941.

In 1942 Coughran enlisted in the U.S. Army. He attended the Army Finance School at Fort Benjamin Harrison and was stationed at the Office of the Chief of Army Finance in Washington, D.C. until May, 1944. At that time he was transferred to the newly formed G-5 Civil Affairs Division at Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces, Europe. He was headquartered in London, Paris, and finally Hochst, an I.G. Farben company town near Frankfurt. He was discharged from the Army in March 1946 after rising to the rank of lieutenant colonel.

Coughran returned to the Bank of America as manager of the Oakland, California branch. Soon after, he became head of the newly-formed International Banking Department in San Francisco. In that capacity he traveled widely in the Far East to facilitate the expansion of the Bank of America into the Philippines, Thailand, Nationalist China, Japan and other locations.

In the fall of 1957 President Eisenhower appointed Coughran Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for International Affairs. In December, 1957 he became Executive Director of the World Bank and International Monetary Fund. During his thirteen months with the Treasury Department he participated in the NATO conference in Paris, a presidential fact-finding mission to Central American and the World Bank meeting in New Delhi. He also participated in the formation of the International Development Association and the Colombo Conference in Seattle.

In accordance with a prior agreement, he returned to the Bank of America in January 1959 as Executive Vice President and CEO of Bank of America, International, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Bank of America. From 1966 to 1968 he served as Chairman of the Business Advisory Council to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development. He was also one of the founders of the World Banking Corporation, a holding company that was expanded and restructured in 1971 as WOBACO.

Coughran retired from the Bank of America in 1971 and from WOBACO in 1976. He moved with his wife from New York to the Washington, D.C. area where he remained until his death on October 2, 1993.

SERIES DESCRIPTIONS

Early Life and Education

Boxes 1-2

This series contains correspondence, memorabilia, and other items relating to Coughran's childhood, his education at Visalia High School and Stanford University, family life, marriage and other related activities.

Military and World War II

Boxes 3-4

This series contains correspondence with family and friends, military orders and related documents, memorabilia and other items compiled during his service with SHAEF G-5 Civil Affairs Division. His wife, Florence Montgomery Coughran, occasionally enclosed notes and letters from their daughter, Jane, and from personal friends with her letter.

Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, 1957-1958

Box 6

This series contains correspondence, newspaper clippings and other related materials.

Bank of America

Box 6-7

This series contains documents relating to Coughran's career with Bank of America, particularly the bank's expansion into Asia.

Passports, Datebooks, Memo Books, Photographs, and Artifacts

Boxes 7-9

This series contains passports, datebooks, memo books, and artifacts. Fifty-six unbound photograph album pages and 557 individual photographs were transferred to the audiovisual collection.

Horace Bristol and R. B. Montgomery Files

Box 9

This series consists of documents relating to the lives and World One military service of Coughran's uncle, Horace Bristol, and his father-in-law, Robert Bruce Montgomery. Bristol had correspondence training in electrical engineering and served with the 417th Telegraph Battalion. Montgomery was a doctor with the 157th Ambulance Corps.

Oversized documents from all series were transferred into Box 10.

<u>Box No.</u>	<u>Contents</u>
1	<p>Early Life and Education</p> <p>Audiotapes</p> <p>Brief bio</p> <p>Memoirs of Tom B. Coughran</p> <p>Childhood</p> <p>Grammar school work (1)-(3)</p> <p>Visalia High School (1)(2)</p> <p>Visalia High School Yearbooks (1)-(3)</p> <p>Stanford University, 1923-1927 (1)(2)</p>
2	<p>Stanford University – Kappa Sigma fraternity</p> <p>Stanford University, later activities</p> <p>Stanford University, football programs (1)(2)</p> <p>Stanford University, football clippings</p> <p>Photo album: College Days, 1923-1927</p> <p>Scrapbook of trip with his mother to Hawaii, 1926</p> <p>TBC's letters to his parents during train trip across Canada & East Coast, June, 1927</p> <p>Marriage, 1930 (1)-(3) [letters and memorabilia; also includes report on Asian banks made for Bank of America during honeymoon trip to India, Japan and China]</p> <p>Family</p> <p>[Household ledger, 1938-1953]</p>
3	<p>Military and World War II</p> <p>Correspondence: Colleagues and Friends</p>

Correspondence: Family

Correspondence: Florence Coughran to Tom Coughran, May-June 1944
[letters from daughter, Jane, often enclosed with Florence's letters]

Correspondence: Florence Coughran to Tom Coughran, July 1944

Correspondence: Florence Coughran to Tom Coughran, August 1944

Correspondence: Florence Coughran to Tom Coughran, September 1944

Correspondence: Florence Coughran to Tom Coughran, October 1944

Correspondence: Florence Coughran to Tom Coughran, November 1944

Correspondence: Florence Coughran to Tom Coughran, December 1944

Correspondence: Florence Coughran to Tom Coughran, January 1945

Correspondence: Florence Coughran to Tom Coughran, February-March
1945

Correspondence: Florence Coughran to Tom Coughran, May-June 1945
[includes July 1-2]

Correspondence: Jane Coughran to Tom Coughran

Correspondence: Tom Coughran to Florence Coughran, October-
December 1944

4 Correspondence: Tom Coughran to Florence Coughran, January 1945

Correspondence: Tom Coughran to Florence Coughran, February 1945

Correspondence: Tom Coughran to Florence Coughran, March 1945

Correspondence: Tom Coughran to Florence Coughran, May-June 1945

Correspondence: Tom Coughran to Jane Coughran

[Military, WWII: I.D.'s, ration cards]

Military: Ft. Benjamin Harrison

Military orders (1)(2)

Military: promotions

Military Years – Misc. (German memorabilia) [includes items confiscated from Herman Goering's private train.]

Miscellaneous Army memorabilia (1)(2) [guidebooks, pamphlets, German phrasebooks acquired by Coughran in Europe; ticket stub for 1945 Army-Navy game]

Personal Business – WWII

World War II clippings

5 **Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, 1957-1958**

Correspondence and notes re: Treasury proposal

Personal – Congratulatory Letters (1)(2)

Clippings re: Appointment as Assistant Secretary of the Treasury

[Treasury Department identification]

[1957 pocket diary and inserted material]

Central American fact finding tour with Milton Eisenhower, July 1958

Treasury Photos, 1957-1958 (mostly swearing-in ceremony)

October 1958 trip to New Delhi for World Bank Meeting (1)(2)

Treasury Miscellaneous

Invitations – Treasury programs and other social events

Clippings – Treasury, miscellaneous (including resignation)

Correspondence with General Eisenhower, 1958-1961

Farewell reception following resignation from Treasury, December 1958

6 **Bank of America**

Bank of America, 1927-1942

Bank of America correspondence (WWII years)

Bank of America, Establishment of branches in Manila, Shanghai, Bangkok, and Tokyo, 1947-1955 (1)-(4) [letters to his wife while abroad, includes letters from additional cities in Asia & Middle East, as well as locations en route]

Bank of America, San Francisco, 1946-1957 #1

Bank of America, San Francisco, 1946-1957 #2

Bank of America (International), New York, 1959-1971 (1)(2)

The Supplement to Who's Who, June-August, 1959

White House – State Dinners for the President of the Ivory Coast, May 22-23, 1962

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White House and State Department Social Affairs, 1959-1986

Post-retirement activities (Bank of America), 1971-1993

Post-retirement activities (other than Bank of America), 1971-1993

[Award of appreciation from Bank of America Board of Directors to Coughran, 1977]

London to Hong Kong train trip, October-December 1979 (1)(2)

Bohemian Grove, Seven Trees Camp (Bohemian Club, San Francisco)

Obituaries

Passports, Datebooks, Memo Books, Photographs, and Artifacts

[Datebooks, 1956, 1959-1962]

[Datebooks, 1971, 1974, 1976-1979]

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[Datebooks, 1980-1988]

[Datebooks, 1990-1993]

[Passports]

[Miscellaneous memo books while residing at 181 73rd St., NYC]

[Miscellaneous memo books while residing at 923 5th Ave., NYC]

[Miscellaneous memo books, residence unknown]

9 Pocket-sized books: *Bible* and *Science and Health* by Mary Baker Eddy

[Eisenhower biographies]

[Family photographs, c. 1906-1924]

Military Career, World War II, 1942-1945 (1)-(2)

[State Department photograph, 1958]

[Bank of America portraits]

Bank of America, 1927-1942

Bank of America (San Francisco), 1946-1957 #1

Bank of America (San Francisco), 1946-1957 #2

Snapshots, Bank of America, 1947-1950 [Establishing first Bank of America branches in the Far East]

Bank of America (International), NY, 1959-1971

Horace Bristol and R. B. Montgomery Files

Horace Bristol: Account Book [ca. 1895, possibly kept by Nathan Bristol, Horace's father]

Horace Bristol: Biographical Information

Horace Bristol: Correspondence Received, 1918-1919

Horace Bristol: Correspondence to Tom B. Coughran, 1918-1919

Horace Bristol: Electrical Engineering Student [1904 examination on Telephony; 1906 correspondence from The Electrical Engineer Institute of Correspondence Instruction]

Horace Bristol: Memo Book [kept during WWI]

Horace Bristol: Military Service, 417th Telegraph Battalion

R. B. Montgomery: Correspondence, 1917-1918

R. B. Montgomery: WWI Memorabilia

10 **Oversized documents from all series**

Diploma, grammar school graduation, 1919

Appreciation award from International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, December 15, 1958

Photograph, meeting at the White House, 1967

Promotion of Horace Bristol to Rank of Sergeant

Certificate of Proficiency in Electrical Engineering for Horace Bristol from The Electrical Engineer Institute of Correspondence Instruction

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