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Introduction

Papers of a journalist who was an editor for the Des Moines Register, on the editorial board of the New York Times, ombudsman for the Washington Post, and director of the school of journalism at University of Southern California. The papers consist of her writings, administrative files, speeches, and correspondence documenting her career in newspapers and public affairs journalism.

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ASNE Convention: A CEO’s Point of View- M. Willes, 1998
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