

# Wallace Carroll

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## Collection Summary

**Title:** Wallace Carroll Papers

**Span Dates:** 1941-1989

**Bulk Dates:** (bulk 1941-1953)

**ID No.:** MSS61931

**Creator:** Carroll, Wallace, 1906-

**Extent:** 2,500 items; 7 containers plus 2 classified; 3.2 linear feet

**Language:** Collection material in English

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

**Abstract:** Journalist and psychological warfare strategist. Correspondence, memoranda, reports, and propaganda leaflets documenting primarily Carroll's work for the United States Office of War Information and the Psychological Strategy Board.

## Selected Search Terms

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

### Personal Names

Benedict, Ruth, 1887-1948.

Carroll, Wallace, 1906-

Langer, William L. (William Leonard), 1896-1977.

Stalin, Joseph, 1879-1953.

Stark, Harold R. (Harold Raynsford), 1880-1972--Correspondence.

### Organizations

Psychological Strategy Board (U.S.)

United States. Army.

United States. Dept. of State.

United States. Navy.

United States. Office of War Information.

### Subjects

Cold War--Psychological aspects.

Psychological warfare.

World War, 1939-1945--Africa, North.

World War, 1939-1945--Campaigns--Soviet Union.

World War, 1939-1945--Diplomatic history.

World War, 1939-1945--England--London.

World War, 1939-1945--Europe.

World War, 1939-1945--France.

World War, 1939-1945--Germany.

World War, 1939-1945--Governments in exile.

World War, 1939-1945--Propaganda.

World War, 1939-1945--Psychological aspects.

World War, 1939-1945--Public opinion.

World War, 1939-1945--Washington (D.C.)

### Locations

France--Foreign relations--United States.

United States--Foreign relations--France.

### Occupations

Journalists.

## Administrative Information

### Provenance:

The papers of Wallace Carroll, journalist and psychological warfare strategist, were given to the Library of Congress by Carroll from 1985 to 1990.

### Processing History:

The papers of Wallace Carroll were arranged and described in 1997. The finding aid was revised in 2008.

### Transfers:

A videotaped interview conducted by German television with Carroll in 1989 on psychological warfare has been transferred to the Motion Picture, Broadcasting, and Recorded Sound Division where it is identified as part of the Wallace Carroll Papers.

### Copyright Status:

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

### Security Classified Documents

Government regulations control the use of security classified material in this collection. Manuscript Division staff can furnish information concerning access to and use of classified materials.

### Preferred Citation:

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

## Biographical Note

| <i>Date</i>   | <i>Event</i>   |
|---------------|--|
| 1906, Dec. 15 | Born, Milwaukee, Wis.  |
| 1927-1941     | Correspondent, United Press International, stationed primarily in London, England; Paris, France; and Geneva, Switzerland        |
| 1928          | Graduated, Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wis.   |
| 1938          | Covered civil war in Spain for United Press International<br>Married Margaret Sawyer   |
| 1939-1940     | Manager, United Press International bureau, London, England  |
| 1941          | Reported from the Soviet Union for United Press International  |
| 1942          | Published <i>Inside Warring Russia: An Eye-Witness Report on the Soviet Union's Battle</i> . New York: United Press Associations |
| 1942-1944     | Director, United States Office of War Information, London, England   |
| 1944-1945     | Deputy director for European operations, Overseas Branch, Office of War Information  |
| 1947-1952     | Consultant, State Department and United States Army  |

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| 1948      | Published <i>Persuade or Perish</i> . Boston: Houghton Mifflin Co. |
| 1949-1955 | Executive news editor, <i>Winston-Salem Journal-Sentinel</i>       |
| 1951-1952 | Head, Office of Plans and Policy, Psychological Strategy Board     |
| 1955-1963 | News editor, <i>New York Times</i> bureau, Washington, D.C.        |
| 1963-1974 | Editor and publisher, <i>Winston-Salem Journal-Sentinel</i>        |

## Scope and Content Note

The papers of John Wallace Carroll (1906- ) span the years 1941-circa 1989, with the bulk of material dating from 1941 to 1953. The collection documents Carroll's role in developing and implementing American psychological warfare operations during World War II, first as director of the London office of the United States Office of War Information and later as deputy director for European operations, and subsequently through his work for the Psychological Strategy Board, the State Department, and the United State Army from 1947 to 1952. The papers also contain material pertaining to Franco-American relations during World War II and research files on disaffection toward Joseph Stalin's regime in 1941. The papers have been maintained in subject groupings and numbered folders created by Carroll. Each topical grouping is accompanied by narrative histories and inventories of files written by him.

Carroll's work for the Office of War Information (OWI) is documented through memoranda, correspondence, reports, and a large collection of propaganda leaflets. The papers contain relatively little material from Carroll's year and a half as director of the OWI's London office. Notable exceptions include a report on the office's activities written for a Senate committee in August 1943, directives for American leaflet operations in May 1943, and an analysis of German defeatism by anthropologist Ruth Benedict in December 1943.

The bulk of OWI material concerns Carroll's duties as deputy director for European operations in Washington, D.C. An extensive day file consisting of memoranda and correspondence reflects the broad range of psychological warfare operations directed at Europe from January 1944 to July 1945. Also featured is a substantial compilation of propaganda leaflets written in French, German, Italian, Dutch, Spanish, Czech, and Polish, among other languages, accompanied by translations and memoranda.

After the war, Carroll served as a consultant for the Army, the State Department, and the Psychological Strategy Board. The collection includes speeches and reports presented by Carroll on development and use of psychological warfare during the early years of the Cold War.

The collection contains drafts and research material for "It Takes a Russian to Beat a Russian," an article written by Carroll for *Life* magazine in 1949 exploring Germany's failure to exploit anti-Stalin disaffection during the German invasion of the Soviet Union in 1941. Carroll based his article in part on information provided by Ernest Koestring, a German military attaché in Moscow before the war, and Hans von Herwarth, an official in Germany's Foreign Ministry. The collection contains a lengthy memorandum written by Koestring and Herwarth as well as their answers to Carroll's follow-up questions. Also included are briefings on and translations of German psychological warfare documents aimed at the Soviet Union. Letters and documents received by Carroll from Soviet and Ukrainian exiles who read his article are also included.

Franco-American relations during World War II are documented through copies of letters written by Harold R. Stark, commander of United States naval forces in Europe and liaison to exiled French forces in London. The letters were originally appended to a report written by Stark's aide, T. B. Kittredge. Also included is a report written by William L. Langer titled "Our Vichy Policy and North African Venture." The report, commissioned by Cordell Hull, served as the basis for Langer's *Our Vichy Gamble*, published in 1947.

## **Arrangement of the Papers**

This collection is arranged alphabetically by subject groupings and numbered folders created by Carroll.

# Container List

| <i>Container</i> | <i>Contents</i>  |
|------------------|--|
| BOX 1            | Franco-American relations during World War II, 1942-1943, ca. 1985, n.d. <a href="#"><i>See also Classified</i></a>                                  |
| BOX 1            | Psychological warfare  |
| BOX 1            | Section I, World War II operations   |
| BOX 1            | Inventory and narrative history, circa 1985  |
| BOX 1            | Day files  |
| BOX 1            | 1944, Jan.-Sept. <a href="#"><i>See also Classified</i></a><br>(8 folders)   |
| BOX 2            | 1944, Oct.-1945, Mar.<br>(8 folders)   |
| BOX 3            | 1945, Apr.-July<br>(5 folders)   |
| BOX 3            | Personal file, 1944-1945   |
| BOX 3            | Section II, World War II operations  |
| BOX 3            | Inventory and narrative history, circa 1989  |
| BOX 3            | No. 1, report on the activities of the London office of the Office of War Information, 1943  |
| BOX 3            | No. 2, directives for American leaflet operations, 1943  |
| BOX 3            | No. 3, British report on German propaganda re secret weapon, 1943 <a href="#"><i>See Classified</i></a>  |
| BOX 3            | No. 4, Ruth Benedict's analysis of German defeatism, 1943  |
| BOX 3            | No. 5, notes re trip to inspect Office of War Information offices and operations in Europe, 1945   |
| BOX 3            | No. 6, British report on political warfare uses and methods, n.d. <a href="#"><i>See Classified</i></a>  |
| BOX 3            | No. 7, "Anglo-American Propaganda to Germany," by Robert Garnett, 1947   |
| BOX 3            | No. 8, memorandum to W. Averell Harriman re postwar propaganda to the Soviet Army in Germany, 1945   |
| BOX 3            | No. 9, miscellaneous publications, 1943-1964   |
| BOX 3            | No. 10, propaganda leaflets  |
| BOX 3            | 1941, Dec.-1943, Dec.  |
| BOX 4            | 1944, Feb.-Sept.<br>(8 folders)  |
| BOX 5            | 1944, Oct.-1945, Apr., n.d.<br>(3 folders)   |
| BOX 5            | Section III, Cold War papers   |
| BOX 5            | Inventory and narrative history, circa 1989  |
| BOX 5            | No. 1, speeches at National War College, Washington, D.C., 1949-1951   |
| BOX 5            | No. 2, "The Army's Role in Current Psychological Warfare," report, 1949  |
| BOX 5            | No. 3, papers written for the Public Affairs Division, State Department, 1950 <a href="#"><i>See also Classified</i></a>                             |
| BOX 5            | No. 4, reports on the Psychological Strategy Board, 1951-1952 <a href="#"><i>See also Classified</i></a>   |
| BOX 5            | No. 5, reports on the United States Information Agency and selection of a director, 1960   |
| BOX 5            | No. 6, article on Soviet defectors, 1970   |
| BOX 5            | No. 7, "The Mind and Will," memorandum to President's Commission on International Information Activities, 1953 <a href="#"><i>See Classified</i></a> |

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| BOX 5            | No. 8, article by Edward P. Lilly on the Psychological Strategy Board, n.d.  |
| BOX 5            | Soviets against Joseph Stalin, <i>Life</i> magazine article  |
| BOX 5            | Inventory and narrative history, circa 1986  |
| BOX 5            | Drafts, published text, and notes, 1949<br>(2 folders)   |
| BOX 5            | Reactions to article   |
| BOX 5            | American, 1949-1955  |
| BOX 5            | British, 1950  |
| BOX 6            | Soviet exiles, 1948-1953<br>(2 folders)  |
| BOX 6            | Ukrainian exiles, 1940-1950  |
| BOX 6            | Sources  |
| BOX 6            | Fischer, George, articles on Andrei Vlasov, 1949-1951  |
| BOX 6            | German Army psychological warfare documents, translations and briefings, 1941-1945   |
| BOX 6            | Vol. 1<br>(3 folders)  |
| BOX 7            | Vol. 2<br>(2 folders)  |
| BOX 7            | Memorandum by Ernest Koestring and Hans von Herwarth, n.d.   |
| BOX 7            | Questionnaires and replies, 1949   |
| BOX 7            | United States planning paper on effective use of Soviet prisoners of war, n.d.   |
| BOX CL 1         | Classified   |
| BOX CL 1         | Franco-American relations during World War II, 1942-1943, n.d. (Container 1)<br>(2 folders)                                  |
| BOX CL 2         | (1 folder)   |
| BOX CL 2         | Psychological warfare  |
| BOX CL 2         | Section I, World War II operations   |
| BOX CL 2         | Day files, 1944, Feb. (Container 1)  |
| BOX CL 2         | Section II, World War II operations  |
| BOX CL 2         | No. 3, British report on German propaganda re secret weapon, 1943 (Container 3)  |
| BOX CL 2         | No. 6, British report on political warfare uses and methods, n.d. (Container 3)  |
| BOX CL 2         | Section III, Cold War papers   |
| BOX CL 2         | No. 3, papers written for the Public Affairs Division, State Department, 1950 (Container 5)                                  |
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