

Byron S. Miller Papers

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Collection Summary

Title: Byron S. Miller Papers

Span Dates: 1941-1946

ID No.: MSS32938

Creator: Miller, Byron S., 1915-

Extent: 100 items ; 4 containers ; 1.6 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

Repository: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Abstract: Lawyer and public official. Correspondence, reports of congressional hearings, memoranda, notes, drafts of legislation, and printed material relating to the enactment of the Atomic Energy Act, proposed legislation creating the National Science Foundation, and other subjects pertaining to the mobilization of natural resources, atomic energy, and allied scientific information.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

People

Miller, Byron S., 1915-

Organizations

National Science Foundation (U.S.)

United States. Atomic Energy Act of 1946.

United States. Tennessee Valley Authority Act of 1933.

Subjects

Natural resources--United States.

Nuclear energy.

Science.

Occupations

Lawyers.

Public officials.

Administrative Information

Provenance

The papers of Byron S. Miller, lawyer and public official, were given to the Library of Congress by Miller in 1963.

Processing History

The papers of Byron S. Miller were arranged and described in 1963. The finding aid was revised in 2012.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Byron S. Miller is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The papers of Byron S. Miller are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Byron S. Miller Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

Byron S. Miller, was born in Gary, Indiana, in 1915, and raised in Indiana and New York. The son of immigrants from Russia and Germany, he obtained a bachelor's and a law degree from the University of Chicago. He worked in the Office of War Mobilization and Conversion during World War II, and in 1945-1946 helped write legislation that created the Atomic Energy Commission. He later became an attorney for the American Jewish Congress in Chicago and was managing partner at the law firm of D'Ancona & Pflaum, specializing in estate planning and tax law in Chicago. He died March 3, 2003, in La Jolla, California.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Byron S. Miller (1915-2003) span the years 1941-1946 with the bulk of the material consisting of correspondence, reports of congressional hearings, memoranda, notes, drafts of legislation, and published material relating to the enactment of the Atomic Energy Act of 1946. The material dates from December 1945, prior to the introduction of Senate Bill S. 1717 concerning the development and control of atomic energy. Such items as administrative provisions, control of information, the role of the military, and patents are among the details covered. Also included are hearings on the House version of the bill (H.R. 4820) and the revised Senate bill (S. Res. 179) that considered in greater detail the problems of atomic energy.

The papers also include material relating to proposed legislation in 1945-1946 creating the National Science Foundation and other miscellaneous legislation dealing with scientific subjects. The collection also contains printed material on such topics as the Tennessee Valley Authority Act, the mobilization of natural resources, various articles and treaties on atomic energy, and periodicals dealing with allied scientific subjects.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged by type of material or topic.

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