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INTRODUCTION

The principle of settling international controversies judicially through courts of arbitration was utilized by the United States to settle American claims against Germany, Austria, and Hungary resulting from World War I. Special agreements were signed by the respective countries, providing for the establishment of claims commissions authorized to decide those claims over which they had jurisdiction. Two commissions were set up, the Mixed Claims Commission between the United States and Germany, and the Tripartite Claims Commission between the United States, Austria, and Hungary. While the objectives of the two commissions were similar, their composition was different. The Mixed Claims Commission consisted of two Commissioners and an Umpire. The Umpire was called upon to decide the disputed points in cases where the two Commissioners disagreed. The Tripartite Claims Commission consisted of only one Commissioner, who heard and decided all claims presented to him.

In addition to the Commissioners, each nation appointed a Secretary and an Agent. The Secretary was the official custodian of the records of the Commission. The Agent was the principal representative of his government in all claims matters before the Commission, and in this task he was assisted by a legal staff and certain other employees. The United States Agent and staff of the Mixed Claims Commission, United States and Germany, also served in a similar capacity on the Tripartite Claims Commission, United States, Austria, and Hungary. The United States Agent was responsible for the general management and control of all United States claims before both Commissions. He also had the responsibility of gathering all possible information and evidence relating to claims, and he received copies of all pleadings that were filed with the Commission. In short, he amassed a considerable amount of records relating to the work of both claims commissions.

The records described in this inventory comprise the official files of the Agencies of the United States that were created or accumulated during the existence of the Mixed Claims Commission and the Tripartite Claims Commission. The records described as those of the Agents are the records created by those officers in their official capacities. The records described as Commission records are copies of records created by the Commissioners but accumulated or retained in the official files of the United States Agencies. Most of the official records of the two Commissions are in the Federal Records Center at Atlanta, Ga.

This inventory has been organized, insofar as possible, according to the commission or entity that created the records, and consequently records are described as those of the particular organizational unit that produced or accumulated them.

The records described in this inventory, amounting to 1,032 cubic feet, were received from the Department of State. They constitute a

part of Record Group 76, Records of Boundary and Claims Commissions and Arbitrations, and include all the records in the National Archives that relate to claims of the United States and Germany, Austria, and Hungary resulting from World War I. Records relating to unsettled claims less than 50 years old and all records dated later than December 31, 1929, may be examined only by permission of the Department of State.

Records relating to those described in this inventory are in Record Group 59, General Records of the Department of State; and in Record Group 84, Records of the Foreign Service Posts of the Department of State.

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RECORDS RELATING TO UNITED STATES CLAIMS
AGAINST THE CENTRAL POWERS

RECORDS OF THE MIXED CLAIMS COMMISSION
UNITED STATES AND GERMANY, 1922-41

The Executive Agreement, signed at Berlin on August 10, 1922 (42 Stat. 2200), created the Mixed Claims Commission, United States and Germany, for the purpose of determining the exact amount to be paid for satisfaction of claims of the United States and its citizens that had arisen against Germany since July 31, 1914. The Mixed Claims Commission consisted of three members, two Commissioners and one Umpire. Each Government appointed a Commissioner, and the two passed upon the cases presented to them; in cases of disagreement the Umpire, chosen jointly by the two Governments, rendered the final decision.

Because of illness and death, four Umpires were in turn appointed and in each case the Umpire was a United States citizen. The Umpires and the dates they began their service are as follows: William R. Day, 1922; Edwin B. Parker, 1923; Roland W. Boyden, 1930; and Owen J. Roberts, 1932. Edwin B. Parker was designated in 1922 as American Commissioner. He was succeeded by Chandler P. Anderson in 1923, and by Christopher B. Garnett in 1936. Wilhelm Kiesselback was appointed German Commissioner in 1922 and served in that position until 1934, when he was succeeded by Victor L. F. H. Huecking. Commissioner Huecking in a letter dated March 1, 1939, addressed to the Umpire, announced his "retirement" from the Commission, and the German Government did not appoint a successor. Each Government had an Agent who headed the legal and clerical staff and prepared and presented cases to the Commission. The first American Agent was Robert C. Morris, appointed in 1922. He was succeeded in 1923 by Robert W. Bonyng, and in 1939 by an acting agent, Harold H. Martin. Karl von Lewinski was appointed German Agent in 1922. Lewinski was succeeded by Wilhelm Tannenberg in 1931, by Johann G. Lohmann in 1933, and by Richard Paulig in 1934.

The Commission was organized in the fall of 1922 and held its first meeting on October 9 of that year. Under the agreement of August 10, 1922, the Commission was given jurisdiction only over claims notified to it within 6 months after the date of the first meeting. By April 9, 1923, the end of the 6-month period, 12,425 claims totaling \$1-1/2 billion had been filed. An additional 8,009 claims were filed later under the agreement of December 31, 1928 (45 Stat. 2698), making a total of 20,434 claims filed with the Commission. Individual claims were assigned a "list" number when received by the Agency and a docket number when filed with the Commission. Claims filed under the agreement of 1928 are often referred to as "late" claims.

By 1933 all but a few of the claims had been decided. The largest group of undecided claims was designated as the sabotage claims. These

comprised 153 claims of United States citizens who suffered losses estimated at about \$23 million in the fires and explosions at Black Tom and Kingsland, New Jersey. These disasters were allegedly caused by the activities of German saboteurs in 1916 and 1917 before the United States entered the war. The sabotage claims were before the Mixed Claims Commission for more than 12 years, and it was not until 1939 that a decision was rendered in favor of the 153 American claimants.

MINUTES OF MEETINGS. Oct. 9, 1922-Oct. 30, 1939. 3 vols. 2 ft. 1

A set of authenticated minutes of the Mixed Claims Commission, United States and Germany, together with some copies of abstracts and unbound copies of minutes. The minutes contain the Commission's orders for awards and dismissals of claims. Signed by the Commissioners, the Umpire, and the Secretaries. Arranged chronologically. For an index to the minutes, see entry 2.

INDEX TO MINUTES. n.d. 16 ft. 2

An index on 3" x 5" cards to the minutes of the Commission. The cards usually contain the following information: name of claimant, docket number and classification of claim, date of award or dismissal, and page number in minutes where this information is recorded. Arranged by docket number, 1-16508, with some gaps.

DOCKET. 1922-39. 16 ft. 3

Shows name of claimant, docket and list number of claim, amount claimed, date of proceedings, and dates and types of documents filed with each claim. The typed docket sheets are arranged by docket number, 1-16019.

ADMINISTRATIVE OPINIONS AND DECISIONS. Nov. 1, 1923-May 1, 1929.

1 vol. 3 in. 4

A set of authenticated administrative opinions and decisions of the Mixed Claims Commission, which were signed by the United States and the German Commissioners. These opinions concern the Commission's functions and procedures relating to life insurance claims, estate claims, and other classes of claims. Arranged chronologically by date of opinion or decision.

AWARDS. July 16, 1923-Oct. 30, 1939. 6 vols. 3 ft. 5

A set of awards made by the Mixed Claims Commission. Each award shows the name of the claimant, the docket and list numbers of the claim, the terms of the award, and the amount. Signed by the Commissioners and the Joint Secretaries. Arranged chronologically by date of award.

CARD INDEX TO AWARDED CLAIMS. 1923-27; 1928-30. 6 ft. 6

An index on 3" x 5" cards to claims awarded. Each card shows the name of the claimant, the docket and list numbers of the claim, the date and amount of the award, the rate of interest, and the date from which the interest was computed. There are two sets of cards, one for the

period 1923-27 and the other for the period 1928-30. Arranged alphabetically by name of claimant.

ORDERS. Nov. 15, 1922-Oct. 30, 1939. 6 vols. 2 ft. 7

Orders, many of them signed by the Commissioners. They include miscellaneous orders numbered 1-153, orders correcting awards, and orders of dismissal. The arrangement is in most instances chronological by date of order.

CASE FILES OF LISTED CLAIMS. 1922-41. 552 ft. 8

Papers relating to individual claims of United States citizens against Germany, consisting of depositions, affidavits, and other evidence submitted by the claimant; records of the Department of State concerning the case; and materials accumulated or produced by the United States Agency, including correspondence, memorials, briefs, agreed statements, and related materials. The listed claims comprise all claims accepted by the United States Agency. At the time of acceptance each claim was assigned a list number. Arranged by list number of claim, from 1 to 19961.

INDEX TO CLAIMS. 1922-39. 18 ft. 9

An index on 3" x 5" cards to the claims described in entry 8. Each card gives the name of the claimant and the list and docket numbers of the claim. There are two sets of cards. One set contains names of claimants whose claims were filed under the agreement of August 10, 1922, and the other set indexes those cases filed under the agreement of December 31, 1928. Arranged alphabetically by name of claimant.

CASE FILES OF UNLISTED CLAIMS. ca. 1923. 3 ft. 10

Briefs, correspondence, and other material similar to that described in entry 8. The "unlisted claims" were not assigned a list number by the Agency at the time they were presented to the Commission. Arranged by docket number of claim, from 2 to 13.

UNITED STATES EXHIBITS. ca. 1923-39. 9 ft. 11

Copies of exhibits submitted to the Commission in support of United States claims against Germany, assembled in binders, and arranged numerically from 1 to 1006. Binders 2, 22, 23, and 24 are missing, but printed copies of many of the exhibits in them can be found in the records described in entry 14. For an index to the exhibits, see entry 15.

ORDER EXHIBITS. 1923-39. 9 binders. 3 ft. 12

Copies of United States exhibits submitted as evidence of Germany's liability in connection with the sabotage claims. Indexed within each binder. Much of this material has been printed in volume 6 of the records described in entry 14. Arranged by exhibit number, 1-352.

EXHIBITS A-S. n.d. 1 set. 2 in. 13

A set of exhibits similar to those described in entry 11. These lettered exhibits were submitted to the Commission by the United States.

on behalf of the Underwriters' Committee on the Black Tom explosion. Included are documents, sketches, and maps of the locality where the explosion occurred. Arranged alphabetically.

PRINTED UNITED STATES EXHIBITS ("CLAIMANTS EXHIBITS"). 1923-39.

10 vols. 2 ft.

14

Printed copies of United States claimants' exhibits described in entries 11 and 12, and containing the principal evidence relating to Germany's liability in connection with the United States claims. Exhibits are numbered consecutively from 1 to 856. Each volume contains a table of contents showing the number of the exhibit, the subject matter, and the page number where it may be located. Volume No. 6 contains a related series of exhibits referred to as "Order Exhibits," numbered 1 to 352. Originals of these "Order Exhibits" are described in entry 12. Volumes 5, 8, and 10 contain alphabetical indexes.

INDEX TO UNITED STATES EXHIBITS. n.d. 1 ft.

15

An index in two parts: a name and subject index on 5" x 8" cards and an index on typed pages assembled in a binder. Entries usually give the name of the person or subject, the exhibit number, and, if printed, the volume and page number where the information can be found. The index lists exhibits described in entries 11 and 14. Arranged alphabetically by topic.

GERMAN EXHIBITS. 1924-39. 2 ft.

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Evidence submitted by the German Agent to refute allegations made against the German Government in connection with United States claims. The exhibits are grouped under a lettered series, A-Z, and a numerical series, 1-133. Some unnumbered exhibits are included. Most of the exhibits are assembled in binders, the first 18 of which are listed and indexed in records described in entry 17. The remaining exhibits, from 121 to 133, are indexed for the most part within each binder.

INDEX TO GERMAN EXHIBITS. n.d. 6 in.

17

An index on 5" x 8" cards to the German exhibits described in entry 16. Each card shows the name of the person or subject, and the nature and number of the exhibit. Arranged alphabetically.

PRESS RELEASES. Dec. 11, 1923-Nov. 14, 1930. 4 in.

18

Processed copies of press releases on awards of the Commission. Each release shows the docket and list numbers of the case, the date of the award, the name and address of the claimant, the amount of the award, and the date from which the interest on the award is to be computed. Arranged chronologically.

UNITED STATES AND GERMAN PRINTED BRIEFS. 1924-32. 2 sets. 7 ft.

19

Copies of United States and German briefs submitted in support of claims before the Commission. One set is arranged numerically, 63-16741, with some gaps. The other set, consisting of 22 binders, includes briefs of the Black Tom Underwriters, the Lehigh Valley Railroad, and other claimants and is arranged by docket number.

LIST OF BRIEFS SUBMITTED. 1922-33. 1/2 in. 20

A list of briefs submitted by the Agencies to the Commission, showing docket number of claim, name of claimant, date of each brief, and whether the brief was submitted by the German Agent or the United States Agent. This draft was prepared by W. R. Dorsey, United States Joint Secretary, in October 1934 and covers only those briefs submitted before October 31, 1933. Arranged by docket number, 1-16481.

REPORTS OF THE UNITED STATES AND GERMAN AGENTS. 1929-36. 3 in. 21

Copies of reports on the status of work and other matters submitted by the United States and German Agents to the Mixed Claims Commission. Arranged chronologically.

EVIDENCE RELATING TO UNITED STATES VESSELS. 1923-25. 17 ft. 22

Copies of exhibits for war risk claims consisting of cargo registers, enrollments, licenses, clearance papers, bonds, proofs of ownership, consular invoices, insurance policies, and other documents relating to the destruction or damage of ships insured by the Bureau of War Risk Insurance. Arranged alphabetically by name of vessel.

RECORDS RELATING TO DAMAGED VESSELS. 1914-23. 7 ft. 23

Copies of pleadings, correspondence, and exhibits relating to vessels that had suffered damages as a result of enemy activities. Many documents in this series have been removed; chargeout sheets indicate that the missing documents have been returned to the office of origin. Assembled in folders and arranged alphabetically by name of vessel.

RECORDS OF MEETINGS. 1925-31. 2 boxes. A1-91A

Minutes of meetings listing the cases heard on a given date and indicate whether the case was dismissed or an award given. Arranged chronologically.

CASE FILES. 1922-39. 762 boxes. A1-91B

Decisions, correspondence, rejoinders, briefs, opposing statements, memorandums, exhibits, dismissals, and other materials relating to claims cases. This is the record set of case files maintained by the commission and contains all documentation submitted to the commission by interested parties. See Entry P-41 for the files relating to the Sabotage Cases (Dockets 8231-8296 and 8371-8450).

INDEX TO AWARDS. 1922-39. 7 boxes. A1-91C

Index cards indicating docket number, name, date of award, address of awardee, and the amount of the award. This series serves as a name index to the series "Case Files, 1922 to 1939" (entry A1-91B). Arranged in two subseries and thereunder alphabetically by name.

ORDERS, JOINT MOTIONS, AND CERTIFIED STATEMENTS. 1924-29. P-31
1 box.

Awards and decisions signed by Chandler P. Anderson, the American commissioner, and by Dr. Wilhelm Kiesselbach, the German commissioner. Most of these are certificates of disagreement between the commissioners concerning claims by the United States against Germany for German actions during World War I, including the sinking of the Lusitania and other ships. Docket numbers appear on many of the documents. Also included are joint motions of the commissioners and orders with corrections or revisions to awards, signed by commission umpire Edwin B. Parker. Arranged by type of document and thereunder chronologically.

LISTS OF DISMISSED CASES. ca. 1929-30. 9 boxes. P-42

Lists prepared by the U.S. Office of the Agent and Counsel of the Mixed Claims Commission, United States and Germany. The lists contain claims to the Commission for dismissal with an explanation for the action. These explanations include an inability to locate the claimant, the claimant or his attorney not furnishing the proof requested in the time requested, the claimant not wishing to pursue the matter further, and other reasons. Each document provides the list number, the docket number, and the name of the claimant. There are usually five cases listed per document. Arranged numerically by docket number, 8500-16507.

U.S. EXHIBITS RELATING TO DOCKETED CASES 4091-4143. ca. 1922-1924.
9 boxes. P-57

Exhibits for docket cases 4091 through 4143 submitted by the United States to the Mixed Claims Commission, United States and Germany. The exhibits consist of memorials, petitions, copies of insurance company charters and policies, applications for support of claims, and statements of fact and briefs. The claims relate to losses incurred because of German submarine warfare, including those stemming from the sinking of the steamship Lusitania. Arranged numerically by docket number.

EXHIBITS RELATING TO DOCKETED CASE 40. Ca. 1922-26. 9 boxes. P-58

Exhibits relating to docket case number 40 and submitted to the Mixed Claims Commission, United States and Germany. The exhibits consists of duplicates of the following items: "Thackerayana"; "The Orphan of Pimlico"; 16 volumes of the "Centenary Biographical Edition of the Works of William Makepeace Thackeray;" Catalogue No. 319 at Maggs Brothers, Booksellers, of London; and "Charles Dickens in Chancery," by E. T. Jacques. Arranged by exhibit letter.

EXHIBITS AND RELATED RECORDS FILED IN SUPPORT OF DOCKET CASE 11432.
ca. 1922-30. 3 boxes. P-59

Exhibits relating to docket case number 11432, American Union Bank v. Germany, filed by the United States with the Mixed Claims Commission, United States and Germany. The exhibits consist of financial records, claims, correspondence, motions, affidavits, and statements. There is also a Draft Advice Book kept by the American Union Bank. Arranged by exhibit number.

Records Relating to the Sabotage Claims

The sabotage claims comprise a group of 153 claims of United States citizens who suffered personal injuries or property losses as a result of activities attributed to German saboteurs operating in the United States. The claims originated out of two disasters: the fires and explosions at the Lehigh Valley Railroad Co. Terminal at Black Tom, N. J., on the night of July 29-30, 1916, and at the Assembling Plant of the Agency of the Canadian Car and Foundry Co., Ltd., at Kingsland, N. J., on January 11, 1917. Millions of dollars' worth of property was destroyed, and in the Black Tom disaster at least two lives were lost.

In presenting the sabotage claims before the Mixed Claims Commission, the United States Agent decided to determine first Germany's liability and then to determine the amount of damages sustained by claimants. On October 16, 1930, at Hamburg, the Commission dismissed the claims for lack of conclusive evidence. The United States Agent petitioned the Commission for a rehearing of the claims on the grounds that the Commission in reaching its decision had been misled and defrauded by perjury, collusion, and suppression, and that new evidence had been discovered. The Commission consistently denied the right of a rehearing until its decision of June 3, 1936, which allowed the Agents to file briefs and evidence to support a motion for reopening the hearings.

Following this decision, Germany invited the United States to send representatives to Munich to negotiate a compromise settlement. On July 6, 1936, Germany and the United States agreed that Germany should make an immediate cash payment equivalent to 50 percent of the principal amount of the claims plus 5 percent interest each year from the date of loss to the date of such payment.

Germany refused, however, to sign the joint statement informing the Commission of the agreement. The United States then proceeded to petition the Commission to settle the claims on the basis of the Munich Agreement. These petitions were dismissed by the Commission pending Germany's concurrence. Although Germany refused to sign the statement, the Umpire on June 15, 1939, handed down a decision granting a rehearing of the claims. On the same day the United States Agent submitted a motion for settling the sabotage claims, and, immediately after considering the motion, the Commission revoked the decision reached at Hamburg and granted the United States Agent the right to submit proposed awards for individual cases.

On October 30, 1939, the Umpire agreed that the awards had been "accurately and properly calculated" and awarded the United States \$21,157,000.

TRANSCRIPTS OF ORAL ARGUMENTS IN SABOTAGE CASES. 1929-39. 2 ft. 24

Copies of transcripts of the oral arguments concerning the sabotage claims presented before the Mixed Claims Commission during its meetings in Washington in 1929, 1932, 1937, and 1939; at The Hague in 1930; and in Boston in 1931. Arranged by meeting and thereunder chronologically by date of argument.

COPIES OF MEMORIALS. 1927. 2 in. 25

Copies of memorials filed by the United States in behalf of the claims of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Co. and the Canadian Car and Foundry Co., which arose out of alleged sabotage acts of Germany.

RECORDS RELATING TO THE PETITIONS FOR REHEARING THE SABOTAGE CLAIMS.

1931-39. 1 ft. 26

Copies of the United States petitions to the Mixed Claims Commission for a rehearing of the sabotage claims. Included are drafts of petitions, some evidence sustaining the petitions, related correspondence, and certificates of disagreement by the two Commissioners.

BRIEFS RELATING TO FRAUD BY THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT. 1935. 6 in. 27

Copies of briefs regarding fraud by the German Government in presenting evidence in the Black Tom and Kingsland claims; in attacks against Blue Book magazine, which published the so-called Herrmann message; and in its denial of responsibility for sabotage. Included are briefs of the sabotage claimants relating to the responsibility of Germany for the destruction at Black Tom. Also included are some letters from the claimants' attorneys.

BRIEFS AND PETITIONS RELATING TO SABOTAGE CASES. 1924-39. 4 ft. 28

Included with the briefs and petitions are some related correspondence,

memoranda, and notes. Most of these documents were filed by the United States; a few of them were filed by Germany.

RECORDS RELATING TO THE SABOTAGE CLAIMS FILED WITH THE COMMISSION. 29
1924-41. 23 boxes.

Records relating to various aspects of the work of the American agency during the initial phase of work on the sabotage claims and in support of petitions for re-hearing those claims. Included are correspondence, briefs, memoranda, newspaper clippings, reports, and press releases. Most of the records fall under the following headings under which the documents are arranged chronologically: memorandums by H.H. Martin, Counsel and later Agent of the United States, and documents subsequent to the rehearing petition. (The documents were originally assembled in volumes and arranged chronologically.) See Entry P-85 for an index.

PLEADINGS IN THE SABOTAGE CASES. 1930-40. 5 vols. 1 ft. 30

Pleadings prepared in connection with the sabotage claims. Included are petitions for rehearing, briefs, motions, replies, decisions on petitions, memoranda, and other legal documents. Arranged chronologically. Each volume has a table of contents.

MOTIONS AND REPLIES. 1929-38. 6 in. 31

Mainly copies of motions and replies to motions submitted by the German and the United States Agents regarding the filing of exhibits and other matters connected with the sabotage claims. Also included are some opinions, orders, and notices of the Commission. Arranged chronologically.

NOTES AND MEMORANDA RELATING TO SABOTAGE CASES. 1929-39. 2 ft. 32

Notes and memoranda, some in penciled draft, regarding new evidence and points of law to be used in the presentation of oral arguments in the sabotage cases. Included are some related correspondence and copies of unused affidavits.

MEMORANDA OF THE GERMAN AGENT. 1929-36. 2 in. 33

Typed copies of memoranda prepared by the German Agent concerning objections to the rehearing of the Black Tom claim and related problems arising from the presentation of the sabotage claims. Arranged chronologically.

PROPOSED AWARDS FOR BLACK TOM UNDERWRITERS. 1939. 3 in. 34

These proposed awards for the Black Tom Underwriters and other sabotage claimants are similar to those described in entry 5. The three sets of awards are dated July 27, August 8, and September 22, 1939, respectively, and are arranged by docket number within each set.

MEMORANDA AND NOTES REGARDING THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE GERMAN COMMISSIONER.

1939. 2 in. 35

Memoranda and notes of the United States Counsel regarding the effect of the withdrawal of the German Commissioner from the Mixed Claims Commission and the right of the Commission to render a final decision in the sabotage cases. Included are drafts of opinions, memoranda, and some related letters from attorneys for the claimants.

OPINIONS AND DECISIONS IN THE SABOTAGE CLAIMS. 1932; 1939.

1 vol. 3 in.

36

Copies of the opinions and decisions regarding the settlement of the sabotage claims, dated 1932 and 1939, with penciled notations. The certificate of disagreement and the opinion of the United States Commission, each dated June 15, 1939, are included.

RECORDS RELATING TO SABOTAGE CASES. 1931-38. 1 box.

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Primarily photostatic copies of business and personal correspondence from Paul Hilken of the Baltimore, Maryland office of the North German Lloyd shipping company. Much of it is in the German language, with attached English translations. Other unknown correspondence is in the Russian language, without translations. Unarranged.

CASE FILES [SABOTAGE CASES]. ca. 1922-39. 16 boxes.

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Decisions, correspondence, rejoinders, briefs, opposing statements, memorandums, exhibits, dismissals, and other materials relating to claims cases. The claims relate the facts of the matter, including the property damaged or destroyed. Files contain the German answer to the claims and the final awards issued by the Commission. Files sometimes contain documents addressing the legality of the insurance companies and policies, such as articles of incorporation or agreements forming the companies and copies of the policies themselves. Arranged numerically by docket number, 8231-8296 and 8371-8450. See Entry A1-91B for the main series of files.

COLLECTED COPIES OF SUBMITTED BRIEFS, MEMORIALS, AND MEMORANDUMS
RELATING TO DOCKETED SABOTAGE CASES 8103 AND 8117.

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Ca. 1927-39. 2 boxes.

Briefs, memorials, memorandums, and statements submitted to the Mixed Claims Commission, United States and Germany. The records pertain to the Black Tom and Kingsland sabotage cases: docketed case number 8103, United States on behalf of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company v. Germany; docketed case number 8117, United States on behalf of the Agency of Canadian Car and Foundry Company, Limited v. Germany; and associated cases involving various underwriters. Arranged by docket number.

PRINTED COPIES OF SUBMITTED U.S. BRIEFS RELATING TO SABOTAGE CASES.
1928-38. 1 box.

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Printed briefs submitted by the United States to the Mixed Claims Commission, United States and Germany. The briefs are dated July 24, 1928; May 4, 1933; and December 5, 1938. The records pertain to the Black Tom and Kingsland sabotage cases: docketed case number 8103, United States on behalf of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company v. Germany; docketed case number 8117, United States on behalf of the Agency of Canadian Car and Foundry Company,

Limited v. Germany; and associated cases involving various underwriters. Arranged chronologically.

GERMAN MEMORANDUMS, BRIEFS, MOTIONS, AND ACCOMPANYING EXHIBITS

RELATING TO SABOTAGE CASES. ca. 1928-39. 3 boxes. P-45

Memorandums, briefs, motions, and accompanying exhibits submitted by Germany to the Mixed Claims Commission, United States and Germany. The records pertain to the Black Tom and Kingsland sabotage cases: docketed case number 8103, United States on behalf of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company v. Germany; docketed case number 8117, United States on behalf of the Agency of Canadian Car and Foundry Company, Limited v. Germany; and associated cases involving various underwriters. Arranged by type of document and thereunder chronologically.

AMERICAN MEMORANDUMS, BRIEFS, MOTIONS, NOTICES, AND ACCOMPANYING

EXHIBITS RELATING TO SABOTAGE CASES. Ca. 1931-38. P-46
2 boxes.

Memorandums, briefs, motions, notices, and accompanying exhibits submitted by the United States to the Mixed Claims Commission, United States and Germany. The records pertain to the Black Tom and Kingsland sabotage cases: docketed case number 8103, United States on behalf of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company v. Germany; docketed case number 8117, United States on behalf of the Agency of Canadian Car and Foundry Company, Limited v. Germany; and associated cases involving various underwriters. Arranged chronologically.

BRIEFS, MEMORIALS, MOTIONS, CORRESPONDENCE, AND RELATED RECORDS

PERTAINING TO SABOTAGE CASES. 1936-37. 2 boxes. P-47

Briefs, memorials, motions, and correspondence created by the Office of the U.S. Agent and Counsel. The records pertain to the Black Tom and Kingsland sabotage cases: docketed case number 8103, United States on behalf of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company v. Germany; docketed case number 8117, United States on behalf of the Agency of Canadian Car and Foundry Company, Limited v. Germany; and associated cases involving various underwriters. Arranged by type of document.

REPORTS OF THE GERMAN AGENT OF AUGUST 1, 1929, ACCOMPANIED BY EXHIBITS, AND AN INDEX. 1929. 8 boxes. P-48

Two copies of the report, accompanied by exhibits, a listing of the exhibits, and an index to the exhibits, prepared by the German Agent to the Mixed Claims Commission, United States and Germany in compliance with the Commission order of May 1, 1929. The report pertains to the Black Tom and Kingsland sabotage cases: docketed case number 8103, United States on behalf of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company v. Germany; docketed case number 8117, United States on behalf of the Agency of Canadian Car and Foundry

Company, Limited v. Germany; and associated cases involving various underwriters. Arranged by volume number (1-2 for the report and 1-18 for the exhibits).

CERTIFICATE OF DISAGREEMENT AND OPINION RELATING TO SABOTAGE CASES. 1939. 1 box. P-49

Certificate of disagreement and opinion of the U.S. Commissioner, submitted to the Mixed Claims Commission, United States and Germany. The records pertain to the Black Tom and Kingsland sabotage cases: docketed case number 8103, United States on behalf of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company v. Germany; docketed case number 8117, United States on behalf of the Agency of Canadian Car and Foundry Company, Limited v. Germany; and associated cases involving various underwriters. Arranged in two volumes.

GENERAL GERMAN AND AMERICAN MOTIONS, MEMORANDUMS, AND CORRESPONDENCE REGARDING SABOTAGE CASES. ca. 1922-39. 4 boxes. P-50

Motions, memorandums, and correspondence submitted to the Mixed Claims Commission, United States and Germany. The records pertain to the Black Tom and Kingsland sabotage cases: docketed case number 8103, United States on behalf of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company v. Germany; docketed case number 8117, United States on behalf of the Agency of Canadian Car and Foundry Company, Limited v. Germany; and associated cases involving various underwriters. Arranged by type of document and thereunder chronologically.

GERMAN EXHIBITS AND TRANSLATIONS WITH RELATED CORRESPONDENCE PERTAINING TO SABOTAGE CASES. ca. 1922-1939. 13 boxes. P-51

German exhibits submitted to the Mixed Claims Commission, United States and Germany. The records pertain to the Black Tom and Kingsland sabotage cases: docketed case number 8103, United States on behalf of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company v. Germany; docketed case number 8117, United States on behalf of the Agency of Canadian Car and Foundry Company, Limited v. Germany; and associated cases involving various underwriters. Some of the material is in German, usually with translation. Arranged numerically by exhibit number.

PRINTED UNITED STATES EXHIBITS RELATING TO SABOTAGE CASES. 1923-29. 11 boxes. P-52

Copies of printed U.S. exhibits ("claimants' exhibits") submitted to the Mixed Claims Commission, United States and Germany. The series also contains indexes to exhibits not printed. The exhibits pertain to the Black Tom and Kingsland sabotage cases: docketed case number 8103, United States on behalf of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company v. Germany; docketed case number 8117,

United States on behalf of the Agency of Canadian Car and Foundry Company, Limited v. Germany; and associated cases involving various underwriters. Arranged by volume number.

ORDER EXHIBITS RELATING TO DOCKETED SABOTAGE CASES 8103 AND 8117.

ca. 1929. 7 boxes. P-53

Order exhibits submitted to the Mixed Claims Commission, United States and Germany. The exhibits are primarily photostatic copies of investigation records, court proceedings, and correspondence. The records pertain to the Black Tom and Kingsland sabotage cases: docketed case number 8103, United States on behalf of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company v. Germany; docketed case number 8117, United States on behalf of the Agency of Canadian Car and Foundry Company, Limited v. Germany; and associated cases involving various underwriters. Arranged numerically by exhibit number.

GERMAN EXHIBITS RELATING TO DOCKETED CASES 8103 AND 8117. P-54

ca. 1924-39. 4 boxes.

Typewritten copies of exhibits submitted by Germany to the Mixed Claims Commission, United States and Germany. The exhibits are primarily investigation records, including statements, interviews, and affidavits. The exhibits pertain to the Black Tom and Kingsland sabotage cases: docketed case number 8103, United States on behalf of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company v. Germany; docketed case number 8117, United States on behalf of the Agency of Canadian Car and Foundry Company, Limited v. Germany; and associated cases involving various underwriters. Arranged by exhibit number.

U.S. EXHIBITS RELATING TO DOCKETED SABOTAGE CASES 8103 AND 8117.

ca. 1922-29. 39 boxes. P-55

Exhibits submitted by the United States to the Mixed Claims Commission, United States and Germany. Documents within the exhibits are primarily copies of correspondence, telegrams, financial data, statements, affidavits, and reports. There are also many copies of Cosmopolitan magazine and other documents. The exhibits are primarily investigation records, including statements, interviews, and affidavits. The exhibits pertain to the Black Tom and Kingsland sabotage cases: docketed case number 8103, United States on behalf of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company v. Germany; docketed case number 8117, United States on behalf of the Agency of Canadian Car and Foundry Company, Limited v. Germany; and associated cases involving various underwriters. Arranged numerically by exhibit number.

EXHIBITS RELATING TO DOCKETED CASES 3997, 4089, 6552, 4400, 8103, AND 8117. ca. 1924-32. 11 boxes. P-56

Exhibits submitted by the United States to the Mixed Claims Commission, United States and Germany. The exhibits include maps, plans, photograph enlargements of documents, pages from magazines showing the effects of lemon juice writing, affidavits, and other documents related to docketed cases 3997, 4089, 4440 (concerning the Standard Oil Company in New Jersey), 6552, 8103 (concerning the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company and the Black Tom explosion), and 8117 (concerning the Agency of Canadian Car and Foundry Company, Ltd. and the Kingsland explosion). Arranged by case number and thereunder by exhibit number.

ANNEXES TO THE EXPERT OPINION DEPOSITION OF ALBERT S. OSBORN P-60
RELATING TO SABOTAGE CASES. ca. 1922-1932. 11 boxes.

Annexes submitted to the Mixed Claims Commission, United States and Germany. The annexes include a stereoscopic instrument, photographic enlargements of documents, affidavits, depositions, memorandums, and copies of the following magazines: "The Blue Book Magazine," "Adventure," "Action Stories," "Short Stories," "Ranch Romances," "Breezy Stories," and "The Popular Magazine." Some of the records provide the expert opinion of paper experts on forged documents and the rate of deterioration of paper. The exhibits pertain to the Black Tom and Kingsland sabotage cases: docketed case number 8103, United States on behalf of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company v. Germany; docketed case number 8117, United States on behalf of the Agency of Canadian Car and Foundry Company, Limited v. Germany; and associated cases involving various underwriters. Arranged numerically by annex number.

GERMAN ANNEXES WITH ACCOMPANYING EXHIBITS TO THE EXPERT OPINION
DEPOSITION OF ALBERT S. OSBORN RELATING TO SABOTAGE CASES.
ca. 1922-38. 27 boxes. P-61

Annexes and accompanying exhibits submitted by Germany to the Mixed Claims Commission, United States and Germany. The annexes and exhibits consist of statements, affidavits, briefs, clippings and copies of clippings, and a significant number of magazines, including "Adventure," "The Blue Book Magazine," "The Red Book Magazine," "Detective Book Magazine," "Detective Fiction Weekly," "Cosmopolitan," "the Saturday Evening Post," "Detective Classics," and "Argosy." The exhibits pertain to the Black Tom and Kingsland sabotage cases: docketed case number 8103, United States on behalf of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company v. Germany; docketed case number 8117, United States on behalf of the Agency of Canadian Car and Foundry Company, Limited v. Germany; and associated cases involving various underwriters. Some of the material is in German without translation. Arranged by annex number.

GENERAL RECORDS RELATING TO THE STEIN AND OSBORN EXHIBITS IN THE
SABOTAGE CASES. ca. 1931-38. 3 boxes. P-62

Correspondence, papers, business diaries, receipts, photographs of documents, motions, and testimony filed as exhibits with the Mixed Claims Commission, United States and Germany. Some of the correspondence pertains to the filing of the exhibits. The records pertain to the Black Tom and Kingsland sabotage cases: docketed case number 8103, United States on behalf of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company v. Germany; docketed case number 8117, United States on behalf of the Agency of Canadian Car and Foundry Company, Limited v. Germany; and associated cases involving various underwriters. Arranged by subject.

PRINTED COPY OF ORAL ARGUMENTS IN SABOTAGE CASES. ca. 1929-38.

1 box.

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A printed copy of oral arguments, dated April 3-12, 1929, submitted to the Mixed Claims Commission, United States and Germany. There is also a series of printed order exhibits and an interoffice memorandum regarding a missing copy of an oral argument. The records pertain to the Black Tom and Kingsland sabotage cases: docketed case number 8103, United States on behalf of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company v. Germany; docketed case number 8117, United States on behalf of the Agency of Canadian Car and Foundry Company, Limited v. Germany; and associated cases involving various underwriters. Arranged by type of document.

PRINTED AND TRANSCRIPT COPIES OF ORAL ARGUMENTS IN SABOTAGE CASES, WITH RELATED RECORDS. 1930-36. 1 box.

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Printed and transcript copies of oral arguments, motions, and memorandums filed with the Mixed Claims Commission, United States and Germany. Oral arguments volumes are dated September 18-30, 1930; July 30-August 1, 1931; and November 21-25, 1932. Motions and memorandums concern adjourning a meeting and submission of the oral arguments. The records pertain to the Black Tom and Kingsland sabotage cases: docketed case number 8103, United States on behalf of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company v. Germany; docketed case number 8117, United States on behalf of the Agency of Canadian Car and Foundry Company, Limited v. Germany; and associated cases involving various underwriters. Arranged in two parts. The first part is arranged by commission meeting date and the second part is arranged chronologically.

TRANSCRIPTS OF ORAL ARGUMENTS IN SABOTAGE CASES. January-October 1939. 3 boxes.

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Transcripts of oral arguments filed with the Mixed Claims Commission, United States and Germany. The records pertain to the Black Tom and Kingsland sabotage cases: docketed case number 8103, United States on behalf of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company v. Germany; docketed case number 8117, United States on behalf of the Agency of Canadian Car and Foundry Company, Limited v. Germany; and

associated cases involving various underwriters. Arranged chronologically by date of commission meeting.

DECISIONS AND OPINIONS RELATING TO SABOTAGE CASES. 1925-39. P-66
2 boxes.

Printed and original decisions and opinions issued by or filed with the Mixed Claims Commission, United States and Germany. The records pertain to the Black Tom and Kingsland sabotage cases: docketed case number 8103, United States on behalf of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company v. Germany; docketed case number 8117, United States on behalf of the Agency of Canadian Car and Foundry Company, Limited v. Germany; and associated cases involving various underwriters. Arranged by date.

COPIES OF AWARDS RELATING TO SABOTAGE CASES. 1936-37. P-67
6 boxes.

Signed and unsigned copies of awards issued by or filed with the Mixed Claims Commission, United States and Germany. The records pertain to the Black Tom and Kingsland sabotage cases: docketed case number 8103, United States on behalf of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company v. Germany; docketed case number 8117, United States on behalf of the Agency of Canadian Car and Foundry Company, Limited v. Germany; and associated cases involving various underwriters. Arranged in two parts. Each part is arranged alphabetically by the name of the claimant.

RECORD COPIES OF ORAL ARGUMENTS IN SABOTAGE CASES. 1929-32. P-70
4 boxes.

An index, notes, and printed copies of oral arguments. Included are copies from April 1929, September 1930, and November 1932, each including handwritten corrections. There is an index to the April 1929 oral arguments and a table of contents for the November 1932 oral arguments. The records pertain to the Black Tom and Kingsland sabotage cases: docketed case number 8103, United States on behalf of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company v. Germany; docketed case number 8117, United States on behalf of the Agency of Canadian Car and Foundry Company, Limited v. Germany; and associated cases involving various underwriters. Arranged chronologically.

INDEX. ca. 1922-1941. 1 box. P-85

An index to RECORDS RELATING TO THE SABOTAGE CLAIMS FILES WITH THE COMMISSION (Entry 29). Entries include the date of the document and a brief description. The index refers to a volume and enclosure number (e.g. Vol. XVI, Non. 17). The underlying records have been debound but the index can still assist with locating particular documents. Arranged alphabetically by subject or name of person.

Records of the Umpire

CASE FILES. 1922-29. 43 boxes. A1-91E

Correspondence, memorandums, statements of agreement, briefs, memorandums in support of claims, transcripts of oral arguments, and other records on cases collected by the umpire. These files document how the umpire reached his decisions. Arranged numerically by docket number.

SUBJECT AND ADMINISTRATIVE FILES. 1922-35. 53 boxes. A1-91F

Correspondence, telegrams, memorandums, briefs, reports, drafts, decisions, press releases, clippings, memorandums, orders, extracts, lists, opinions, and other records. The records cover administrative decisions, alien property, appointments, amendments to rules, awards, citizenship, decisions, estate cases, foreign securities, hulls and ships, late claims, Lusitania claims, marine war risk insurance, naval and military subjects, opinions and decisions, prisoners of war, trading with the enemy, treaties, war risk insurance, and other subjects. Arranged by subject.

CASE FILES SUBMITTED FOR DECISION. 1922-29. 4 boxes. P-74

Case files submitted for decision by the Office of the Umpire. The case files consist of typewritten and printed briefs, memorandums, certificates of disagreement, statements of fact, memorials in support of claims, opinions, telegrams, decisions, and drafts of decisions with handwritten notes and corrections. Arranged by docket number.

GERMAN EXHIBITS. ca. 1924-39. 2 boxes. P-76

Exhibits submitted by the German Agent to the Mixed Claims Commission, United States and Germany. The records pertain to the Black Tom and Kingsland sabotage cases: docketed case number 8103, United States on behalf of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company v. Germany; docketed case number 8117, United States on behalf of the Agency of Canadian Car and Foundry Company, Limited v. Germany; and associated cases involving various underwriters. Unarranged.

PRINTED UNITED STATES EXHIBITS. CA. 1928-30. 6 boxes. P-77

Printed claimants' exhibits submitted to the Office of the Umpire. The records pertain to the Black Tom and Kingsland sabotage cases: docketed case number 8103, United States on behalf of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company v. Germany; docketed case number 8117, United States on behalf of the Agency of Canadian Car and Foundry Company, Limited v. Germany; and associated cases involving various underwriters. Arranged numerically by volume number.

SET OF ORDERS AND DOCUMENTS RELATING TO SABOTAGE CASES. P-78
1930. 1 box.

Compiled summaries by witnesses, pleadings and statements of counsel, pre-inquest affidavits, and memorandums submitted to the Office of the Umpire. There is also an architectural plan for Black Tom Island. The records pertain to the Black Tom and Kingsland sabotage cases: docketed case number 8103, United States on behalf of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company v. Germany; docketed case number 8117, United States on behalf of the Agency of Canadian Car and Foundry Company, Limited v. Germany; and associated cases involving various underwriters. Arranged by type of document.

TRANSCRIPTS OF ORAL ARGUMENTS AND UMPIRE'S HEARINGS RELATED TO
DOCKETED SABOTAGE CASES 8103 AND 8117. April- P-79
September 1939. 3 boxes.

Transcripts of oral arguments and umpire's hearings submitted to the Office of the Umpire. The records pertain to the Black Tom and Kingsland sabotage cases: docketed case number 8103, United States on behalf of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company v. Germany; docketed case number 8117, United States on behalf of the Agency of Canadian Car and Foundry Company, Limited v. Germany; and associated cases involving various underwriters. Arranged chronologically.

CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER RECORDS RELATING TO THE UMPIRE'S
DECISIONS. 1924-39. 1 box. P-80

Correspondence, opinions and decisions of the Office of the Umpire. The correspondence is between the Office of the Umpire and the American and German commissioners. There are also three copies of a list of sabotage claimants related to the Black Tom and Kingsland sabotage cases: docketed case number 8103, United States on behalf of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company v. Germany; docketed case number 8117, United States on behalf of the Agency of Canadian Car and Foundry Company, Limited v. Germany; and associated cases involving various underwriters. Arranged chronologically.

GENERAL RECORDS RELATING MOSTLY TO CLAIMS AWARDS, SABOTAGE CASES,
AND LEGAL PRECEDENTS. ca. 1922-33. 4 boxes. P-81

Memorandums, motions, opinions, briefs, agreements, laws, lists of awards, stamps with names, newspaper articles, and a survey map of the Charleston, South Carolina shoreline. Records cover a variety of topics, including ship, patent, and radio station claims, and administrative matters. Some of the records pertain to the Black Tom and Kingsland sabotage cases: docketed case number 8103, United States on behalf of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company v. Germany; docketed case number 8117, United States on behalf of the Agency of Canadian Car and Foundry Company, Limited v. Germany; and associated cases involving various underwriters. Arranged chronologically.

Records of the German Commissioner

CASE FILES. 1922-29. 53 boxes. A1-91D

Judgments, agreed statements, and other records collected by the German commissioner. Arranged numerically by docket number.

NOTICES OF SUBMISSION. 1929. 2 boxes. P-72

Notices of submission created by the Office of the Commissioner. The notices indicate that additional evidence has been filed in a specific case, providing the claimant's name, the docket and list numbers, and the exhibit number and title. Arranged chronologically.

OPINIONS AND DECISIONS. ca. 1923-25. 1 box. P-73

Printed opinions and decisions and typed forms maintained by the Office of the Commissioner. The opinions and decisions pertain to a variety of issues before the Mixed Claims Commission, United States and Germany, including the jurisdiction of the Commission, estate claims, war-risk insurance premiums, and Lusitania cases. The forms pertain to awards and dismissals. Arranged in two parts. The first part, consisting of opinions and decisions, is arranged chronologically. The second part, consisting of forms, is arranged by type of document.

Records of the United States Commissioner

The Commissioners were authorized to decide on the validity of the claims presented to them and to determine the amount, if any, to be paid to the claimants. The records that reflect this activity are described for the most part in entries 1-36. As the work of the Commission progressed, the United States Commissioner rendered other services to claimants. For example, at the request of Congress, he participated in fixing reasonable attorneys' fees in cases where the claimants considered that their private attorneys were making exorbitant charges.

Three men held the position of United States Commissioner during the life of the Mixed Claims Commission. The first was Edwin B. Parker, appointed in October 1922. He was succeeded by Chandler P. Anderson in June 1923, and by Christopher B. Garnett in September 1936.

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE OF THE UNITED STATES COMMISSIONER. 1923-36.

1 ft.

Correspondence of Chandler P. Anderson, Commissioner for the United States, mainly with claimants and their attorneys concerning interviews, requests for Commission publications, the status of claims, filing of claims, payment of awards, administrative problems, and other matters relating to claims. For the period 1923-24 the correspondence is arranged alphabetically by name of correspondent, and thereafter it is arranged in rough chronological order. 37

CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN COMMISSIONER CHANDLER P. ANDERSON AND SPECIAL COUNSEL ALAN E. GRAY. 1928-30. 2 in.

Relates to the problem of fixing reasonable attorneys' fees to be paid by the claimants, to the sabotage claims, and to general legal problems. Arranged in rough chronological order. 38

CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN UNITED STATES COMMISSIONER ANDERSON AND GERMAN COMMISSIONER KIESSELBACK. 1924-31. 2 in.

Relates to the work of the Mixed Claims Commission. Included are several telegrams. Assembled in folders and arranged therein chronologically. 39

MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS OF THE UNITED STATES COMMISSIONER. 1923-25.

4 vols. 10 in.

Letters, memoranda, drafts of decisions, and certificates of disagreement of the United States Commissioner. They relate to the jurisdiction 40

of the Commission and other questions coming before the Commission for decision. Arranged in rough chronological order.

TENTATIVE OPINIONS ON CLAIMS. 1923-30. 9 in.

41

Copies of tentative opinions given mostly by the German Commissioner, Wilhelm Kiesselback, regarding the final disposition of claims before the Mixed Claims Commission. Arranged by docket number of claim, 13-16483, with some gaps.

COPIES OF DECISIONS IN THE LUSITANIA CASES. 1923-24. 5 in.

42

Printed and processed copies of decisions of the Umpire and certificates of disagreement of the German and United States Commissioners in the Lusitania claims. Included are related correspondence and memoranda. Arranged for the most part by docket number.

FEE-FIXING DECISIONS OF THE UNITED STATES COMMISSIONER. 1928-32.

7 vols. 1 ft.

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Section 9 of the Settlement of War Claims Act of 1928 prohibited attorneys from charging excessive fees and authorized the Commissioner to fix reasonable fees for services rendered by attorneys in presenting claims before the Mixed Claims Commission. These are the copies of the decisions of the United States Commissioner, fixing reasonable fees for attorneys who represented United States claimants. Arranged by decision number, 1-78.

PRINTED REPORT OF THE UNITED STATES COMMISSIONER. Dec. 30, 1933.

1/4 in.

44

A 76-page report concerning the organization, work, jurisdictional limitations, and accomplishments of the Commission. This report, though less detailed, is similar to the reports of the United States Agent described in entry 56.

Records of the Agent and the Counsel of the United States

The Agent, as chief legal officer, headed the clerical and legal staff of the United States Agency. With the assistance of the Counsel, he prepared and presented to the Commission all claims of United States citizens. Robert C. Morris was United States Agent from September 1922 to May 1923. Robert W. Bonyne succeeded Morris in June 1923 and served until his death in September 1939. Harold H. Martin, who held the position of Counsel while Bonyne served as Agent, was designated as Acting Agent in September 1939. The Agent and the Counsel not only created but also accumulated records containing legal or factual information needed in presenting claims to the Commission.

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE OF THE AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES. 1925-51.

17 ft.

45

Letters and memoranda received by the United States Agent, and copies of letters and memoranda sent by him to the Department of State, the War

and Treasury Departments, the Agent and the Commissioner of Germany, and claimants regarding evidence, briefs, and other matters connected with the sabotage claims. Most of this material is assembled in folders, numbered from 2 to 142. Arranged chronologically.

MEMORANDA RECEIVED BY THE UNITED STATES AGENT. 1931-39. 4 in. 46

Memoranda, some of them confidential, which were received by the Agent from the United States Counsel. Most of them relate to the sabotage claims. Arranged chronologically.

MEMORANDA AND LETTERS SENT BY THE UNITED STATES AGENCY. Nov. 2, 1922-June 30, 1941. 204 vols. 22 ft. 47

Copies of memoranda and letters sent by the United States Agency, many of them prepared by the United States Counsel, H. H. Martin. Arranged chronologically. Through July 22, 1926, copies of the memoranda were filed in a separate series (see entry 48).

MEMORANDA SENT BY THE UNITED STATES AGENCY. Nov. 6, 1922-July 22, 1926. 7 vols. 1 ft. 48

Copies of memoranda sent by the United States Agency, many of them prepared by the United States Counsel, H. H. Martin, and others of the legal staff of the Agency. Arranged chronologically. After July 22, 1926, similar memoranda are interfiled with the letters described in entry 47.

LETTERS RECEIVED FROM CLAIMANTS. 1937-41. 6 in. 49

Letters from claimants or their attorneys requesting information on the status of the sabotage claims and the proposed agreement between the United States Counsel and award holders. Included are draft copies of motions for awards, agreed statements, reports on the work of the Agency, and copies of memoranda. Arranged in rough chronological order.

CORRESPONDENCE REGARDING LATE CLAIMS. 1929-41. 1 ft. 50

Correspondence of the United States Agency with persons wishing to file claims after the terminal date for filing claims had passed. This correspondence is arranged alphabetically by name of person. There is also a folder containing general correspondence relating to late claims. Correspondence in the folder is arranged chronologically.

CORRESPONDENCE OF THE COUNSEL WITH THE AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES. Aug. 4, 1928-Sept. 22, 1939. 2 ft. 51

Letters received and copies of letters sent by Counsel H. H. Martin to Agent Robert W. Bonyng. Most of the correspondence deals with the sabotage claims against Germany. Arranged chronologically.

MEMORANDA. 1924-40. 16 vols. 3 ft. 52

Memoranda prepared by Mr. Martin as Counsel of the United States. Some other correspondence is included. Arranged chronologically. For an index to the memoranda, see entry 53.

CARD INDEX TO MEMORANDA. 1924-40. 1 ft.

53

An index on 3" x 5" cards to memoranda described in entry 52. Each card gives the subject of memorandum or name of claimant, number of volume in which the memorandum can be found, its date, and a brief summary of its contents. Arranged alphabetically by subject or by name of claimant.

PERSONAL CORRESPONDENCE OF THE COUNSEL. 1909-40. 6 vols. 1 ft.

54

Chiefly correspondence exchanged by Mr. Martin with friends, business associates, and members of his family. Included are telegrams, dinner invitations, and newspaper clippings about family events, politics, and the work of the Mixed Claims Commission. Arranged chronologically.

RECORDS RELATING TO THE COUNSEL'S EUROPEAN TRIP. 1928. 4 in.

55

Correspondence, memoranda, cables, reports, memoranda of conferences, and other papers relating to Mr. Martin's trip to Europe in 1928 in order to secure information and additional evidence for use in the sabotage cases.

REPORTS OF THE UNITED STATES AGENT. 1922-41. 5 in.

56

Reports giving detailed descriptions of Commission activities. The reports are dated December 15, 1922; April 10, 1923; June 16, 1923; June 30, 1925; December 31, 1934; and June 2, 1941, respectively.

LISTS OF CLAIMS. 1925-28. 4 in.

58

Printed lists of claims against Germany, including a list of late claims. Each entry usually gives name of claimant, docket and list number, amount claimed, amount awarded, and in some instances the date of the decision, rate of interest, and date from which interest was computed. Arranged by list or docket number.

LISTS OF AWARDED CLAIMS SUBMITTED TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE. 1928-39.

5 in.

59

Certified copies of awards and letters of transmittal addressed to the Secretary of State, enclosing alphabetical lists of United States claimants in whose favor awards had been rendered by the Mixed Claims Commission. Each entry shows claimant's name, docket number of claim, amount awarded, rate of interest, and date from which interest was computed. Arranged alphabetically.

LISTS OF STATE DEPARTMENT DOCUMENTS IN AGENCY FILES. 1914-26. 6 in. 60

Two lists of State Department documents in the files of the United States Agency. Each entry gives date and decimal file number, name of

claimant, docket number of claim, and in some instances a brief summary of its contents. Entries in one list are arranged by docket number of claim; in the other, by decimal file number of document.

AGREED STATEMENTS. 1923-36. 3 ft.

61

Mainly unsigned copies of awards of the Commission and related agreed statements. Agreed statements were usually prepared and signed by both Agents to inform the Commission that an amicable settlement had been reached with respect to specific claims. Some agreed statements, however, are signed only by the Agent of the United States. The Commission based its final decision on the recommendation contained in the agreed statement. Arranged in part alphabetically by name of claimant and in part by docket number of claim.

NOTES RELATING TO EXHIBITS. n.d. 6 in.

62

Notes made by H. H. Martin, United States Counsel, relating to some of the exhibits presented to the Mixed Claims Commission. Included are correspondence and copies of exhibits or parts of exhibits. Arranged by exhibit number.

MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS RELATING TO GENERAL CLASSES OF CLAIMS. 1923-40. 7 ft.

63

Correspondence, memoranda, reports, lists, printed copies of court cases, decisions, cards, newspaper clippings, and other materials relating to certain classes of claims being considered by the Commission. The classes of claims included bank deposit and bond claims, the Lusitania claims, patent claims, prize court claims, ships' claims, personal injury claims, life and marine insurance claims, corporation claims, estate claims, and underwriters' claims. Most of the file consists of reference material and memoranda concerning legal questions. Arranged alphabetically by subject or by class of claim.

CLASSIFIED FILE OF THE UNITED STATES AGENCY. 1922-28. 13 ft.

64

Correspondence, memoranda, reports, and other papers concerning the administration of the Agency. Included are records relating to personnel and publicity, inquiries on claims matters, requests for publications, and miscellaneous correspondence. Arranged according to a duplex-numeric filing system that was apparently discontinued. For an index to these records, see entry 65.

INDEX TO CLASSIFIED FILE. 1922-28. 8 ft.

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An index on 3" x 5" cards to the records described in entry 64. Each card shows the name of person or subject and the classification symbols of the documents containing information on that person or subject. Arranged alphabetically by name of person or subject.

MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS RELATING TO SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS. 1926-37.

2 ft.

66

Newspaper clippings, memoranda, copies of letters of the United States Agent and the United States Counsel, printed messages of the President,

reports of congressional committees, copies of congressional bills, hearings of Congress on bills, copies of the Congressional Record, and correspondence of the Department of State relating to settlement of war claims with Germany. Arranged in rough chronological order.

EXCERPTS FROM DECISIONS OF MIXED ARBITRAL TRIBUNALS. Nov. 28, 1921-Nov. 24, 1924. 2 vols. 2 in. 67

These excerpts were apparently collected for possible use by the legal staff of the United States Agency. Arranged chronologically.

RECORDS OF THE WAR CLAIMS ARBITER. 1929-31. 3 vols. 4 in. 68

The War Claims Arbiter was responsible for determining just compensation for former owners of German ships and patents that were used by the United States. These records consist chiefly of copies of hearings relating to ships and patents, memoranda, orders, decisions, and press releases. Included is a binder labeled "Memoranda and Briefs on Trading With the Enemy Act." The records appear to be part of the reference file in the office of the United States Counsel.

COPIES OF TREATIES WITH THE CENTRAL POWERS. 1921-28. 4 vols. 4 in. 69

Printed copies of treaties between the United States and Germany, Austria, and Hungary (Treaty series 658, 659, 660, 665, 730, and 766). Included are summaries, memoranda, and newspaper clippings. This material was used by the Agency for reference purposes.

RECORDS RELATING TO THE TRIPARTITE CLAIMS COMMISSION. 1925-29. 1 vol. 2 in. 70

Reference material maintained by the United States Counsel. Included are copies of the Treaty of Vienna, the Treaty of Budapest, the Rules of Practice and Procedures of the Tripartite Claims Commission, administrative decisions, a report of Dr. Ernst Prossinagg, a report of Robert W. Bonyngé, and a register of awards.

MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS. n.d. 3 ft. 71

Printed copies of decisions, opinions, briefs, oral arguments, and the transcript of record of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York. These records appear to be part of a reference file kept by the United States Counsel.

INDEX TO BRIEFS, MEMORANDUMS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS FILED WITH THE
MIXED CLAIMS COMMISSION AND THE TRIPARTITE CLAIMS COMMISSION. 1922-39. 1 box. P-26

Name and subject index to briefs, memoranda, and other documents submitted to the Mixed Claims Commission, with annotated file numbers. Arranged alphabetically by name or subject.

STENOGRAPHIC NOTES ON CLAIM MEMORIALS, MOTIONS, AND DEMURRERS.
1922-141. 1 box. P-27

Stenographic notes compiled by Edward Hayes of the American Agent's office, relating to claim memorials, motions, and demurrers. Unarranged.

PUBLISHED OPINIONS AND DECISIONS RELATING TO SUBMITTED CLAIMS AND
ADMINISTRATION. 1923-39. 1 box. P-28

Published opinions and administrative decisions regarding claims against Germany by the United States on behalf of U.S. citizens for losses, damages, and injuries resulting from German actions during the period of World War I and later. Many of the claims resulted from sabotage and from the sinking of the British passenger liner Lusitania in 1915. Unarranged.

OPINIONS AND DECISIONS. 1924-28. 1 box. P-29

Printed copies of opinions and administrative decisions of the Mixed Claims Commission, with regard to claims against Germany by the United States on behalf of American citizens. Arranged chronologically by date of decision or opinion.

ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUMS. 1924-25. 1 box. P-30

Numbered administrative memorandums used for business within the commission. Arranged chronologically.

INDEXES TO CLAIMS. ca. 1923-27. 1 box. P-32

Summaries of the status of claims filed against Germany by American citizens and companies, for various types of damages as a result of German actions during the period of World War I, and earlier losses covered by German insurance companies. Records include the name of claimant, claim numbers, nature and amount of claim, and notes on the claim status. There are numerous claims from various American steamship companies and oil companies for compensation for shipping losses. Arranged alphabetically by name of claimant.

GENERAL RECORDS REGARDING CLAIMS. 1922-39. 5 boxes. P-33

Correspondence concerning the status of claims submitted to the commission, claim waivers, lists of awards, meeting notes, newspaper articles, published congressional reports, and other records. Some correspondence is signed by Robert W. Bonyngne, the

American Agent, but most of the correspondence is to or from H. H. Martin, the American Counsel. Some of the major claims include those of Canadian Car and Foundry Company, and Standard Oil Company of New York and New Jersey. A printed copy of an address by Charles Evans Hughes on American foreign policy, dated Dec. 29, 1922, and a printed "Agreement Regarding the Distribution of the Dawes Annuities" (1925) are also included. Arranged alphabetically by subject.

OVERSIZE EXHIBITS AND ANNEXES. 1923-39. 5 boxes. P-34

Records related to awards for sabotage claims for the 1916 Black Tom and 1917 Kingsland, New Jersey explosions. A large scale diagram of the Kingsland facility, and 18 diagrams by Dr. H. Mohr supporting Exhibits 91-93 of Docket No. 4, are included as evidence. There are also some unidentified engineering drawings, possibly of World War I military gun carriages and artillery shells. The drawings are annotated in Cyrillic lettering of the Russian language. The series also contains purchasers' receipts for ship transportation provided by the North German Lloyd company between the United States and Germany, and photostatic copies of newspaper columns from the New York Times reporting on German sabotage during World War I. Unarranged.

MIXED EXHIBITS AND CORRESPONDENCE. 1922-38. 1 box. P-35

Correspondence, telegrams, sworn statements, and affidavits used as evidence in various legal cases, including one concerning a claim for land in Prince William County, Virginia, which became part of Quantico Marine Corps Base. There is much correspondence concerning the office of North German Lloyd in Baltimore, Maryland, some of it in the German language, and various newspaper clippings concerning German policy in 1917. Unarranged.

RECORDS RELATING TO AWARDS. 1923-40. 2 boxes. P-36

Dated lists of awards granted for claims, and related correspondence. Lists include the item and docket numbers, names of awardees, and amounts of awards. Unarranged.

PUBLISHED ARGUMENTS, BRIEFS, DECISIONS, EXHIBITS, MOTIONS, AND OTHER RECORDS ON THE GERMAN SABOTAGE CASES AT BLACK TOM AND KINGSLAND, NEW JERSEY IN 1916-1917. 1924-36. 10 boxes. P-37

Published legal briefs, exhibits, opinions, transcripts of oral arguments, and testimony concerning U.S. claims against Germany on behalf of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company, Bethlehem Steel Company, and Underwriters of the Black Tom Disaster (Docket No. 8103), for the sabotage explosion at Black Tom in 1916; and on behalf of the Agency of Canadian Car and Foundry Company and various insurance companies which claimed losses in the Kingsland, New Jersey sabotage explosion of 1917 (Docket No. 8117). There are

also some printed English translations of German defense exhibits, related notes and correspondence, and published records from several U.S. Circuit Courts of Appeal. A pamphlet entitled, "The Work of the Mixed Claims Commission," by Marshall Morgan, is also included. Unarranged.

GENERAL RECORDS RELATING TO THE SABOTAGE CASES. Ca. 1927-33.

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Printed briefs, administrative decisions and opinions, extracts from the minutes, certificates of disagreement, preliminary orders, statements of facts, memorandums, exhibits, laws, tables, printed petitions, and agreements. Some of the records pertain to the Black Tom and Kingsland sabotage cases: docketed case number 8103, United States on behalf of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company v. Germany; docketed case number 8117, United States on behalf of the Agency of Canadian Car and Foundry Company, Limited v. Germany; and associated cases involving various underwriters. Arranged by subject or type of document.

PRINTED BRIEFS AND PETITIONS RELATING TO THE SABOTAGE CASES.

1928-29. 1 box.

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Printed briefs and petitions submitted to the Office of the Commissioner. The records pertain to the Black Tom and Kingsland sabotage cases: docketed case number 8103, United States on behalf of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company v. Germany; docketed case number 8117, United States on behalf of the Agency of Canadian Car and Foundry Company, Limited v. Germany; and associated cases involving various underwriters. Arranged chronologically.

TRANSCRIPTS OF ORAL ARGUMENTS IN THE SABOTAGE CASES HEARD AT THE HAGUE. September 1930. 1 box.

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Transcripts of oral arguments held in The Hague, Netherlands, maintained by the Office of the Commissioner. The records pertain to the Black Tom and Kingsland sabotage cases: docketed case number 8103, United States on behalf of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company v. Germany; docketed case number 8117, United States on behalf of the Agency of Canadian Car and Foundry Company, Limited v. Germany; and associated cases involving various underwriters. Arranged chronologically.

PRINTED BRIEFS, EXHIBITS, MEMORANDUMS, AND RELATED RECORDS.

1925-36. 6 boxes.

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Printed briefs, exhibits, memorandums, and related records submitted to the Office of the Umpire. Related records include reprinted law articles pertaining to international law and war risk insurance, and a "Digest of Symbols for Receipts and Appropriations Prescribed by General Regulations No. 84", dated July 1, 1936. The records pertain to the Black Tom and Kingsland sabotage cases:

docketed case number 8103, United States on behalf of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company v. Germany; docketed case number 8117, United States on behalf of the Agency of Canadian Car and Foundry Company, Limited v. Germany; and associated cases involving various underwriters. Unarranged.

COPIES OF LETTERS DRAFTED BY EPHRAIM P. BOWYER, LAW ASSISTANT
TO THE AMERICAN COMMISSION. 1922-32. 1 box. P-82

Copies of letters sent to various individuals, drafted by law assistant Ephraim P. Bowyer. The outgoing letters acknowledge receipt of incoming letters and provide answers to questions regarding forms necessary in the claims process, time limits, documents necessary for submission of a claim, and other matters pertaining to the claims process. There are also several form letters and a list of subjects and the staff members assigned to handle the mail related to those subjects. Arranged chronologically.

SUPPLEMENTAL RECORDS [MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS RELATING TO CLAIMS
AND ARBITRATIONS]. 1925-1931. 8 boxes. P-84

The records consist of proceedings, depositions, press releases, and transcripts relating to the Black Tom and Kingsland sabotage cases (docketed case number 8103, United States on behalf of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company v. Germany; docketed case number 8117, United States on behalf of the Agency of Canadian Car and Foundry Company, Limited v. Germany); ledger cards for expenses; inventory cards of property of the Commission; and samples of forms and standard language used for various types of documents. Also included are files created by Robert W. Bonyngne and his correspondence with H.H. Martin. Unarranged.

Records Relating to German Saboteurs and Their Activities

CHRONOLOGICAL LIST OF GERMAN SABOTAGE ACTIVITIES. 1893-1927. 1 in. 73

A list of incidents that was used by the United States Counsel to substantiate the allegation that the German Government had supported acts of sabotage to advance its warmaking potential. Most of the incidents are related to the Kingsland and Black Tom explosions in New Jersey. Each entry in the list gives the date and a brief description of the incident.

CORRESPONDENCE REGARDING TESTIMONY. 1930-33. 6 in. 75

Letters and memoranda regarding the testimony given by key German witnesses in the sabotage claims. Included are a list of questions asked the witnesses, depositions, transcripts of testimony, and related memoranda.

RECORDS RELATING TO GERMAN SABOTEURS. 1928-39. 10 ft. 76

Letters, memoranda, reports, newspaper clippings, statements, and notes regarding German agents, most of whom were connected with sabotage activities. Arranged by subject in rough alphabetical order.

DOCUMENTS RELATING TO GERMAN SABOTAGE ACTIVITIES. 1915-18. 2 ft. 77

Copies of documents obtained by the United States Agency from the State, Justice, Labor, and War Departments. Arranged alphabetically by name of Department supplying the document and thereunder by name of German agent involved.

REPORTS REGARDING MICHAEL KRISTOFF. 1917-21. 1 vol. 2 in. 78

Copies of reports prepared by secret agents who investigated the activities and personal connections of Michael Kristoff, alleged to have been one of the perpetrators of the Black Tom disaster. These agents, identified only by a number, were apparently employed by an American detective bureau. There is a table of contents at the beginning of the volume. The reports are arranged chronologically.

80 EXPERT OPINION OF ALBERT S. OSBORN. 1931. 2 ft.
A copy of Osborn's report regarding the Herrmann message and the Wozniak letters. The report of his findings was prepared in the form of an affidavit and was submitted to the Mixed Claims Commission with other supporting documents. The documents (annexes) are numbered from 1 to 182, with some gaps.

81 TRANSCRIPT OF CORONER'S INQUEST. July 15, 1929. 1 in.
A record of the inquest concerning the death of James Doherty, who had died as a result of injuries received during the Black Tom explosions on July 30, 1916.

82 NOTES OF THE LAW CLERK CONCERNING EVIDENCE IN SABOTAGE CASES. 1930. 9 in.
Copies of Munson's notes concerning evidence submitted to the Mixed Claims Commission in connection with the sabotage cases. The notes were sent by Munson to the United States Agency for its information.

84 INTERCEPTED MESSAGES CONCERNING ACTIVITIES OF GERMAN AGENTS IN MEXICO. 1917-18. 1 in.
Copies of and excerpts from intercepted German telegrams, most of which were sent between Madrid and Berlin, concerning the activities of German agents in Mexico. These records are part of the material gathered by the Agency of the United States for exhibits supporting the sabotage claims against Germany. Arranged chronologically.

85 SPECIAL REPORTS RELATING TO THE BLACK TOM EXPLOSION. July-Sept. 1916. 2 in.
Reports prepared by the detectives who apparently were employed by the Special Committee on the Black Tom Island Disaster to investigate and to determine the cause of the explosion. The reports, submitted from the day after the explosion until the middle of September, are numbered from 1 to 81. A memorandum relating to papers in the Department of Justice and entitled "Wunnenberg documents" is included. The reports are arranged numerically.

STATEMENT OF DAMAGES SUBMITTED BY THE LEHIGH VALLEY RAILROAD CO.

86 Aug. 24, 1939. 2 in.
An affidavit dated August 24, 1939, and accompanied by several annexes,

regarding losses suffered by the Lehigh Valley Railroad Co. as a result of the destruction of the Black Tom Terminal on July 30, 1916.

STATEMENT REGARDING LOSSES IN THE KINGSLAND CLAIMS. 1939. 1 in. 87

A statement, prepared by the Agency of the United States, showing the monetary value of the buildings, machinery, railroad tracks, water system, goods and merchandise, and other equipment owned by the Canadian Car and Foundry Co. that were destroyed at the Kingsland Assembling Plant by fire and explosion. Some related correspondence is included.

NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS CONCERNING THE SABOTAGE CASES. 1928-41. 1 ft. 88

Mainly clippings sent to the United States Agency by the Romeike Press Clipping Bureau and the Argus Press Clipping Bureau, both of New York. They relate to Germany's spy and sabotage activities, Germany's plan for payment of her war debts to the United States, and proceedings of the Mixed Claims Commission in the sabotage claims. Arranged chronologically.

Records of the Disbursing Officer

The Disbursing Officer, Jackson C. Lusby, and his assistant, Howard P. Locke, Jr., were in charge of accounting and bookkeeping for the Agency of the United States as well as for the United States Commission. Lusby also acted as purchasing officer for equipment and supplies and kept an inventory of all furniture and equipment.

PERSONNEL RECORDS. 1922-33. 2 ft.

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Employment records of the legal staff and other employees of the United States Agency. Arranged alphabetically by name of employee.

LETTERS SENT BY DISBURSING OFFICER. Aug. 1, 1931-June 30, 1933.

1 vol. 2 in.

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Copies of letters sent to the General Accounting Office, the Department of State, the United States Agent, the Treasurer of the United States, and others regarding checks, leases, refunds, travel, library books, bookbinding, accounts, and other administrative matters. Arranged chronologically.

ACCOUNTING RECORDS. 1923-33. 3 ft.

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A ledger book, ledger cards, a register of purchase orders and requisitions, a voucher register, a journal, and a card inventory record of furniture and equipment.

RECORDS OF THE DISBURSING OFFICER. 1922-33. 3 boxes. P-39

Official correspondence within the commission and with other government agencies on a wide variety of subjects, including personnel matters, appointments, and salaries. Periodic personnel rosters of commission members, and a few copies of unsigned presidential proclamations on various topics are also included. Numerous wedding invitations and personal announcements addressed to the commission are scattered throughout the records. Arranged alphabetically by subject and thereunder by year.

RECORDS OF THE TRIPARTITE CLAIMS COMMISSION UNITED STATES, AUSTRIA, AND HUNGARY, 1926-34

The Tripartite Claims Commission was established by an agreement signed by the United States with Austria and Hungary on November 26, 1924 (44 Stat. 2213). The Commission was authorized to determine the amounts,

if any, to be paid by Austria and Hungary in satisfaction of World War I claims of United States citizens, as defined in the treaties of peace concluded by the United States with Austria on August 24, 1921, and with Hungary on August 29, 1921.

Under the terms of the Tripartite Agreement of 1924, the three Governments agreed to select a single Commissioner to pass on all claims presented for adjudication. Each country also appointed an Agent and a legal staff, together known as an Agency, to prepare oral and written arguments for presentation to the Commissioner. Since the United States Agency of the Mixed Claims Commission, United States and Germany, was already handling similar claims against Germany, the Agent of the United States and his staff were given the additional function of serving as the United States Agency of the Tripartite Claims Commission.

The three Governments agreed upon the selection of Edwin B. Parker as Commissioner. He was commissioned by the President of the United States in 1925 and served until his death in 1929. The vacancy was not filled until the appointment of Chandler P. Anderson in 1933. The Agent of the United States was Robert W. Bonyng, who served from the time he was commissioned in 1925 until the Commission completed its work in 1934. Ludwig Kleinwachter served as Austrian Agent from January 1926 until October 1926 when Ernst Prossinagg succeeded him. The Hungarian Government was represented by John Pelenyi as Agent ad interim during the first meeting. He was succeeded in May 1926 by Alexis de Boer, who served on the Commission continuously thereafter. By agreement of the three Governments, Ephraim P. Bowyer of the United States was made Secretary of the Commission instead of the three joint secretaries contemplated by the Tripartite Agreement; he served throughout the existence of the Commission.

The first meeting of the Commission was held at Washington, D. C., on January 25, 1926. Under the Tripartite Agreement, all claims had to be presented to the Commission within a year of the first meeting. Claims received after January 25, 1927, as well as those which did not come within the jurisdiction of the Commission or were withdrawn at the request of the claimants, were referred to the Department of State. By January 25, 1927, 1,631 claims had been filed. Since many of the claims were later subdivided and submitted as two or more separate claims, the aggregate number increased to approximately 3,500. Each claim was given a list number by the Agency of the United States. When a claim was received by the Commission, it was assigned a docket number. Another designation, the item number, was apparently assigned to each case at the time the Commissioner judged it. By May 18, 1934, the Commission had completed its work.

Office of the Commissioner

CORRESPONDENCE OF COMMISSIONERS. Mar. 9-Apr. 17, 1928; Aug. 23, 1933-May 18, 1934. 100

Correspondence of Commissioners Edwin B. Parker and Chandler P. Anderson with the United States, Austrian, and Hungarian Agents and with the Department of State regarding (1) fixing the rate of exchange between the Austro-Hungarian kronen and the dollar, (2) the appointment of Commissioner Anderson, and (3) the disposition of records of the Commission. Some correspondence of the Secretary of the Commission, Ephraim P. Bowyer, is included. Arranged by subject and thereunder chronologically.

CASE FILES. 1926-27. 29 boxes. A1-109

Submissions of country agents, memorandums of agents, statements of agreement, memorandums of countries in support of claims, answers to other governments, interlocutory judgments, and other material. Arranged numerically by docket number.

ADMINISTRATIVE FILES. 1926-32. 4 boxes. A1-110

Correspondence, reports, agendas, minutes of meetings, and other records covering all aspects of the activities of the Tripartite Claims Commission. Arranged by subject.

REPORTS OF THE COMMISSIONER AND OF THE AGENTS OF THE UNITED STATES AND AUSTRIA. 1929-30. 6 in. 101

There are three reports: (1) a 202-page report entitled "Final Report of the Commissioner and Decisions and Opinions, October 15, 1929"; a 94-page report entitled "Report of Robert W. Bonyngé, Agent of the United States, June 30, 1930"; and (3) a 54-page report entitled "Report of Dr. Ernst Prossinagg, Austrian Agent, June 1929." Also included are a draft of the report of the United States Agent; copies of administrative decisions, the Treaties of Vienna and Budapest, and the agreement of November 26, 1924; a copy of the remarks made by Robert W. Bonyngé at the final meeting of the Commission; and copies of other documents used as sources of information in preparing the reports.

The Commission

MINUTE BOOKS. 1926-27. 2 boxes. A1-111

Minutes of the meetings of the Tripartite Claims Commission. The minutes are signed by Commissioner E. B. Parker. Arranged chronologically.

DOCKET SHEETS. 1926-27. 8 boxes. A1-112

Docket sheets that provide the name of the claimant, information on the nature of the claim, amount claimed (usually blank), and the docket number. Arranged numerically by docket number.

CASE FILES. 1926-27. 83 boxes. A1-113

Memorandums, correspondence, exhibit lists, exhibits, replies, answers, memorials, amended answers, amended memorials, agreed statements, briefs, and exhibits. This is the record set of case files of the Tripartite Claims Commission and contains all information and documentation relating to each case submitted to the Commission. Arranged numerically by docket number. See entry P-83 for Case 335.

CASE FILE EXHIBITS [CASE 335]. 1926-27. 4 boxes. P-83

Case file exhibits submitted to the Tripartite Claims Commission, United States, Austria, and Hungary. The exhibits consist of correspondence, statements, lists, depositions, laws, permits, briefs, affidavits, and decrees. The exhibits were filed with docketed case number 335. Arranged by exhibit number.

Records of the Agency of the United States

REPORTS OF MEETINGS OF THE TRIPARTITE CLAIMS COMMISSION. Jan. 25, 1926-June 28, 1929. 2 in. 92

Reports of 32 meetings of the Commission. Each report consists of a brief summary of the business transacted and usually includes a list of the claims on which a decision was reached. Arranged chronologically.

CASE FILES OF ADJUDICATED CLAIMS. 1925-29. 53 ft. 93

Files containing evidence submitted by claimants to substantiate the validity of their claims. Included are memorials, briefs, agreed statements, answers, and other documentary proof. The correspondence of the United States Agency with the claimant and with the Austrian and Hungarian Agents regarding the settlement of the claims is also included. Arranged alphabetically by name of claimant and thereunder chronologically. The papers and correspondence in individual case files are listed in the registers described in entry 95. Individual case files are indexed in the records described in entry 94.

GENERAL INDEX TO CLAIMS. 1925-30. 3 ft. 94

A general index, in 13 parts, on 3" x 5" or 5" x 8" cards, to claims records described in entries 93, 103, and 104. Seven parts of the index are arranged alphabetically by name of claimant and contain some or all of the following information: docket and list number, whether claim was dismissed or withdrawn, and date when action was taken on the claim or when it was returned to the Department of State. The other parts of the index are arranged numerically by docket or list number and contain information similar to that in the parts that are arranged alphabetically.

REGISTERS OF ADJUDICATED AND WITHDRAWN CLAIMS. 1925-29. 14 vols.
2 ft. 95

Registers listing the documents that comprise the case files of adjudicated claims described in entry 93 and also listing the withdrawn claims described in entry 103. In addition to name of claimant, list and docket number, and classification of claim, the following information is given for each listed document: type of document, date, and a brief statement of contents. Arranged alphabetically by name of claimant and thereunder chronologically.

LIST OF CLAIMANTS. 1925-29. 1 vol. 2 in. 96

A list of claimants giving list number, name of claimant, and classification of claim. Arranged by list number, 1-1635.

COPIES OF PLEADINGS. 1926-28. 2 ft. 97

Copies of memorials and briefs of the United States Agent, replies of the Austrian and Hungarian Agents, and agreed statements of the Agents of the United States, Austria, and Hungary, which were submitted to the Commissioner. This material duplicates in part some of that filed with the adjudicated claims described in entry 93. Arranged by docket number, from 2 to 1118, with some gaps.

LISTS OF AWARDS. 1927-29. 4 in. 98

Lists of awards against Austria and Hungary that were sent by the Commissioner to the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States to effect payment to United States citizens. Some lists were certified by the Commissioner. Each entry usually gives claimant's name, date and amount of award, docket number, rate of interest, date from which interest was computed, and item number. Arranged by item number.

KEY TO ITEM NUMBERS. 1927-29. 1/2 in. 99

Two lists of claims, one arranged by docket number and the other alphabetically by name of claimant. Each entry in the lists is cross referenced to the item number assigned by the Commissioner at the time of judging the claim.

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE OF THE AGENCY. 1925-33. 3 ft. 102

Letters received and copies of letters and memoranda sent by the United States Agency to the Commissioner, to the Austrian and Hungarian Agents, to the Department of State, to other Government agencies, and to private persons regarding the work of the Commission, private settlement of claims by American bankers against Austria and Hungary, evidence for claims cases, filing of late claims, and the appointment of a Commissioner in 1933. Arranged alphabetically by name of person or subject and thereunder chronologically.

LETTERS REGARDING WITHDRAWN CLAIMS. 1926-29. 3 ft. 103

Copies of letters sent to the Department of State, to the claimants; and to the Austrian and Hungarian Agents by the United States Agent regarding the withdrawal of claims submitted to the Commission. A claim was withdrawn either at the request of the claimant or because it was not within the jurisdiction of the Commission. After a claim was withdrawn, the case file was transferred to the Department of State. Arranged alphabetically by name of claimant and thereunder chronologically. Withdrawn claims are listed in the index described in entry 94 and in the register described in entry 95.

LETTERS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE REGARDING LATE CLAIMS. 1927-30. 1 ft. 104

Copies of letters from the United States Agent transmitting the case files of claims received by the Agency after January 25, 1927, the final date for submitting claims to the Commission. Arranged alphabetically by name of claimant. These letters are listed in the registers described in entry 105. For an index to the letters, see entry 94.

CORRESPONDENCE REGISTERS OF LATE CLAIMS. 1927-30. 2 vols. 4 in. 105

Entries give names of claimants and dates on which case files for specified claims were referred to the Department of State. Arranged alphabetically by name of claimant.

RECORDS CONCERNING EXCHANGE RATES FOR DEBT PAYMENTS. Aug. 23, 1926-Feb. 19, 1927. 1 vol. 1 in. 106

Correspondence of the United States Agent; copies of the minutes of the conferences held at Budapest on August 23-27, 1926, and at Vienna on September 1, 1926; and the resulting tentative draft of an agreement for settlement of the dispute over the payment of Austrian and Hungarian debts in United States currency and at stipulated rates of exchange. Arranged chronologically.

WORKING PAPERS. 1926-29. 1 ft. 107

Briefs, a list of printed briefs, copies of memorials, rules of procedure, minutes of the Commission, lists showing status of claims, form letters, instructions to claimants, administrative decisions, drafts of notes, copies of letters sent, and memoranda concerning the work of the United States Agency.

UNUSED EVIDENCE. 1925-27. 3 in. 108

Documents bearing Department of State file numbers, which were transmitted to the United States Agency for possible use as evidence in support of claims of United States citizens. The documents concern the treatment accorded United States citizens and property in Austria-Hungary during World War I and the agreements made by Austria-Hungary with European governments to effect a

claims settlement. Arranged in rough chronological order.

MEMORANDUMS AND LETTERS SENT. 1927-28. 1 box.

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Copies of letters and memorandums sent to private individuals and companies, as well as to the Secretary of State, related to claims filed with the commission. The correspondence bears the signature block of Robert W. Bonynges, American Agent, and/or John J. Edwards, Counsel and Assistant to the Agent. Arranged chronologically.