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Marjorie Lamb/ Alert Service fonds

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Summary information

Repository:	University of St. Michael's College, John M. Kelly Library, Special Collections
Title:	Marjorie Lamb/ Alert Service fonds
ID:	F3
Accession number [alternative]:	2008 01
Date:	1931 - 1968 (date of creation)
Physical description:	Approx. 10 m textual records and graphic material
Dates of creation, revision and deletion:	Revised by S Rogers, 25 September 2019.
Note [generalNote]:	The research and reference files of the Alert Service fonds encompass the majority of the documents housed at the Kelly library. A smaller number of records including correspondence, political publications and ephemera, financial records and notebooks are also represented in the fonds. A portion of Father Raftis' papers are also kept with the fonds, and may pertain to the Marjorie Lamb files.

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Marjorie Lamb (1907-1989) was born 17 October 1907 in London, Ontario, the only daughter of Col. Henry J. Lamb and Agnes Bermingham. The family settled in Toronto where Henry worked as an engineer for the federal government. The Lambs were a prominent family. Henry J. Lamb was a member of and president of the Professional Engineers Ontario. He was a parishioner at St. Basil's Church. Marjorie Lamb was educated at Harvegal College, the Lycee in France and at the Sorbonne. She was recognized as a public figure and appeared in The Toronto Star society and news columns throughout her adult life. Following the publication of her co-authored biography The Boyd Gang in 1957, she was primarily known for her authorship of that work. Her publication of the Alert Service newsletter began around the same time. Between 1955 and 1967 she assembled an extensive documentation of the activities of known and suspected communists both in Canada and abroad. The Alert Service was closely affiliated with the Catholic Women's League, of which Lamb was also a member. Marjorie Lamb died 11 November 1989.

Scope and content

The Marjorie Lamb/ Alert Service fonds is primarily comprised of the research and publishing files of Marjorie Lamb in her capacity as a public speaker and the author of the Alert Service newsletter. The newsletter, which she published in the 1950s and 1960s sought to expose and counteract Communist activities in Canada. Her files extensively document the labour movement, Cold War political issues at the municipal, provincial and federal levels, and radical social movements in Toronto and across Canada. Implicit throughout the records are the issues of domestic espionage and propaganda.

Notes

Title notes

Immediate source of acquisition

The Marjorie Lamb Collection was donated to the Kelly Library in 2001 by her estate executor Father J. Ambrose Raftis.

Arrangement

The files are partially described and as such have not yet been arranged in fixed series.

Restrictions on access

Materials are still being processed but may be made available to researchers by request.

Related material

Additional correspondence relating to Marjorie Lamb may be found in the Archbishop James C. Cardinal McGuigan fonds (MG AA – MG TA) of the Archives of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Toronto: <https://www.archtoronto.org/archives/Pages/default.aspx>

Accruals

No further accruals expected.

Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published

Access points

- Lamb, Marjorie (subject)
- Clarke, Phyllis (subject)
- Murray, Gladstone (subject)
- Textual records (documentary form)
- Photographs and art (documentary form)

Series descriptions

Series F3-1: Alert Service reference files

Date: 1931-1967 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

The series for reference files is primarily comprised of newspaper clippings, often extensively annotated and includes some reports and notes on particular events and publications.

Physical description: approx. 7 m of textual records

Arrangement:

The files are arranged by subject headings in the original order in which they were uncovered. No attempt has been made to reconstruct their original working order, though several systems of annotation may operate as a guide to how they were ordered and used. Researchers may want to refer to the secondary titles of the files to reconstruct these previous arrangement notes.

Publication status:

Published

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
F3-1-1 Box 1, File 1 Marjorie Lamb/ Cabinet 1 Drawer 1, No. 1/ ID1 Folder #1-- LP XI/ "L"	File - East/ West Exchange - Sport	1957-1967		
F3-1-2 Box 1, File 2 Marjorie Lamb/ Cabinet 1 Drawer 1, No. 1/ ID1 Folder #1-- LP XI/ file no. 2/ M/ prior clippings in E/W	File - East/ West Trade - China	1957-1967		

Trade file #1, Rose Dr. I	
F3-1-3 Box 1, File 3 Marjorie Lamb/ Cabinet 1 Drawer 1, No. 1/ ID1 Folder #1--LP XI/ K	File - East/ West Exchange - Students 1960-1967
F3-1-4 Box 1, File 4 Marjorie Lamb/ Cabinet 1 Drawer 1, No. 1/ ID1 Folder #1--LP XI/ O	File - East/ West Trade - Cuba 1964-1966
F3-1-5 Box 1, File 5 Marjorie Lamb/ Cabinet 1 Drawer 1, No. 1/ ID1 Folder #1--LP XI/ File no. 2 From Jan/64-File #1 1950-63/ "O"/ (Rose-Dr. I)	File - East/ West Exchange - Trade (Soviet) 1964-1967
F3-1-6 Box 1, File 6 Marjorie Lamb/ Cabinet 1 Drawer 1, No. 1/ ID1 Folder #2--LP XI	File - East/ West Exchange - Soviet Press 1964-1966
F3-1-7 Marjorie Lamb/ Cabinet 1 Drawer 1, No. 1/ ID1 Folder #2--LP XII/ "A"	File - Tactics - Anti [Communist] Press Series 1948-1967
F3-1-8 Box 1, File 8 Marjorie Lamb/ Cabinet 1 Drawer 1, No. 1/ ID1 Folder #3--LP XII/ B/ (Also see LP IX P&P Radio & Television)	File - Tactics - Broadcasting 1958-1966
F3-1-9 Box 1, File 9 Marjorie Lamb/ Cabinet 1 Drawer 1, No. 1/ ID1 Folder #3--LP XII/ "C"/ File #1 1938-52 (Rose Dr. I)/ File #2 1953-63 (Rose Dr. I)	File - Tactics - General File #3 [part one] 1957-1967
F3-1-10 Box 1, File 10 Marjorie Lamb/ Cabinet 1 Drawer 1, No. 1/ ID1 Folder #4--LP XII/ "C"/ File #1 1938-52 (Rose Dr. I)/ File #2 1953-63 (Rose Dr. I)	File - Tactics - General File #3 [part two] 1964-1965
F3-1-11 Box 1, File 11 Marjorie Lamb/ Cabinet 1 Drawer 1, No. 2/ ID2 Folder #1--	File - Anti-LP Tactics General File #2 1964-1967

LP XII/ "D"/ File #1 1948-63 (Rose Dr. I)		
F3-1-12 Box 1, File 12 Marjorie Lamb/ Cabinet 1 Drawer 1, No. 2/ ID2 Folder #1-- LP XII/ E	File - Tactics - Campaigns [part one]	1958-1967
F3-1-13 Box 1, File 13 Marjorie Lamb/ Cabinet 1 Drawer 1, No. 2/ ID2 Folder #2-- LP XII/ E	File - Tactics - Campaigns [part two]	1963-1967
F3-1-14 Box 2, File 1 Marjorie Lamb/ Cabinet 1 Drawer 1, No. 2/ ID2 Folder #3-- LP XII/ "F"	File - Tactics - Campaigns, Anti-Anti [Communist] Campaign	1953-1967
F3-1-15 Box 2, File 2 Marjorie Lamb/ Cabinet 1 Drawer 1, No. 2/ ID2 Folder #4-- LP XII/ "G"/ From 1965/ Also see File #1 1948-62/ File # 1963-64 [JV SCB II?]/ Also see LP Peace Campaign Sub. File A Coordinating Committee - Vietnam/ Also see LP Peace Campaign Sub. File B Vietnam & Dis. Committees - Orgs File for TCND & Toronto Peace Centre	File - Tactics - Campaigns, Peace Campaign	1965-1967
F3-1-16 Box 2, File 3 Marjorie Lamb/ Cabinet 1 Drawer 1, No. 2/ ID2 Folder #5-- LP XII/ "H"/ Also Students Protest & Anti-protest	File - Tactics - Campaigns, Peace Campaign Sub. File #B - Vietnam	1965-1967
F3-1-17 Box 2, File 4 Marjorie Lamb/ Cabinet 1 Drawer 1, No. 2/ ID2 Folder #6-- LP XII/ "I" Campaigns	File - Tactics - Anti-Peace campaign	1963-1967
F3-1-18 Box 2, File 5 Marjorie Lamb/ Cabinet 1, Drawer 1, No. 2/ ID2 Folder #6-- LP XII/ "J"	File - Tactics - L.P. Camps	1954-1967
F3-1-19 Box 2, File 6 Marjorie Lamb/ Cabinet 1, Drawer 1,	File - Tactics - Cartoons	1961-1967

No. 3/ ID3 Folder #1-- LP XII/ "K"		
F3-1-20 Box 2, File 7 Marjorie Lamb/ Cabinet 1, Drawer 1, No. 3/ ID3 Folder #1-- LP XII/ "L"/ shotgun marriage-Bulletins & Memos issued & clippings	File - Tactics - C.C.F. [Co-operative Commonwealth Federation]	1948-1962
F3-1-21 Box 2, File 8 Marjorie Lamb/ Cabinet 1, Drawer 1, No. 3/ ID3 Folder #1-- LP XII/ "M"	File - Tactics - China	1959-1967
F3-1-22 Box 2, File 9 Marjorie Lamb/ Cabinet 1, Drawer 1, No. 3/ ID3 Folder #2-- LP XII/ "N"	File - Tactics - [Communist] Tactics Into Canada	1965-1967
F3-1-23 Box 2, File 10 Marjorie Lamb/ Cabinet 1, Drawer 1, No. 3/ ID3 Folder #2-- LP XII/ "O"	File - Tactics - Cuba	1960-1967
F3-1-24 Box 2, File 11 Marjorie Lamb/ Cabinet 1, Drawer 1, No. 3/ ID3 Folder #3-- LP XII/ "P" /1965-	File - Tactics - Culture A, File #2	1965-1967
F3-1-25 Box 3, File 1 Marjorie Lamb/ Cabinet 1, Drawer 1, No. 3/ ID3 Folder #3-- LP XII	File - Tactics - Culture B (Folk Lore including Coffee Houses)	1958-1967
F3-1-26 Box 3, File 2 Marjorie Lamb/ Cabinet 1, Drawer 1, No. 3/ ID3 Folder #4-- LP XII/ "Q"	File - Tactics - Doukhobor	1955-1966
F3-1-27 Box 3, File 3 Marjorie Lamb/ Cabinet 1, Drawer 1, No. 3/ ID3 Folder #4-- LP XII/ "R"	File - Tactics - Economic	1954-1967
F3-1-28 Box 3, File 4 Marjorie Lamb/ Cabinet 1, Drawer 1, No. 3/ ID3 Folder #4-- LP XII/ "S"/ (Also see Tactics - Youth)/ was labelled Educational Institutions	File - Tactics - Education	1958-1967
F3-1-29 Box 3, File 5 Marjorie Lamb/ Cabinet 1, Drawer 1,	File - Tactics - Farmers	1954-1967

No. 3/ ID3 Folder #5-- LP XII		
F3-1-30 Box 3, File 6 Marjorie Lamb/ Cabinet 1, Drawer 1, No. 3/ ID3 Folder #5-- LP XII/ "U"	File - Tactics - Guerilla Warfare	1963-1967
F3-1-31 Box 3, File 7 Marjorie Lamb/ Cabinet 1, Drawer 1, No. 3/ ID3 Folder #5-- LP XII/ "V"/ (formerly Br. Guiana)	File - Tactics - Guyana	1961-1966
F3-1-32 Box 3, File 8 Marjorie Lamb/ Cabinet 1, Drawer 1, No. 3/ ID3 Folder #5-- LP XII/ (Also see Party History)	File - Tactics - History	1961-1967
F3-1-33 Box 3, File 9 Marjorie Lamb/ Cabinet 1, Drawer 1, No. 3/ ID3 Folder #5-- LP XII/ "W"	File - Tactics - Jews	1955-1967
F3-1-34 Box 3, File 10 Marjorie Lamb/ Cabinet 1, Drawer 1, No. 4/ ID4 Folder #2-- LP XII/ "X"/ [see also ref.] File #I 1948-1965 Rose Dr. I	File - Tactics - Labour File #II [part one]	1966-1967
F3-1-35 Box 3, File 11 Marjorie Lamb/ Cabinet 1, Drawer 1, No. 4/ ID4 Folder #3-- LP XII/ "X"/ [see also ref.] File #I 1948-1965 Rose Dr. I	File - Tactics - Labour File #II [part two]	1966
F3-1-36 Box 3, File 12 Marjorie Lamb/ Cabinet 1, Drawer 1, No. 4/ ID4 Folder #4-- LP XII	File - Tactics - Latin America	1961-1967
F3-1-37 Box 3, File 13 Marjorie Lamb/ Cabinet 1, Drawer 1, No. 4/ ID4 Folder #4-- LP XII	File - Tactics - Maritimes	1964-1967
F3-1-38 Box 3, File 14 Marjorie Lamb/ Cabinet 1, Drawer 1, No. 4/ ID4 Folder #4-- LP XII/ "Z-1"	File - Tactics - Nazis	1961-1966
F3-1-39 Box 3, File 15 Marjorie Lamb/ Cabinet 1, Drawer 1,	File - Tactics - Negroes	1963-1966

No. 4/ ID4 Folder #4-- LP XII/ "Z-2"		
F3-1-40 Box 3, File 16 Marjorie Lamb/ Cabinet 1, Drawer 1, No. 4/ ID4 Folder #4-- LP XII/ "1-A"	File - Tactics - Minority Group	1958-1963
F3-1-41 Box 3, File 17 Marjorie Lamb/ Cabinet 1, Drawer 1, No. 4/ ID4 Folder #4-- LP XII/ "1-A"	File - Tactics - New Canadians	1955-1967
F3-1-42 Box 4, File 1 Marjorie Lamb/ Cabinet 1, Drawer 1, No. 4/ ID4 Folder #5-- LP XII/ "1-C"	File - Tactics - New Canadians Anti- Communist Activities	1959-1966
F3-1-43 Box 4, File 2 Marjorie Lamb/ Cabinet 1, Drawer 1, No. 4/ ID4 Folder #5-- LP XII/ "1/D"	File - Tactics - Indians	1964-1967
F3-1-44 Box 4, File 3 Marjorie Lamb/ Cabinet 1, Drawer 1, No. 4/ ID4 Folder #5-- LP XII/ (also see LP Tactics -CCF)/ (also see LP Gen. NDP)	File - Tactics - N.D.P.	1966-1967

Series F3-2: Alert Service publications and drafts

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Draft

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Series F3-3: Collected publications and ephemera

Publication status:

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Series F3-4: Correspondence and personal effects

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