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STRACKBEIN, OSCAR R.: Papers, 1920-87

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The papers of Oscar R. Strackbein were deposited in the Dwight D. Eisenhower Library by his wife Anne G. Strackbein in November 1994.

Linear feet: -1  
Approximate number of pages: 1,600  
Approximate number of items: 800

Mrs. Strackbein signed an instrument of gift for the papers on November 14, 1994. Literary rights in the unpublished writings of Oscar Strackbein in this collection and in all other collections of papers received by the United States have been donated to the public. 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

Oscar R. Strackbein (1900-1993) was born in Texas and graduated from the University of Texas with a degree in business administration. During the 1920s he worked for the Department of Commerce as a commercial attaché in Cuba and Colombia. During the 1930s he worked for the U.S. Tariff Commission and the Public Contracts Board in the Labor Department. In 1942 he left government service to become a private management and economic consultant. In 1950 he organized the National Labor-Management Council on Foreign Trade Policy, which became the Nation-Wide Committee on Import-Export Policy in 1953. This organization lobbied for high tariffs in order to protect American businesses from foreign competition. During the Eisenhower administration Strackbein frequently wrote articles and appeared before government organizations in support of high tariffs. The January 30, 1956 issue of Time magazine (page 78) called him "one of the most potent lobbyists for high tariffs." Strackbein retired from lobbying in 1975 but continued writing books and articles on economic matters for another ten years.

The papers of Oscar Strackbein pertain primarily to his lobbying efforts on trade and tariff matters. The collection has been divided into two series. The first series is a subject file containing correspondence with editors, journalists and government officials concerning his views; printed material he collected for reference; and a small quantity of personal material, including biographies and information on the estate of his brother Max Strackbein.

The second series contains copies of Strackbein's writings. Most of the publications are typewritten or mimeographed sheets, but a few items were professionally printed. A few folders also contain reviews and correspondence regarding the publications.

## CONTAINER LIST

Box No.    Contents

1                    Series I: Subject File

Clippings (1)-(3)

Correspondence 1928-61 [meeting with John Foster Dulles, Jan. 15, 1953, re trade and tariff matters]

Correspondence 1962

Correspondence 1964-75

Correspondence 1979

Correspondence 1980-81

Correspondence 1983-87

Correspondence Undated

History of Peanut Programs

Manufacturing Requirement and Importation

Miscellaneous Notes

Nuveen Trusts 1986

Outlook March 1958 [appearance on television program]

Personal Material [biographies; financial information]

Presidential Statements on Trade Agreements

Royal Economic Society 1925 [membership list]

Max Strackbein Estate

2                    Series II: Writings

The Adversarial Stance of Capital and Labor 1983

American Enterprise and Foreign Trade 1965

Calm Yourself

A Code of Executive Relations 1946

Cost of Becoming Competitive in Ocean Shipping 1966

The Cuban Tangle 1931

Decay of Fortitude?

Don't Blame Congress

Economic Imbalance 1983

How England Outdid Us! 1984

ITO, GATT and OTC

Labor Emergent

Our Farm Problem 1983

The Sacred Cow

The Tariff and the South 1956

The Trouble with Economics Is - 1984

Tyranny of the Press Short Version

Tyranny of the Press Long Version 1969 (1)(2)

Urbanites: Why Agriculture Does Need Help 1985

Wages and Foreign Trade 1962

The Will and the Ego to the Front

Miscellaneous Writings

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