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INTRODUCTION

Personal and public papers. Emphasis is on John Deere and Company, agricultural problems and legislation in the 1920s and 1930s, and foreign trade policies of the New Deal. Also material concerning America First, Republican Party politics, and Peek's post-World War I reconstruction activities.

DONOR INFORMATION

The George Peek Papers were donated to the University of Missouri by Burton F. Peek on 16 January 1947 and 26 August 1948 (Accession No. 2885).

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

George Nelson Peek—industrialist, agricultural economist, and foreign trade advisor—was born in Polo, Illinois, 19 November 1873, to Henry Clay and Adeline Chase Peek. He attended Oregon High School, Oregon, Illinois, and graduated in 1891. He was a student in 1892 at Northwestern University. Peek married Georgia Lindsey, daughter of Zachary T. Lindsey, president of Interstate Rubber Company, 22 December 1903. They had no children.

Peek worked with Deere and Webber Company, Minneapolis, Minnesota, 1893-1901; was vice-president and general manager of John Deere Plow Company, Omaha, Nebraska, 1901-1911; and vice-president, Deere and Company, Moline, Illinois, 1911-1919.

Leaving Deere and Company, Peek was appointed commissioner of the Finished Products Section, War Industries Board, 1918, and served as president of the Industrial Board under the Department of Commerce, 1919. He was president and general manager of the Moline Plow Company, Moline, Illinois, 1919-1923.

During the 1920s, Peek became the mainstay of the agricultural lobby fighting to have the McNary-Haugen bill enacted. Its main principle was Peek's equality for agriculture. During this time he held offices of president, American Council of Agriculture; chairman, Executive Committee of 22 North Central States Agricultural Conference; and chairman, Alfred E. Smith Independent Organization Committee, presidential campaign, 1928.

In Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal, Peek held the offices of administrator of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, May-December 1933; special advisor to the president on foreign trade; and president of the Export-Import Bank of Washington and of the Second Export-Import Bank, March 1934-December 1935.

After his retirement from public office, Peek was prominent in the Republican Party, especially the right-wing faction. He was a member and later chairman of San Diego chapter of America First Committee, 1940-1941, and director of National Economic Council, 1943.

Peek was the author of numerous articles and pamphlets dealing with agriculture and foreign trade, as well as the co-author of *Why Quit Our Own* and *Equality for Agriculture*. George Peek died on 17 December 1943.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The George N. Peek Papers are arranged into the following nine series: **Correspondence; Subject Material; Speeches; Press Releases; Press Conferences; Newspaper Clippings; Personal Business; Miscellaneous Material; and Articles, Bulletins, and Pamphlets.**

More complete series descriptions are located in the folder list.

FOLDER LIST

Correspondence Series

- f. 1 Undated. Public reaction to Peek and S. Crowther's *Saturday Evening Post* articles on New Deal policies. P.W. Shafer about Peek's administration of Agricultural Adjustment Act (AAA). Memo regarding letter to H. Morgenthau Jr. on foreign investments. Mailing list for America First Committee.
- f. 2-14 1911-1916. John Deere and Company: Insurance; gasoline engine contracts; internal problems; acquisition of Velie Carriage Company; agricultural implement exhibitions; personnel problems in John Deere Plow Company, Dallas; sales difficulties; foreign trade meeting; and stock sales. Personal: Recommendations; real estate purchases; building of home in Moline, Illinois; insurance; building road to his property; personal finances; and property speculation and sales.
- f. 15-26 1917. John Deere and Company: European sales representatives; agricultural machinery distribution; prices; materials for and costs of implement production. British, Italian, and Russian orders for plows; profit-sharing plan proposal; contracts for export of wagons with government; C.S. Brantingham, Peek, and W.H. Stackhouse regarding Canadian priority on farm implements. Personal: Peek offered job with War Industries Board; W. Butterworth, Brantingham, and others' advice; memo on proposed duties and authority; acceptance of appointment; standardization and priority of implements.
- f. 20-26 1917. War Industries Board: Peek's intentions about his duties; directories of essential and non-essential industries directed to U.S. Chamber of Commerce; meetings of farm implement manufacturers on transportation, supply, materials, and prices policy. War contracts, priorities, and efficiency procedure also mentioned. Establishment of Farm Implement Commission. Failure to delegate authority. John Deere and Company: Profit-sharing plan debated; F.R. Todd and others opposed. Brantingham to D.F. Houston about farm implement policy. Management problems. Personal: Peek speculates in land and oil.

- f. 27-33 1918 January. War Industries Board: Listing principles for industry, labor, and government in meeting war crisis. Efforts to standardize form implements; problems of railroad transportation. E.H. Crowder on preparedness for war; fuel shortages and cost of war materials. Awarding of government contracts; draft amendments. John Deere and Company: Resolutions on war; profit-sharing plan; issue of common stock; implement dealers' conventions; standardization of tractors; demand for increased production; analysis of Deere's lag in tractor adoption; closing of plants; embargoes on farm implements. Annual report for 1917.
- f. 34-41 1918 February. War Industries Board: Corrections in placement of war contracts, especially heavy industry and munitions; H. Ford re nonessential industries; B.M. Baruch re fuel and transportation problems; oil control program's effect on farm implement production; confusion about duties of War Industries Board members; Priorities Committee wants classification of preference treatment and priorities; B.M. Baruch re price and commodity regulations. John Deere and Company: Profit-sharing program; attempt to use Deere plows for war work; foreign contracts for tractors; establishment of implement industry representative in Washington, D.C.; production modernization and increase; possibility of Deere plows in use with Ford tractors. Perry Pipe Company: Financial statements, managerial problems; minutes of executive meetings; and supply and sales problems.
- f. 42-49 1918 March. War Industries Board: Copy of W. Wilson's letter to B.M. Baruch re chairmanship; army supplies and clothing problems; embargo on railroad cars; price increase discussion; price regulation proposals; W. Wilson criticized for politicking in time of war; establishment of central headquarters. John Deere and Company: Ford tractors for Deere plows; farm implement competition and possible monopolistic hood-ups; securing government contracts; Ford-Oliver Plow Company connections; Deere's war efforts; evolution of tractor-drawn implements; Deere-International Harvester competition; gasoline-steam engines for tractor disputes; foreign implement shipments embargoed; purchase of Waterloo Tractor Company. Perry Pipe Company: Advertising campaign; personnel changes; and financial statements.
- f. 50-58 1918 April. War Industries Board: Reorganization under B.M. Baruch; conference on reconstruction after war; K. McKellar's efforts to oust Vehicle Committee; inflation of steel prices and related material problems. John Deere and Company: International sales problems; wage and labor problems; tractor tests with Fordson tractor; personnel changes; steel rebates and purchasing problems; Waterloo tractor sales policies; adaptation to tractor-drawn implements; labor shortages. Some personal business. Peek states his interests in politics.
- f. 59-69 1918 May. War Industries Board: Letters re confirmation by Senate of Eugene Meyer Jr. as director of War Finance Corporation; problems

- with government contracts; tank manufacturers priority; labor shortages; Peek seeks assistants. John Deere and Company: Increased production of tractors to meet competition; conflict with Ford about tractor and implement sales; mechanization of competing implement firms; Ford sales policy directed against Deere and Company; licensing of farm implements fought; minutes of meeting with Henry Ford on possible implement use with Fordson tractor; reports of sales and policy meetings.
- f. 70-84 1918 June-July. War Industries Board: Memo from War Department on peacetime construction; labor problem and selective service regulation; industrial conversion problems; steel price advances; establishment of Facilities Division; insuring government property and war plants. John Deere and Company: Sale of common stocks; Ford-Deere implement and tractor negotiations; material acquisition problems; transportation problems in meeting contracts; C.D. Velie offers stock; sales policy on Fordson tractor; business records for 1917; predictions of postwar expansion in implement industry; personnel problems. Personal: Purchase of Cadillac; membership in clubs; problems on Colorado farm; controversy with brother, Burton F. Peek.
- f. 85-92 1918 August. War Industries Board: Government moves to control labor; labor shortage problems; advances of iron prices; government control of industry predicted; airplane production. John Deere and Company: Ford tractor sales policy; Deere-Ford negotiations over Deere plow sales to Fordson tractor distributors; seeks government contracts and protection from draft; National implement and Vehicle Association convention. Political: Minnesota political unrest over Wilson's policies. Non-Partisan League accused of socialist tendencies and cause for unrest. Opposition to appointment of Charles A. Lindbergh to War Industries Board.
- f. 93-106 1918 September-October. War Industries Board: Raw material shortages; anti-Charles Lindbergh correspondence; complaints of overlapping powers; Baruch's investigation of housing problem in heavy industrial areas; report on utilization of manpower in war plants in Erie, Rochester, Cleveland, Chicago, and Detroit; power and electrical equipment priorities for naval use; Newton D. Baker about shell production demands and criticism of Ordnance Department. John Deere and Company: Moline Plow Company sale to Willys Motors; competition from automobile manufacturers in tractor lines; F. Silloway, A.G. Umbarger, and F. Todd's testimony about implement prices and industries organization. Political: Minnesota labor unrest investigation and report by Justice Department.
- f. 107-115 1918 November. War Industries Board: Reduction and cancellation of War contracts; criticism of demobilization; industry pleads for continued inflationary prices until raw material is depleted; requests for government restrictions on industry to be removed. John Deere and Company: B.F. Peek requests Peek to leave government service;

- personnel changes and loss of government contracts. Political: Hugh S. Johnson tells future plans; reports on labor unrest in Minneapolis-St. Paul.
- f. 116-125 1918 December. War Industries Board: Photostatic copy of letter from Wilson to Baruch re Board's dismissal. Baruch's reply, resignation, and suggestion of use of board members as government advisors. Talk of better understanding between industry and government. Peek sees no need for retention of antitrust laws; adjustment of war contracts; tax amortization. John Deere and Company: Frank Silloway advocates government support of small farmer; want government interference removed from implement industry. Personal: Visit with H.S. Johnson; Peek's future plans; invitations and greetings.
- f. 126-163 1919 January. War Industries Board: Final reports of sections. Minutes of meetings, policies followed and some correspondence about industries. Mention of labor conditions, supply and transportation problems, interoffice memos, price setting, and war needs. Section reports from hide and leather; rubber; electrical and power; resources and conversion. Peek's preparation of report to Wilson on operation of finished products division. John Deere and Company: Contracts for 1919; agricultural depression; E. Parsonage about effect of war on farm implement industry; price guarantee; labor problems. Personal: Letters to and from B.M. Baruch re Paris Peace Conference. Suggests U.S. grab German markets; League of Nations; indemnities; freedom of the seas; possibility of Peek going to Paris.
- f. 164-170 1919 February. Industrial Board: U.S. Department of Commerce about conditions of labor, industry, and raw material supply problems. Advocates establishment of board for price control; National Price Conference Committee. W.C. Redfield regarding Board. W. Wilson wants Peek released by Baruch to accept Industrial Board chairmanship; suggested letter to Redfield about policies. Personal: Talk of trip to peace conference; plans for industrial consulting firm; other business propositions; Baruch on European economic situation and peace talks; list of offices held by Peek in industry.
- f. 171-181 1919 March. Industrial Board: Conferences with steel industry re cooperation with steel price regulation; letters regarding wheat, Steel, and lumber prices; labor and wage problems; Peek urges B.M. Baruch's assistance with industry re price controls; Railroad Administration's refusal to cooperate. Miscellaneous: Report of director of national defense re readjustment and reconstruction in European countries. Disposal of army camps in South. Distribution of Peek's "Community Development Program," growing concern for agricultural policy of administration. Personal: Business letters re resignations; oil speculation.
- f. 182-189 1919 April. Industrial Board: Board's attempt to regulate prices. Controversy between board and Railroad Administration re acceptance of steel prices. A.M. Palmer re legality of board; possibility of

- compromise. W.C. Redfield, Carter Glass, W. Hines, and B.M. Baruch involved in controversy. Address by W.C. Redfield about board; cost of living; Peek thinks dispute one of politics; board's resignation proposed. Comments on Peek's speech before Chamber of Commerce, St. Louis, 29 April 1919.
- f. 190-206 1919 May-1922 December. Industrial Board: Peek to Redfield re W. Hines and steel price controversy; closing up operations; vindictive letters against Railroad Administration. Agriculture: Nation's business problems related to agriculture. Stabilization of farm product prices; Peek proposes cooperative marketing plan. "Equality for Agriculture" published; comments on it by L.S. Clausen, E. Meyer, F. Lowden, and W. Butterworth. Letters re equality sent to farm journals, magazines, and papers. Kansas farm problems. Senate Agriculture Committee to hear Peek.
- f. 207-222 1923 January-1924 December. Agriculture: P. Norbeck and Gooding re farm legislation; National Wheat Conference and price control; distribution of "Equality" brief. H.S. Johnson's memo on 1923 farm problems. McNary-Haugen legislation under fire. Supporters include B.M. Baruch, C.C. Davis, and others, including organizations. In opposition--S. Anderson of American Cotton Association. Organization of American Council of Agriculture; Coolidge's appointment of President's Agricultural Commission. Changes on McNary-Haugen bill; farm parity and marketing problems; selection of Secretary of Agriculture. Moline Plow Company: H.S. Johnson's liquidation policies; Peek's break with Johnson over sale; Baruch mediates; Johnson sends conciliatory note; Peek's refusal to reconsider animosity. Personal: Death of Peek's father; investments in farm paper and grain elevators.
- f. 223-235 1925. Agriculture: C.C. Davis re farm prices, problems, appointment of W.M. Jardine as Secretary of Agriculture, editing of farm paper. Criticism of Coolidge's agricultural conference; eastern business in opposition to McNary-Haugen bill; American Council of Agriculture pressure tactics. Proposals to replace McNary-Haugen legislation. Marketing problems, agricultural prices. International farm depression and world surplus. Proposals for joint land bank; St. Louis Agricultural Conference transactions; F. Lowden proposes federal farm board. Illinois Agricultural Society and McNary-Haugen bill; Baruch re agricultural legislation. William Hirth regarding McNary-Haugen. Personal: Purchase of farm paper; Peek-Johnson liquidation controversy; interest in grain elevators; purchases of foreclosed farms in Iowa and eastern Nebraska.
- f. 236-237 1926-1927. Agriculture: Protests against Walton Peteet's position on agricultural legislation and his defense; Gilbert Haugen on possible legislation corrections. North Central States Agricultural Conference position on McNary-Haugen bill. Personal: Rent and lease of property by Peek.

- f. 238-243 1928 January-September. Agriculture: Farm conference with Al Smith; Midwest on McNary-Haugen bill. Political: Material regarding Smith Independent Organization Committee, of which Peek was chairman. Hoover-Smith view of agriculture. Frank Murphy's speech on farm relief at Republican National Convention. State and county organizations; campaign literature regarding Smith's position on agriculture: cost, printing and distribution; reports of Midwestern states regarding politics, farm vote, McNary-Haugen, and presidential election. Personal: Arizona land speculation; Hugh S. Johnson defends Peek.
- f. 244-255 1928 October-December. Political: Smith Independent Organization Committee policy formulation, speakers, contributions and general financing. Intentions to puncture Hoover as friend of farmer. Organization of Smith clubs. Various notables' views on election. Letters about farm plank, party procedure, state and national committee members. Election--results and causes of defeat. Future of farm organizations. Baruch, C. Cannon, Price, Friant, W. Hirth on elections. Call for special congressional session on agricultural relief. Personal: Reunion of War Industries Board, pamphlet with speeches by Baruch, Myers, Pershing and Johnson. Business investments and proposals.
- f. 256-273 1929 January-June. Political: C. Cannon on farm problem; G. Haugen's call for farm committee hearings. Telegram to Hoover on farm problems. Report of conference between Peek, C.C. Davis, and Rsakob about farm problems; Democratic Party. G. Norris, C. Cannon, and J. Robinson about 1929 farm legislation. Agriculture: J.E. Watson's interview with Hoover on farm legislation; call for national farmers conference; agricultural editorship of *New York Times* offered to Peek; W. Hirth regarding organizing farm labor to lobby for farm relief legislation. Corn Bill Federation of Farm Organizations resolutions calling for needed legislation. Personal: Peek's interest in and development of cornstalk business (Maizwood Corporation); marketing of cornstalk insulation; evaluation of H.C. Peek's estate; stock speculation; oil speculation.
- f. 274-285 1929 July-1930 December. Political: Broadside on farmers' betrayal of Republican Party; Democratic National Committee re finances of 1928 election; senatorial election in Illinois; Hoover's appointment of Federal Farm Board; H.A. Wallace, W. Hirth and others' criticism of Hoover administration. Democratic Party re financial needs for 1930 elections; W. Hirth on Franklin D. Roosevelt and farm question. Agriculture: Selections for Federal Farm Board; letters between Jouett Shouse and Peek on Hoover's agricultural policy; Hirth on farm problems, Hoover administration and legislation; Elias Rachie's book on farm problem; Alex Legge and Federal Farm Board policies; various proposals to solve farm problems. Personal: Cornstalk process marketing and sales; illness and operation; business propositions.
- f. 286-293 1931 January-June. Politics: Amos A. Fries on communism and

- American Security League; W. Hirth wants Charles G. Dawes for 1932 Republican presidential candidate. Peek's testimony before War Policies Commission. Craig about 1932 election and farm problems. Agriculture: Distribution and finances of book *Less Than One-Hundred Men*. Agricultural organizations' criticism of Federal Farm Board. Personal: Education of Frank Edlin--report cards, letters, finances, summer plans. Peek's operation--expenses and recovery. Major Oil Company speculation and liquidation. Business activities and finances.
- f. 294-301 1931 July-December. Political: American Security League about communism and purposes of league. Samuel P. Bush on 1932 Democratic candidate, taxation, and McNary-Haugen bill. Literature on Governor Murray for presidential nomination. Ohio politics. Agriculture: National Economic League regarding depression, possible relief measures; Edward O'Neal of American Farm Bureau Federation advocates equalization fee; Peek on farm problem; C.C. Davis on domestic wheat sales and tariff. Peek's speech on agricultural problems and comments on speech; M.L. Wilson's domestic allotment plan presented; brief about short selling of agricultural products. Personal: Education of Frank Edlin.
- f. 302-308 1932 January-April. Agriculture: Earl C. Smith about Illinois Agricultural Association's policy meeting; fair exchange value for agriculture, C.C. Davis regarding equalization fee; Hirth to Borah, an open letter on agriculture; L.S. Clarke's brief on a domestic allotment plan; agriculture and Democratic platform of 1932; F.D. Roosevelt re agricultural problems; talk of reactivating farm lobby; H.S. Johnson's position on farm relief; B.M. Baruch on farm and economic problems; Peek on domestic allotment plan, debenture, and equalization fee; correspondence with farm leaders; Peek to F.D. Roosevelt about agricultural plank. McAdoo regarding domestic allotment.
- f. 309-318 1932 May-July. Agriculture: E.C. Smith advocating united farm front; S.P. Bush about equalization fee, Ohio politics, and opposition of farm leaders; M.L. Wilson on farm problems, domestic allotment, and possible farm legislation; farm lobby; domestic allotment plan vs. equalization fee as possible farm plant; Rainey bill; B.M. Baruch regarding allotment plan and inactive Congress; Peek regarding Democratic platform for 1932; Peek's comments on domestic allotment plan.
- f. 319-325 1932 August-September. Agriculture and 1932 election: Peek, S.P. Bush, and B.M. Baruch regarding F.D. Roosevelt's campaign and economic problems; Peek-Morgenthau correspondence re Roosevelt's farm stand; W. Hirth, Peek, Bush, Morgenthau, and O. Young re Democratic farm plank and Rainey-Norbeck bill; Peek's "Agriculture and the Election"; H.A. Wallace re domestic allotment plan; M.D. Wilson to meet with farm leaders on farm legislation; copy of letter by H.A. Wallace proposing Peek for secretary of agriculture; F.W.

- Murphy on Roosevelt's Topeka, Kansas, farm speech; Charles E. Hearst, C.V. Gregory, E.C. Smith, and W. Hirth on same; George W. Norris article "Why I am a better Republican than President Hoover;" farm foreclosures; Farm Loan Board proposed; tariff effectiveness and domestic consumption.
- f. 326-335 1932 October-November. Agriculture and 1932 election: Rumor of John Simpson for secretary of agriculture; Federal Farm Board; S.P. Bush and Peek on Hoover's Des Moines farm speech; farm mortgages and financing; S.P. Bush on farmers' credit unions and allotment plan; Peek's contributions to Roosevelt's farm speeches; Peek's "Agricultural Issues of 1932 Campaign;" W. Hirth's farm legislation proposals to Roosevelt after election; Peek's activity in Illinois for Democratic Party; Peek's possible radio address on agriculture and election; Peek proposed by Hirth and other to Roosevelt for secretary of agriculture; plan to dispose farm surplus to Europe for war debt payments; C. Brand, H.A. Wallace and Hirth on surplus and constructive Democratic farm legislative policies; Peek on Roosevelt's election.
- f. 336-344 1932 December-1933 January. Agriculture: Wheat conference proposed; domestic allotment, surplus, and processing tax discussion; emergency farm legislation; F.L. Schuster's "Some Aspects of the Domestic Allotment Plan"; Peek for secretary of agriculture; James F. Bell of General Mills about proposed farm emergency legislation; transactions and discussions of committee hearings on Emergency Agricultural Act; Georgia L. Peek on Peek's proposed farm board and legislation; report of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce's Agricultural Relief Committee; C.W. Croes proposes export surplus plan; J.F. Bell on farmers' problem, opposition to processing tax; revisions of Senate agriculture bill; domestic allotment plan for surplus wheat, hogs, corn, and other products.
- f. 345-349 1933 February-May. Agricultural Adjustment Act (AAA): Peek's speech before Senate Agricultural Committee; comments on it by C.V. Gregory, L.S. Clarke, R.K. Brown, Charles Brand, C.C. Weber, H.S. Johnson and W.E. Dickerson; southwestern agricultural situation; Peek's comments to farmers on speech before Senate; copy of H.S. Johnson's letter to Roosevelt about AAA; H.A. Wallace on surplus disposal; John L. Coulter on Roosevelt's powers to conduct foreign tariff agreements; statements about financing of foreign trade surplus; R. Tugwell on sugar; Peek to H.A. Wallace about powers granted if he administers AAA; Wallace's answers; Peek becomes administrator of AAA; question of overlapping powers between National Industrial Recovery Act and AAA.
- f. 350-361 1933 June-August. Agricultural Adjustment Administration. Memos on overlapping powers of AAA and National Recovery Administration (NRA); question of AAA constitutionality; administrative and staff problems; wheat, sugar, and cotton marketing agreements; Peek's radio

- address about cotton reduction acreage program; Reconstruction Finance Corporation and surplus sale financing; National Recovery Administration re blanket wage; relationship between AAA and Department of Agriculture; Peek-H.S. Johnson on blanket code wages; Peek in opposition; grain exchange policy; legality of processing tax; Re-employment Act and agriculture; farm leaders support Peek on blanket codes; Frank C. Walker to arbitrate dispute; meat packers marketing agreement; transfer NRA powers to Peek; H.S. Wallace appointments; meat packers earnings and costs for 1932.
- f. 362-374 1933 September-October. Agricultural Adjustment Administration: North Pacific Grain Growers Inc. seek marketing agreement for surplus disposal to China; codes for grocery distribution; milk licensing and marketing agreements; Peek to D.C. Roper about grain exchange; tariff and world trade; regulations governing food codes; legality of 1934-1935 proposed cotton program; flue-cured tobacco marketing agreement controversy; administration and appointment problems; legality of emergency pig contracts with packers; F.P. Lee, Peek's personal legal counsel, on flue-cured tobacco agreements; good and grocery code; Boston milk agreements; relationship of AAA to Federal Surplus Relief Corporation; C. Hull on tariff policy; processing taxes questioned; Alger Hiss and Jerome Frank legal controversy with Peek on marketing agreements; Peek's position to Roosevelt.
- f. 375-388 1933 November-December. Agricultural Adjustment Administration: Administrative problems; J.N. Frank calls for removal of political obstructions in appointments to AAA legal offices; Peek seeks removal of Frank; Peek-Roosevelt correspondence re resignation and marketing agreements problem and resignation; other resignations from AAA; county wheat allotment programs; fisheries and tobacco marketing agreements; Peek seeks creation of Executive Committee on Commercial Policy; H.A. Wallace requests complete operation reports for AAA; surplus butter export problems; corn-hog reduction program; Peek's article "Recovery from the Grass Roots;" collection and expenditures; Roosevelt about Peek's new duties as advisor to the president on foreign trade; H. Rainey on tariff and trade agreements; J.L. Coulter on balance of international payments; Peek seeks governmental departments cooperation in new duties.
- f. 389-414 1934 January-February. Foreign Trade: C. Hull, preparations for trade agreements and proposed plan for reciprocity negotiations; inquiries about foreign trade policies; purchase of surplus foodstuffs for export; job seekers and appointments; resume of economic events in Germany, January 1934, and foreign trade; proposal for a National Exchange Administration; German economic ties with America; possibility of export-import bank; American-Swiss trade; Peek on Dies bill; Boris Said on Russian economy, possibility of foreign trade, and discoveries of natural resources; National Association of Manufacturers regarding tariff; John Abbink on foreign trade financing; report of Foreign Policy

- Association; organization and Peek's acceptance of presidency of First Export-Import Bank of Washington.
- f. 415-430 1934 March. Foreign Trade: German-American trade; possibility of grain export bank for Northwest; inquiries about positions in Export-Import Bank; securing of qualified personnel; Walter Lichtenstein's observations on Russian trade possibilities; organization of Second Export-Import Bank of Washington; Peek to Roosevelt re office of advisor to the president on foreign trade; Russian-American trade advocated by Boris Said; memo re objections to visit of President Vincent of Haiti; Peek re F.R. Eldridge's book *Economic Nationalism*; Cuban-American trade; formation of Executive Committee on Commercial Policy; B. Sair regarding German-Russian trade, information derived from Russian papers and trade journals.
- f. 431-451 1934 April-May. Foreign Trade: German-American trade; Russian-French trade effects on America; Johnson resolutions; shipping rates standardization; question of government insurance of export credit; German wine and American cotton trade results; B. Said on Russian economy; Peek on cooperatives and trade policies; price disparities, 1933-1934; advocacy of China trade; Peek regarding American commercial treaties; Charles E. Stuart's application and selection as vice-president of Export-Import Bank; Peek to F. Sayre regarding unconditional favored-nations treaties; memo regarding powers of Roosevelt over bank; D.C. Roper regarding shipping subsidies; relationships of commercial treaties to reciprocity and barter; most-favored-nations treaties; Peek's report to Roosevelt on balance of trade, 1896-1933; and currency depreciation's effect on foreign trade.
- f. 452-459 1934 June. Foreign Trade: German-American trade; terminability of most-favored-nations commitments; B. Said regarding Russian-American trade and Russian economy, especially oil and steel industry; war debts effect on foreign trade; H. Morgenthau Jr. about Peek's letter to President on balance of trade; Roosevelt regarding letter and executive order calling for publication of letter; Peek proposes statistical program for foreign trade and Board of Trade fashioned after British model; reciprocity negotiations; C. Hull about proposal for Foreign Trade Agreements Committee; gold and balance of payments; list of American import associations and organizations.
- f. 460-474 1934 July-August. Foreign Trade: Federal Reserve Board about credit insurance for foreign trade; movement of American capital; Czechoslovakian-American trade; Russian-American trade; material on Reconstruction Finance Corporation's authority to facilitate export of agricultural and other commodities; extension of Second Export-Import Bank; J.D. Mooney on trade; Peek-Hull controversy on American foreign trade policy; conditional vs. unconditional trade treaties; German-American trade; Peek-Roosevelt conference on trade controversy; second letter on "International Credit for Foreign Trade."
- f. 475-486 1934 September-October. Foreign Trade: Cuban-American trade;

Philippine Islands trade; B. Said about Russian trade; German-American trade; Peek-Hull controversy of conditional vs. unconditional most-favored-nations trade; H.L. Hopkins on hide trade; Russian economy; report on Department of Commerce; H.A. Wallace about agricultural exports and surplus; John L. Coulter on new American trade policy; barter and difficulties with AAA; American-Brazilian trade negotiations; pamphlet "National Food supply 1934-1935;" proposals for export-import banks to insure commercial banks in foreign trade loans; report on Russian trade; memo on dumping of surplus abroad.

- f. 487-506 1934 November-December. Foreign Trade: Foreign trade stabilization fund; American-German trade; B. Said on Russian economy and trade; American-Cuban trade; U.S. balance of international payments; Peek-Roosevelt trade policy controversy; National Foreign trade Council foreign trade policies and relation to export-import bank; American-Brazilian trade agreement; conditional vs. unconditional policies; H.A. Wallace on Charles A. Beard's *The Open Door at Home*; Peek on establishment of exchange control; American Bankers Association's plan for Export-Import Bank; German-American trade relations investigations and reports from Interdepartmental Trade Agreements Committee; R.L. O'Brien on tariff policy; C.A. Beard on foreign trade; Peek-Hull controversy; AAA on surplus wheat for export.
- f. 507-522 1935 January-February. Foreign Trade: Balance of payments; H.A. Wallace regarding conditional trade policy; B. Said about Russian trade, comparing 1933 and 1934; H. Morgenthau, Jr. on renewal of Export-Import Bank legislation; English Board of Trade; broadening powers of bank; Agricultural Advisory Board supports Peek; list of bilateral trade agreements which exclude America; Roosevelt's reaction to trade negotiation breakdown with Russia; analysis of American-Brazilian trade agreement; Peek to Hull about barter transactions; bilateral agreements affecting international cotton trade; Peek to F. Sayre regarding Roosevelt on conditional most-favored-nations policy; discrimination and suspension of trade agreements; English-American trade negotiations.
- f. 523-535 1935 March-May. Foreign Trade: German-American barter exchange; Peek to president about trade with Russia; blocked U.S. exchange; Key Pittman on conditional most-favored-nations policy; F.B. Sayre on blocked balances; Peek to president about failure of German-American trade; B. Said on Russian oil and economy; Peek indicates intention to resign; letter to president "Foreign Trade and American Position in International Investment," and controversy over it; tariff policy; personal and miscellaneous material.
- f. 536-550 1935 June-July. Foreign Trade: Plan for currency stabilization; Peek-Hull controversy--speech excerpts, newspaper clippings, and review of correspondence; cotton trade financing proposal; list of barter transactions; Russian foreign trade policy; Peek-Roosevelt on Export-

- f. 551-603 Import Bank policies; H.A. Wallace about cotton prices and export; most-favored-nations commitments; F. Sayre regarding bilateral vs. triangular trade; A. Pinchot to F. Frankfurter about monetary policy of New Deal; Peek's resignation and Roosevelt's refusal; German-American trade; restrictions on American commerce; formation of foreign trade insurance company; bill to create Foreign Trade Board. 1935 August-December. Foreign trade: Commodity Credit Corporation; cotton agreements; C.A. Beard and Samuel Crowther on Foreign Trade Board bill, reorganization of Export-Import Bank, and Peek's return to Moline; balance sheets for international payments; report to National Emergency Council on foreign trade activities; Russian-American trade; financing of German-American trade; Peek's speech "America's Choice" before National Industrial Conference Board and Roosevelt's and other's comments lead to resignation of Peek; analysis of Canadian-American trade agreements and distribution list; National Grange comments. Personal: S. Crowther-Peek material about writing of book *Why Quit Our Own*; personal plans; vacation.
- f. 604-630 1936 January. W. Hirth regarding farm problem, Republican action, and campaign of 1936; minority party position in New Deal; Peek's attacks on F. Sayre's article on New Deal farm and foreign trade policies; on neutrality; Canadian-American trade agreements; American Farm Bureau Federation's resolutions on surplus and foreign trade; requests for appearances and speaking engagements; Peek's open letter to Agricultural Conference; agriculture vs. industry; M. Jones; E.D. Smith; problems of cotton industry; Peek's view on internationalism; farm bureau's resolutions on needed legislation; correspondence to senators about legislation. Peek-Crowther book material and Peek's position.
- f. 631-655 1936 February. Personal finances, farms, investments, and taxes; currency devaluation; Southern Agriculture Convention; distribution to southern newspapers of literature on failure of German-American cotton trade; Southern Commissioners of Agriculture Convention; C.A. Ewing on most-favored-nations agreements; Burton F. Peek on trade, cotton, and industry; H.D. Wilson on cotton agreements; drafting of new farm legislation, soil conservation bill, and allotment plans; W. McMillen's speech "A National Agricultural Policy;" Peek on soil conservation bill. Peek-Crowther book material--approach to problem, definition and general direction of exposé.
- f. 656-681 1936 March-April. Personal finances; trade balances with Canada; currency devaluation and C. Hull; threat of communism; isolationist policy; conditional vs. unconditional trade agreements; Peek's speaking engagements. Peek-Crowther book; first nine chapters; criticism and revision; publication in *Saturday Evening Post*.
- f. 682-715 1936 May-June 5. Writing, corrections, and publication problems with book. Letters to and from S. Crowther include comments on Republican politics, economic conditions, and farm problems.

- Analysis of national political situation; proposal to run F.O. Lowden on Republican ticket; J.L. Replogle for vice-president. Farm problems, foreign trade, and currency stabilization as issues in election. Agricultural Adjustment administration to answer Peek's articles; G.H. Lorimer requests Peek's rebuttal; general comments on articles and proposed book.
- f. 716-765 1936 June 5-July. Peek proposed for Republican vice-president; Charles A. Ewing on Peek's letter to convention; Republican farm platform; Landon-Knox ticket; Peek for secretary of agriculture on ticket; Charles J. Brand speech; Republican-Democratic platform comparisons by Peek; Peek to London about farm plank; London's speeches and Peek's criticism and suggestions; Peek pressured to support Republican ticket. Publications and comments on book; book's role in election; S. Crowther on book and future of Republican Party. Personal finances, property, and family.
- f. 766-781 1936 August 1-8. H.A. Wallace discusses London on agriculture; Glenn Saxon discusses Republican Party, platform, and organization; material from Republican National Committee; Peek-Wallace farm debates; Peek still nonpartisan; list of persons in attendance and procedures of National Jeffersonian Democrats; possible speaking tour for Peek on Republicans' behalf; campaign literature. Acknowledgments for book.
- f. 782-864 1936 August 9-31. Acknowledgment of book and comments on thesis and point of view. Comments from high-ranking Republicans, businessmen, and farm leaders. Interspersed are political materials on the 1936 election. National Foreign Trade Council's *Foreign Trade and Domestic Welfare*; American-German trade relations; J.F. Bell on the political situation; E.G. Draper on credit-debtor position of U.S.; Peek's speech "Agriculture and Election"; Prewitt Semmes about Father Coughlin's radio programs; H. Carter about Landon's eastern speeches; S. Crowther on Republican campaign; W. Hirth discusses New Deal agricultural policies; Union Party; Peek's speech "Agriculture and the New Deal;" Peek's talk with Landon.
- f. 865-925 1936 September. Acknowledgment of book with comments. Election of 1936: Landon on farm problem; Republican Party campaign finances; Jeffersonian Democrats and opposition to Roosevelt; S. Crowther and others disgusted with Republican campaign; Peek writes Landon farm speech; American Farm Bureau Federation wants increased tariff rates; criticism of F.W. Murphy's agricultural speech; Peek's partisan role; Republican National Committee activities; Daisy Williams, G. Saxon, J. Hamilton; Peek endorsement of Landon and comments about election.
- f. 926-965 1936 October. Acknowledgment of book. Election of 1936: Republican speeches; Peek's "Agriculture and Republican Party;" Canadian-American trade treaty pushed as issue in Midwest; Amos R.E. Pinchot to H.L. Ickes about nonsupport of Roosevelt; Peek's

- speaking tour; Landon's tariff and foreign trade speech; Republican and Democratic campaign literature; dissatisfaction with campaign's progress.
- f. 966-995 1936 November 1. Politics, Hoover, and Roosevelt win; farm bill; agricultural issues; trade agreements; crop marketing; Jeffersonian Democrats; fear of inflation; new attitudes toward government; need for a Republican research office; promotion of National Security through food production; new ways to produce cotton.
- f. 996-1013 1936 November-December. Explanations for Republican defeat; William Hirth's plan for agricultural relief, farmer, and New Deal; Landon on defeat and future of party; Peek on farm legislation, Foreign trade Board bill, and third party movement; establishment of foreign trade research council; criticism of Peek as agricultural leader; future of Republican opposition to New Deal; Germany's economic self-sufficiency; closing of Washington D.C. office. Personal matters: Colorado farms, statements of office expenses, invitations, and acknowledgment of book.
- f. 1014-1038 1937 January-May. W. Hirth about soil conservation program; Doughton resolutions; farm legislation material and J.A. Bankhead on New Deal program; Amos R.E. Pinchot's open letter to congressmen on his anti-New Deal stand; comments on testimony before Senate Reciprocity Committee; Roosevelt's Supreme Court fight; Peek's withdrawal from public prominence. Peek's drift to the political right; literature by G. Barradas to that effect includes: "Conservatism in 1937;" "Morality of Our Democracy;" "Ownership of Jobs;" "Institution Called Employment;" "Democracy and Economic Progress;" and others. Maizwood investment; building of new home.
- f. 1039-1073 1937 June-December. Equality for agriculture reinterpreted; Peek proposed as candidate for U.S. representative from Illinois; Republican program and 1940 election projections; material on Ely Economic Institute; foreign trade; three briefs by Sioux City Committee for Farm Legislation submitted to U.S. Senate Committee on Agriculture; letters to Hirth and H. Carter on possible answers to C. Hull's letter to Arthur Capper about trade and agricultural policies; W. Hirth's proposals to Congress on farm problems and Peek's criticism. G. Barradas' articles "Wealth of Modern Nations"; "Rational Development of Individualism;" "Leadership by the Voter;" and "National Cost Finding." Building of house; trust fund operations; personal financial matters; Colorado farm reports.
- f. 1074-1099 1938-1939. Peek discusses farm bills passed by New Deal; material on foreign trade, 1935-1938; Thomas E. Dewey requests information on farm policy; Peek's proposals for Republican National Committee 1940 platform; Roy O. Woodruff re farm debates between Capper, Wallace, and Hull; Woodruff re farm parity; processing taxes; reciprocal trade agreements; Dewey re farm legislation; Republicans unite in opposition to trade agreements extension; establishment of Hope Committee by

- Republicans in opposition to New Deal agricultural and foreign trade policies; Woodruff, J. Hamilton, A. Capper, H. Carter, and others' letters on the same. Personal, office upkeep, trust and stock dealings.
- f. 1100-1123 1940 January. Foreign trade: S. Crowther, A. Capper, Peek, and others on extension of trade agreements and Republican policies in opposition; congressional investigation and testimony with comments from Peek, S. Crowther, and J.L. Coulter; introduction into Congress of Peek's Foreign Trade Board bill; foreign trade and domestic politics, agriculture and surplus stockpile. Political: W. Hirth on effect of trade policy on 1940 election; National Jeffersonian Democrats; opposition to third term. World War II: Peek, Robert Wood, H. Jung, and others advocate isolation from European wars but military preparedness.
- f. 1124-1145 1940 February. Foreign trade: Foreign Trade Board bill--comments on and reactions to; congressional action on extension of reciprocal trade agreements; speeches on New Deal policies; debates and comments re Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act. Political: Proposals for Republican candidates in 1940 election; W.J. Baxter on outlook for American farmer; program for farm legislation; H. Hoover address on domestic issues; A.H. Vandenberg's speech "America at Crossroads;" Peek on W. Lippman; attitudes and politics of the Nebraska farmer. Personal: Invitations and business proposals.
- f. 1146-1167 1940 March-April. Political: Organizational material for Republican campaign; Dewey's speeches and proposals; formation of Republican committee for tariff study; reports on Republican primaries; H. Carter re Republican Party, campaign, and Nebraska politics; campaign material. Foreign trade: A.H. Vandenberg, K. Pittman, and R.O. Woodruff re Senate action on Peek's Foreign Trade Board bill; J.L. Coulter's testimony before Senate Finance Committee on extension of reciprocal trade agreements and comments on it. Personal: Peek's illness.
- f. 1168-1196 1940 May-June. Political: Election material; W. Hirth on W. Willkie; Republican preparations for convention; farm and foreign trade plank; Republican foreign policy position; Republican nomination of Willkie and McNary and Peek's comments. Foreign trade: C. Hull's report to Senate Finance Committee on Foreign Trade Board bill; Peek's and H.A. Wallace's comments; agricultural surplus and foreign trade. World War II: Peek on National defense and preparedness; B.M. Baruch on New Deal administration and European war; Peek's proposals for defense and farm and trade policies; distribution and comments on memo. Council of National Defense, internationalists; effect of war on American labor; America First Committee.
- f. 1197-1218 1940 July. Political: W. Hirth in support of W. Willkie; comments on Willkie's nomination; Republican Party organization and campaign; Willkie-Peek conference; convention material; speeches; comments on H.A. Wallace's nomination for vice-president on Democratic ticket; Ohio's response to Willkie; J. O'Connor regarding Jacksonian

- Democrats support of Willkie; E.C. Smith-Willkie talks; comments on Democratic National Convention. World War II: American preparedness advocated; America First Committee, advisory commission to Council of National Defense; F.W. Murphy on Peek's American system.
- f. 1219-1263 1940 August-October. Political: Election of 1940; Peek on Republican platform; A.H. Vandenberg, W. Hirth, R.L. Buell, D.W. Turner, H. Carter, Hecht, C.C. Davis, and others discuss Willkie, platform, campaign tactics, and farm and foreign trade policies. S. Crowther on right-wing Republicans' inability to control party. Material on anti third-term strategy; disruption of Republican Party commented on by H. Carter, R. Moley, and R.O. Woodruff. Peek-McNary propose to publish pamphlet on agriculture as campaign propaganda.
- f. 1264-1292 1940 November-December. Election of 1940: Analysis of Republican defeat by Peek, R. Moley, H. Carter, R.O. Woodruff, C.R. Hope, and g. Saxon. Willkie's and Republican Party's future; farmers' role in campaign. America First: cooperation with Republican Party in noninvolvement literature; C.R. Hope and R. Wood on isolationism and election; organizational problems and finances; proposed platform and modification; speakership offered to Peek. Material on Peek's Economic Defense bill, its proposals and fate in Congress; supporters of measure.
- f. 1293-1304 1941 January-May. America First Committee. Committee asks Roosevelt to take stand on war; Peek's membership; west coast organization, policies, subscriptions; P.F. LaFollette on national activities; national convention; opposition of Friends of Democracy; R.O. Woodruff discusses American entry and foreign aid; increased activities and policy reorientation; speaking tours of Senators Wheeler, Clark, Nye, and others; C. Lindbergh becomes member; broadsides and other literature advocating nonintervention. Organized opposition to Lend-Lease Act; legislative manipulation for bill's passage.
- f. 1305-1324 1941 June-October. America First Committee. Organization of San Diego and other west coast locations; minutes of various chapter activities; defense of America First position; organization of Moline, Illinois, chapter; public opinion study of American involvement; R.O. Woodruff and W. Willkie on legislation for war; criticism of Roosevelt's defense speech, extension of draft bill and second lend-lease legislation; fund raising; Charles A. Lindbergh speeches; speakers' schedules; closing of San Diego chapter; members' testimony before Senate Foreign Relations Committee on Neutrality Act; material about American entry into war. Republican right-wingers plot for ouster of Willkie from Republican Party.
- f. 1325-1336 1941 November-1942 February 1942. America First Committee: J.L. Coulter's report on raw materials access; world markets and war; membership lists of California chapters; on war with Japan; on presidential and congressional action; change in platform to support

- war yet guard against political and economic infiltration; dissolution of organization; minutes of meetings in support of war entry; close-up operation material. Political: R.O. Woodruff discusses war preparedness and congressional action; organized Republican opposition to Roosevelt, his inconsistencies; R. Moley, R.O. Woodruff, C.W. Brooks, S. Crowther, and J.L. Coulter on opposition policies; Peek and others support C.W. Brooks, senator from Illinois; proposes campaign based on postwar isolationism, Americanism, and domestic defenses.
- f. 1337-1347 1942 March-April. Political: Break up of Republican opposition plans; C.W. Brooks' campaign plans, Peek's financial support; briefs on internationalism vs. Americanism; distribution and type of material in Brooks' campaign; attempts to reorganize Republican National Committee by C.W. Brooks, S. Crowther, W. McMillen, F. Gannett, R.O. Woodruff, J.W. Martin, W. Willkie, Peek, and A. Landon. Brooks linked to General MacArthur and Americanism; Republican tactics to oust Joseph Martin; Republican National Committee's failure to oust Martin, frame congressional steering committee, handle congressional elections; party financial statements; defeat of isolationists within party.
- f. 1348-1362 1942 May-June. Political: Postwar internationalism and Republican Party; R.A. Taft re 1942 congressional elections, Republican leadership, and finances; Peek deplors breakdown of two-party system; "Individualist" bulletins; material on congressional campaigns; list of "left-of-center" pressure groups; party split over internationalism issue; A.H. Vandenberg about Peek's Economic Defense bill, breaks with Peek over isolation; material from H. Jung, chairman of American Vigilant Intelligence Federation. Economic: J.L. Coulter on postwar economic planning and foreign trade; elimination of tariff protection for agriculture and industry; R.A. Taft on lend-lease legislation.
- f. 1363-1377 1942 July-September. Peek urges C.W. Brooks to assume isolationist position; failure of Republican leadership; S. Crowther urges F. Gannett to accept Republican Party chairmanship; feud between Dies Committee and Attorney General Biddle; congressional elections of 1942; R.O. Woodruff and others on Republican National Committee shake-up; Peek-C. McNary material about party. Peek's "Drive for World Order"; J.L. Coulter about Committee for Constitutional Government, criticism of Hull's address on foreign trade policy; criticism of Lend-Lease; material on postwar international government, communism, and leftist infiltration; Coulter's memo to National Association of Manufacturers on postwar planning.
- f. 1378-1397 1942 October-November. R.O. Woodruff's attack on administration; S. Crowther on F. Gannett, Republican problems of leadership, finances; congressional election of 1942; F. Gannett on Republican campaign and problems; Thomas Creigh on party; proposed school to educate Midwestern congress on isolation; election returns, analysis

- and advocacy of new party chairman and general national committee reorganization. Biographical sketches of suspected communists; isolation quiz booklet; list of communist members of Maritime Union; un-Americanism; economic problems in tariff and trade policies; Peek on executive power to deal with tariff and immigration.
- f. 1398-1410 1942 December-1943 January. Political: Controversy over Roosevelt's executive powers; congressional committee action on Third War Powers bill; testimony of F. Brenckman and others before committee. Republican Party reorganization; reintroduction of Peek's Economic Defense bill; T. Creigh's attack on internationalist Alexander Wiley. Postwar planning: E.B. Lindsay re postwar economy, gold standard reevaluation and American-English cooperation; J.L. Coulter on price parity; tariff and low wage problems; administrative perversion of trade agreements; effect of government contracts cancellation. American Institute of Judaism attacked for its international outlook; anti-Semitic literature.
- f. 1411-1422 1943 February-March. Political: Peek-H. Spangler material about Republican position on noninvolvement; S. Crowther on party reorganization and opposition to renewal of reciprocal trade agreements; E. Dirksen re internationalists; T. Creigh on Washington political situation, Republican Party, and international government movement; H. Stassen on Minnesota legislative troubles. Postwar planning: New York State Economic Council changes to National Economic Council, a conservative organization; "money and Our Economic Freedom"; extension of trade agreement material; Republican exposè of New Deal trade relations; Atlantic Charter, Humber Resolutions; proposals for possible cooperation between agriculture and industry to preserve private enterprise.
- f. 1423-1453 1943 April-July. Political: Plans for 1944 election; Republican organization and committee responsibility; Republican opposition to extension of trade agreement act; leadership reorganization. Postwar planning: National Economic Council on trade agreements, postwar economy; and monetary policy; membership, policies, meetings, calls for constitutional convention, and reorganization of committees. Material on extension of foreign trade agreements; J.L. Coulter's analysis of trade policies; criticism of C. Hull's new world order; C. Davis resignation; G.P. Nye's fight against internationalists; S. Crowther and T. Creigh about their smear books on New Deal—*Time to Inquire*.
- f. 1454-1467 1943 August-September. Political: 1944 election projection; party responsibility; Bricker and Peek regarding platform; Dewey selected for Republican nomination; S. Crowther's "Redeclaration of Independence;" Republican leadership problems; establishment of Republican Postwar Planning Committee, reports of meetings. Postwar planning: National Economic Council expansion in California, problems and internal disputes; call for a constitutional convention;

- international trade; American Vigilant Intelligence Committee about effect of foreign markets upon America; reactionary material; business views Congress; and Vandenberg on reversal of position.
- f. 1468-1481 1943 October-November. Political: Disruption within Republican Party over policies, F. Gannett, T. Dewey, W. Wilkie main participants; talk of MacArthur for Republican nomination; R.E. Wood on candidate. Postwar Planning: National Economic Council's statement of policy; fund raising; membership dinners; internationalists attacked; cooperation in development of war-torn countries; inflation; tariff. Peek and J.L. Coulter's pamphlet "Alien Influences in America." T. Creigh regarding internationalists, World peace organization; E. Dirksen on postwar planning; C.C. Davis about war contract cancellation; B.M. Baruch on changeover from war to peace.
- f. 1482-1500 1943 December-1947 December. Personal: Death of George N. Peek; sympathy notes and letters; details of death. Georgia Lindsey Peek resumes correspondence; S. Stroock proposes smear campaign of New Deal with Peek's files; biography of Peek urged by S. Crowther, G. Marshall, and S. Stroock. Death of Georgia L. Peek; state of book, miscellaneous. Some undated material regarding farm elevators; merchandizing; Farm board; agrarian mobilization; agrarian revolt; and education of Frank Edlin.

Subject Material Series

- f. 1501-1576 War Industries Board
- f. 1501-1526 Organization: W. Wilson to Baruch about chairmanship, duties of various sections; Peek's speech; list of members; priority; reorganization of clearance committee, government purchasing departments; E. Stettinius on government centralization; fuel consumption; resolutions of purpose. Problems: Classification of essential and nonessential industries; report of war industries in Great Lakes area covering working conditions, housing plant operations, and labor. Circulars "Message to Employers" and "War and Labor." Price Fixing: Nonferrous metals, rubber, chemicals, rags, quicksilver, and fertilizer; report on all commodities; "Comparison of Prices During the Civil War and World War I."
- f. 1527-1576 History: final reports of tobacco, cotton goods, insurance, vehicle, wood and implement products, electric wire and cable, knit goods, optical glass and instrument, chain, felt, hardware and hand tool, silk, machine tool, facilities, crane, brass, ammunitions, woolens, flax, linen and hide and leather goods sections. Price charts of essential items. Miscellaneous material: Plant distribution, maps and charts of raw materials; press releases.
- f. 1577-1595 Industrial Board, 1919

- f. 1577-1582 Dispute between Railroad Administration and Industrial Board over steel prices; plan for war to peace adjustment. Minutes of meetings: committee to insure industrial prosperity, confidence to people, publicity and price fixing; food situation, standard of living, surplus, James Bell and William Ritter active participants; iron and steel industry, members include E.H. Gary, H.S. Snyder, J.A. Farrell, B.F. Jones, J.A. Topping; and others; price stabilization, philosophy of industry toward government, price reductions, E.H. Gary's remarks in behalf of steel industry, heated debates.
- f. 1583-1595 Minutes of meetings: lumber industry, price reduction, costs, mill operations, resources; cement manufacturers; building and hardware industry; fuel and coal operators; box board industry; glass industry; vitrified sewer and pipe industry; sand and gravel industry; Railroad Administration on steel prices. Talks concern price stabilization, labor costs, raw materials, philosophy of business toward government, effect of war on industries, working conditions, and labor problems.
- f. 1596-1657 Agricultural Adjustment Act
- f. 1596-1616 March-November 1933. Memoranda and briefs: Chicago milk industry; constitutionality of act; Ohio Farm Bureau Federation and marketing agreements; beef cattle reduction program; farm relief; amendments to agricultural Marketing Act; Peek's "American Plan for Agriculture"; marketing agreements of meat and liquor industries; acreage reduction; stabilization of surplus corn; parity price lists; general employment code; meetings with Special Industrial Recovery Board on maximum and minimum wages and hours; National Industrial Recovery Act dispute with Agricultural Adjustment Act over blanket hours and wage agreements (H.S. Johnson-Peek); farm debts; objections to corn-hog programs; flue-cured tobacco; dispute over marketing agreements with legal office.
- f. 1617-1657 1933-1950. Progress reports: sectional reports from dairy, meat, cotton, wheat, and others. Included are reports of minutes of meetings, negotiations with suppliers of industries, and marketing agreements completed, in progress, or proposed. Photostatic copies of correspondence between Peek, H. Hopkins, R. Tugwell, and H.A. Wallace about sale, purchases, and investigations of surplus produce. Interdepartmental communications. Material on amendments to AAA; agriculture and foreign trade; Smith-Lever Act; farm conferences; articles by Peek.
- f. 1658-2026 Foreign Trade
- f. 1658 List of general contents in foreign trade files.
- f. 1658-1745 Memoranda and Reports
- f. 1658-1680 Peek's "Alien Influences in America"; amendments to tariff

- act of 1930; exchange control and cotton export; conditional vs. unconditional most-favored-nations policy; proposed Federal Board of Trade; credit of Turkey; monetary stabilization; Export-Import Bank of Washington; N. Olsen on national foreign trade policy; treaties with Brazil and Sweden; treaty concessions; L.B. Tribolet's "International Trade: Cotton"; digests of commodity statements from foreign trade; legal authority re foreign trade administration.
- f. 1681-1700 American-Russian trade; operation costs of export-Import Bank; exchange restrictions on Latin American countries; industrial overcapacity; balance report between American and general world trade; establishment, selection of members, and function of General Advisory Committee; Peek on free trade; Virgin Islands development; rye shortage and increased production demands; letters to Roosevelt on foreign trade; German-American cotton exchange; generalization of concessions; American Bankers Association on foreign trade financing.
- f. 1701-7131 German cotton exchange; exchange problems; unconditional trade agreements; J. Donaldson's "Economic Planning and Foreign Trade"; trade statistics; Brazilian discrimination against American trade; blocked exchange; trade projects in progress; Trade Agreements Act; bilateral vs. triangular trade; most-favored-nations agreements; barter transactions; Foreign trade Board bill; American securities overseas; trade with Germany; summaries of trade projects; U.S.-Canadian trade relation; *Bibliography on Reciprocal Trade*; Treadway-Knox trade policy controversy.
- f. 1732-1745 Peek on foreign trade, farm policy, and stabilization of currency; comparison of Democratic and Republican tariff and foreign trade platforms; J. Coulter and Peek's "Alien Influences in America"; A. Vandenberg's introduction of Foreign Trade Board bill; A.T. Treadway's minority report on extension of trade agreements; "Foreign Trade and World War II"; postwar economic planning; Peek's "The Question of Extending the Trade Agreements Act of 1943"; Economic Defense Act.
- f. 1746-1759 Minutes of Staff Meetings. Policy of export banks, loans, Johnson Act, question of barter vs. reciprocal trade, office and staff problems, publicity campaign, balance of international payments, proposed trade studies, trade controversies, credit insurance, trade agreements, trade legislation, agricultural surplus disposal, reports of subcommittees, conditions, exchange, usages and transportation of various commodities.
- f. 1760-1894 Confidential Reports. Brazilian trade study; J.H. Williams' "American Foreign Exchange Problems in Brazil, Argentina,

Chile and Uruguay”; American-Haitian economic relations; American economic relations with Colombia, Turkey, Belgium, Sweden, Spain, Switzerland, the Netherlands, Canada, and Germany. Foreign trade program; Peek’s “American Agriculture and Foreign Trade;” Charles E. Stuart’s “Report on European Economic Conditions;” foreign restrictions and agreements affecting American commerce.

f. 1895-1973

Telephone Conversations

f. 1895-1900

1934 January-June 8. Peek on agricultural surplus; Wilson and Company trade in Germany; German-American lard exchange; Cuban-American silver trade; Export-Import Bank problems; controversy over Alvin Hansen’s appointment; J.F. Byrnes and M. McIntyre on trade policies; American-Russian trade; C. Hull on trade reports; F.D. Roosevelt on policy; debt question; H. Morgenthau, M. Gillen, B. Baruch, O. Weber, and H. Cummings about Peek’s first report to Roosevelt; B. Phillips and C.C. Davis on German-American trade; industry on farm parity.

f. 1901-1911

1934 June 9-July. Peek’s ideas on protective trade; barter trade; F. Sayre, H. Morgenthau, and L. Douglas on trade policies; Baruch on exchange control; L. Talley on discrimination in trade; increasing foreign trade banks; W. Phillips on American-Russian trade; H.S. Johnson on Russia; Executive Committee on commercial policy reorganization. Sayre-Peek relationship. R.W. Moore on reciprocal tariff; C. Hull about German-American trade; Peek-O. Weber on trade proposals; M. McIntyre about extension of Second Export-Import Bank; J. Mooney re American-Russian trade negotiations. R.W. Moore re exchange and barter.

f. 1912-1928

1934 August-November. C. Hull and M. McIntyre about trade progress, NRA legislation; C.C. Davis and O. Weber on Canadian trade agreement; proposed capital movement study; German-American trade; barter; self-containment; English-American trade; H. Hopkins on surplus; C.C. Davis and O. Weber about tobacco trade and establishment of trade financing; H.A. Wallace and G. McHugh about American-Russian trade; E. O’Neal on exchange control; Philippine Islands trade legislation; barter vs. most-favored-nations agreements; O. Weber and B.M. Baruch on legislative showdown on German-American trade failure; Brazilian trade agreements.

f. 1929-1939

1934 December-1935 February 19. Surplus disposal; grain importation; German-American cotton trade; J.H. Bankhead pushes cotton trade; State Department blamed for trade failure; C. Hull opposes German-American trade; C.C. Davis and M. McIntyre comment on failure; J. Jones and Talley

- discuss English-American trade; exchange control; American-Japanese cotton trade proposal; extension of Export-Import Bank; AAA marketing acts vs. equalization fee policies; Brazilian exchange restrictions; congressional opposition to most-favored-nations clause; W. Phillips and I. Greenway on cotton trade.
- f. 1940-1946 1935 February 20-April 11 H.B. Coffee about prairie state interest in agricultural consumption and foreign trade; C.C. Davis on selling of Maizwood interests; I. Greenway, P. Murray, and others discuss their self-appointed congressional committee favoring Peek's trade policies; AAA hearings on legality of processing tax; H. Wallace, F. Sayre, W. Phillips, and H.B. Coffee discuss English-American trade, agricultural hearings; formation of a agrarian Republican bloc in Congress; A. Mullen about talk with Roosevelt on foreign trade; H.B. Coffee about AAA amendments and pending agricultural bills.
- f. 1947-1960 1935 April 12-November. C.C. Davis and S.B. Pettengill on agricultural legislation; German-American trade; O. Weber securities and foreign investment report to Roosevelt; H. Morgenthau reaction to foreign investment report; I. Greenway and K. Pittman on Republican position on report; unconstitutionality of NRA; H.B. Coffee, I. Greenway, and K. Pittman comment on Peek's Foreign Trade Board bill; W. Dietrich and I. Greenway discuss House Agricultural Committee hearings; AAA amendments; J.H. Lewis to introduce Foreign Trade Board bill; R. Moley and B.M. Baruch on American-Canadian trade agreement; production restriction.
- f. 1961-1973 Foreign Trade and Farm Legislation, 1936. Peek's letter of resignation; B.M. Baruch on full agricultural production; farm leaders conference; W. McAdoo on American neutrality; Bankhead-Jones bill; production control vs. soil conservation; H.B. Coffee on Republican opposition to AAA amendments; M. Jones, P. Harrison, F.D. Culkin, J.D. Lewis, and I. Greenway about production restriction; Republican farm plank for election; publication and serialization of Peek's book *Why Quit Our Own*.
- f. 1974-2026 1934-1936. Daily Reports. Lists of telephone calls, synopses of conversations, and meetings attended. List of callers includes both export-import men and political figures.
- f. 2027-2071 America First Committee
- f. 2027-2060 Addresses by A.J. Carlson, C.A. Lindbergh, R. Nye, F. Beckman, R.E. Wood, Peek, S. Morton, and others. Newsletters and magazines. *Chapter Chatter*; *Did You Know*, No. 5-7,9-12,23B,25,28; *Washington Newsletter*, No. 1-6,8,9,11-14,16;

- America First*, Vol. 3, No. 5,8. Press releases: J.T. McCutcheon cartoons; New York State Chamber of Commerce on immigration; miscellaneous. Bulletins from various local chapters, including Kansas City, Missouri.
- f. 2061-2071 Data on principles and policies to be followed. Minutes of meetings of various chapters, financial sheets, state chapter membership lists, time and place for specific radio addresses.

Speeches Series

- f. 2072 List of major speeches by Peek.
- f. 2073-2089 Undated. F. Knox's address to Indiana State Republican Rally; Charles F. Collison, "The Great Comeback of Agriculture;" H.A. Wallace, "Thomas Jefferson, Farmer, Educator and Democrat;" William R. Castle on foreign trade; William Lemke, "The President's Mistake;" John Donaldson, "Economic Planning;" testimony before Senate Agricultural Committee; and election material.
- f. 2090-2116 1914 January-1934 May. W. Wilson, "The War Message and Facts Behind It;"; M.L. Requa, "Peace--Not the End but the Beginning;"; E.H. Gary, "Steel Prices;"; B.M. Baruch, "Post-War World;"; Peek, A. Smith, and others' 1928 campaign speeches; F.O. Lowden on agriculture; Peek, "Agriculture and the Election" [1932]; M. Jones, "Emergency Farm Relief;" Peek, "AAA Acceptance Speech," "Cotton Adjustment Program," "Parity," "An End to Hunger," "Recovery from the Ground Up;" H.A. Wallace, "The Dairy Dilemma;" R.G. Tugwell, "Return to Democracy;" H.A. Wallace, "America Must Choose."
- f. 2117-2132 1934 June-1935 March. Peek, "Foreign Trade and Yankee Trading;" H.A. Wallace, "Reopening of Foreign Markets for Agricultural Products," "Agricultural Situations," "Farm Tenancy;" C.C. Davis, "AAA--Inventory and Outlook," "Some Facts About Agricultural Exports;" R. Tugwell, "New Deal Farm Program;" Peek, "Foreign Trade Credit," "Foreign Trade and Agriculture;" C. Hull, "Agriculture and Foreign Trade," "Foreign Trade Lobbying." "Reciprocal Trade Agreements and Recovery Program;" D.R. Richberg, "National Emergency Council."
- f. 2133-2155 1935 April-December. H.A. Wallace, "Cotton Program," "Confusion, Choice, and Unified Action," "Processing Tax," "Canadian Trade Agreements Effect of Farmers," "Farmers and the Export Market;" C.C. Davis, "Cotton and Its Problems," "Defending Democracy," "World Peace and Agriculture," "Credits and Debits of the Cotton Program;" C. Hull, "Foreign Commercial Policy of the United States," "Restoration of International Trade," "Port Cities in Our International Relations;" F.B. Sayre, "America's Way to Export Markets," "Cost of Economic Nationalism," "Most-Favored-Nations vs. Preferential Bargaining," "Increased Exports." C.T. Murchison, M. Ezekiel, L.J. Dickinson, and R. Moley speeches are also included.

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- f. 2889-2894 Peek's election activities in 1940. Exhibits numbered 1-23, showing speeches, conferences, letters, and meetings in 1941 and 1942.
- f. 2895-2948 Conference between the president and secretary of labor and governors and mayors, March 3, 1919. Conference concerned the post-World War I demobilization and industrial problems. Emphasis on labor, production, industrial rebuilding, retooling, employment, wages,

- unions, contract negotiations, transportation, city and state problems, and cooperation between industry and government. Speakers: N.D. Baker, W. Wilson, J. Daniels, various other cabinet members, governors, and mayors.
- f. 2949-3019 Material on serialization of Peek and S. Crowther's book *Why Quit Our Own* in *Saturday Evening Post*. Index, cross index, and rough drafts and corrections for chapters 1-17 of book. Some memoranda between Crowther and Peek on position to be taken, publication, and copyright.
- f. 3020-3024 Material about Georgia L. Peek's article "Early New Deal." Article speaks of Washington scene, political battles, choosing of cabinet, Roosevelt's inauguration, closing of banks, hearings before Senate Finance Committee, appointments, Roosevelt's agricultural policy conference, 4th of July party with Roosevelts at Hyde Park, list of books read by the Peeks, Washington social and club life, and impressions of congressmen.
- f. 3025 Georgia L. Peek Diary, January 1927-March 1928. Contents: Pershing recalls frontier army days; description of Noland School; luncheon with B.M. Baruch; McNary-Haugen fight; Curtis-Crisp bill; view of Coolidge's administration; industry vs. agriculture; description of fashions and dress in 1920s; remarks on galleries of Congress; prices of consumer goods; Pershing on farm bills and League of Nations; G.N. Peek's remarks re passage of McNary-Haugen bill; and G.L. Peek's resolution on Coolidge's veto.
- f. 3026-3031 George N. Peek Diary, November 26, 1932-September 27, 1933. Typescript copy. The evolution, passage, and enactment of the New Deal Agricultural Adjustment Act. Depicts the ideological, political, and personal battles over agricultural legislation; Tugwell-Ezekiel position; H.S. Johnson-Peek controversy over constitutionality of processing tax; and Wallace-Peek disagreements. Personalities: H.A. Wallace, F.D. Roosevelt, F.P. Lee, E. Smith, H. Rainey, M.L. Wilson, L. Howe, B.M. Baruch, C. McNary, H. Morgenthau, H.S. Johnson, and H. Hopkins.
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- f. 3035-3056 Max Rabinoff Letters, 1908-1933. Photostatic copies of letters and documents about his services for Kimball Company, Philharmonic Orchestra of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, organization of Russian Import-Export Company, economic advisor to Georgia, Estonia, and Azerbaidjan Republic. Purchase of opera house in Chicago, letters in support of opera for Chicago; formation of Boston National Grand Opera. Formation of Ukrainian National Chorus, appearances and comments on performance. Founding of American Institute of

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- f. 3081 1919. Songbook from a dinner in honor of Enoch H. Crowder; "Should Government Continue to Control Industry After the War?"; Peek's article "History of the Industrial Board of the Department of Commerce;" and War Service bulletin regarding the Industrial Board.
- f. 3082-3083 1920-1922. Material relating to agriculture, including Peek's articles "Financial Priority for Farmers" and "Better Methods of Financing the Implement Industry." Also includes "Stabilization of Prices of Farm Products," by William H. Lyon; "What the Farmers Want: Expression of the National Conference on Agriculture at Washington in a Nutshell;" "Equality for Agriculture;" and the Moline Plan, which would place farm implements on the farm at a material savings to the farmer.
- f. 3084-3087 1924-1927. Material on agriculture and the McNary-Haugen Bill: New Moline Plow Company; "The McNary-Haugen Bill;" William Hirth, "Agriculture Is Dying;" and Report on the Agriculture Situation by the Special Committee of the Association of Land Grant Colleges and Universities." Articles by Peek: "An Answer to Rep. Sydney Anderson Regarding the McNary-Haugen Bill" and "The Agriculture Problem of the Export Surplus."
- f. 3088 1928. Material relating to the 1928 presidential campaign and Alfred E. Smith's stand on agricultural problems. Many of the pamphlets are from the Smith Independent Organizations Committee: "Governor Smith Goes All the Way On Farm Relief" and "Equality for Agricultural Leagues."
- f. 3089-3091 1929-1931. Items relating to agriculture and the depression. Brochures from the National Economic League: "Causes of the Present Economic Depression." Pamphlets dealing with the depression in Britain and advertisements for *The Protocols of the Learned Elders of Zion*.
- f. 3092 1932. Material relating to the 1932 presidential campaign, including

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- f. 3093-3095 1933-1934. Material on the New Deal and agricultural recovery. Peek articles: "The First Four Months Under the Farm Act," "Recovery From the Grass Roots," and "America Must Choose." Anti-Semitic and right-wing pamphlets. Federal Housing Administration pamphlet "How to Have the Home You Want."
- f. 3096-3107 1935-1936. Items concerning agriculture and foreign trade: "Agriculture's Interest in America's World Trade," "Does Foreign Commerce Hurt the American Farmer?" and "Foreign Trade and the Domestic Market." Right-wing literature: Martin Dies, "America For Americans" and "The Alien Menace to America." Scattered issues of the Democratic National Committee Women's Division's *Democratic Digest* and *State Government*. Peek articles: "How to Sell Cotton," "America's Choice," "In and Out: The Experiences of the First AAA Administrator," "As I See the Farm Program," "Farm Independence and American Freedom," and "National Objectives for Agriculture and Foreign Trade." Material relating to the 1936 presidential campaign.
- f. 3108-3110 1937-1939. Agricultural material: "Foreign Agriculture: A Review of Foreign Farm Policy, Production, and Trade" and "Party Prices and Parity Tariff." Peek article "What Is Happening to Agriculture: Stern Facts Farmers Must Fact."
- f. 3111-3118 1940-1942. Material pertaining to the 1940 presidential campaign, mostly pro-Willkie and anti-Roosevelt. Scattered issues of *The Individualist*. Peek article "Keeping the Record Straight." War-related items include "Our Foreign Trade In Relation To the War," "Looking Toward the Peace," and "The Declaration of the Federation of the World."
- f. 3119-3124 1943-1945, n.d. War and agriculture related material. Peek articles include "Memorandum on American Policy," "Alien Influences In America," and "Wanted: A Banker." Advertisements for *The Protocols of the Learned Elders of Zion*.

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