Papers of
Richard V. Gilbert
1939-1948

Accession Number: 82-02

Donor: The papers were donated to the Library by Dr. Richard V. Gilbert

Copyright: Mr. Gilbert's copyright interests in these papers have been donated to the United States Government.

Quantity: 8 linear feet

Restrictions: None

Richard Vincent Gilbert was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on September 6, 1902 and educated at Harvard University where he received his Ph.D. degree in 1931.

As a member of the Harvard faculty from 1924 to 1939, Gilbert taught courses in economic history and money and banking and participated in the Fiscal Policy Seminar at Littauer School of Public Administration, 1937-39. He also taught courses in money and banking at Radcliffe College and international trade and finance at the Fletcher School of International Law and Diplomacy from 1934 to 1939.

In 1939 and 1940, Gilbert was the Director of the Division of Industrial Economics and Economic Advisor to the Secretary of Commerce. He then became Director of the Defense Economics Section of the Office of Price Administration and Civilian Supply (formerly the Price Stabilization Division of the Advisory Commission to the Council of National Defense), Economic Advisor to the Administration, and, from 1941 to 1946, Director of Research for the Office of Price Administration. He was a consulting economist from 1946 to 1949 and then joined Schenley Industries, Inc. as an Assistant to the Chairman of the Board. He later became a Vice President of the company.

Dr. Gilbert is the author of numerous articles and, with others, wrote a book entitled An Economic Program for American Democracy, which was published in 1938.

The papers of Richard V. Gilbert cover the period 1939 to 1948, during most of which he was a Federal Government employee. With few exceptions, the papers consist of official correspondence, memoranda, speech drafts, reports, and printed matter. Since Gilbert and his associates collaborated on the numerous reports and speech drafts written for the use of their agency and others, the authorship of certain items is unclear. For this reason, reports and speech drafts are generally filed with the records of the agency for which Gilbert was working at the time. The papers have been arranged in a single alphabetical series.

* Died in October 1985. *
### Container 1

- **A General**
  - Advisory Commission to the Council of National Defense, 1939-1941
  - Agriculture, Department of 1939-1943
  - Aircraft Stabilization Conference 1942

### Container 2

- **American Forum of the Air** 1943
- **American Statistical Association** 1947-1948
- **Americans for Democratic Action (ADA): May (1947)**
  - Report and Related Material
  - ADA: May-July 1947
  - ADA: Suggested Attlee Cable 1947
  - ADA: August-November 1947

### Container 3

- **ADA: December 1947**
- **ADA: Joint Committee on Economics Report 1947-1948**
- **ADA: Proposed Anti-Inflation Measures 1948**
- **ADA World and Congressional Scorecard**
- **ADA: Related Correspondence: A - H**
- **ADA: Related Correspondence: I - Z**
- **ADA: (Miscellaneous Reports, Drafts, etc.)** (2 folders)

### Container 4

- **B General**
  - Bassie, V. Lewis 1939-1940

### Container 5

- **C General**
  - Capital Goods Industries
  - Colm, Gerhard 1937, September 1939-April 1940
  - Colm, Gerhard May 1940-1941 and Undated
  - Commerce Department: 1937-August 1939
  - Commerce Department: September 1939

### Container 5

- **Commerce Department:**
  - October 1939
  - November 1939
  - December 1939 and 1939 Miscellaneous
  - May-July 1940
  - August 1940-1942
  - Low-Cost Housing Program 1938-1941
  - Speeches and Radio Scripts 1939-1940
  - Shipping Date 1940-1942
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Container</th>
<th>Contents</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>
| 6         | Commerce Department: Miscellaneous and Undated  
            (2 folders)  
            Commodity Studies 1939  
            Conference of Business Analysis 1939-1940  
            Crawford, W. Sidney 1939-1940  
            Currie, Lauchlin 1939-1944  
            D General  
            Daily Index Numbers  
            Defense Production |
| 7         | Democratic Party  
            Denton, R. Harold 1939  
            E General  
            Employment Estimates, June 25, 1941, The Effect  
            of the Defense Program on Unemployment  
            Escalator Clause  
            Exports  
            Ezekiel, Mordecai 1940-1941  
            Ezekiel, Mordecai 1942-1945  
            F General  
            Friedman, Elisha 1942  
            G General |
| 8         | Gotesky, Rubin 1942  
            H General  
            Hansen, Alvin 1939-1946  
            Harris, Seymour E. 1940-1942  
            Harris, Seymour E. 1943-1946  
            Hellman, Richard 1936 and Undated  
            Hoskins, Halford L. 1939-1940  
            Humphrey, Don D. 1939-1941  
            Hynning, Clifford c.1940-1941 |
| 9         | I General  
            Impact of the European War on American Business 1939  
            Increased Freight Rates: Ex Parte No. 166 1947  
            Independent Motion Picture Distributors, Society  
            of 1947  
            Industrial Mobilization  
            Interior Department  
            J General |
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Container</th>
<th>Contents</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>
| 10        | Johnson, G. Griffith, Jr. 1939-1941  
            | K General  
            | Kreps, Ted 1940 and Undated  
            | L General  
            | Mc General  
            | M General  
            | M-Day Plans  
            | Mason, Edward S. 1939-1942  
            | Memorandum on the Motion Picture Industry  
            | Minimum Wage  
            | Miscellaneous Government Reports |
| 11        | N General  
            | Nathan, R.R.: Reports 1940-1941  
            | National Health Program  
            | National Waste Company (2 folders)  
            | Newcomb, Robinson 1941  
            | O General  
            | Office of Price Administration 1940  
            | Office of Price Administration January-June 1941  
            | Office of Price Administration July-October 1941 |
| 12        | Office of Price Administration November-December 1941  
            | Office of Price Administration January-March 1942  
            | Office of Price Administration April-June 1942  
            | Office of Price Administration July-August 1942  
            | Office of Price Administration September-October 1942  
            | Office of Price Administration November-December 1942  
            | Office of Price Administration January-February 1943 |
| 13        | Office of Price Administration March-April 1943  
            | Office of Price Administration May-July 1943  
            | Office of Price Administration August-October 1943  
            | Office of Price Administration November-December 1943  
            | Office of Price Administration January-April 1944  
            | Office of Price Administration May-June 1944  
            | Office of Price Administration July-August 1944 |
| 14        | Office of Price Administration September 1944  
            | Office of Price Administration October-December 1944  
            | Office of Price Administration January-August 1945 |
Container 14 (cont'd)

Contents
Office of Price Administration September-December 1945
Office of Price Administration 1946
Office of Price Administration Miscellaneous and Undated
Office of Production Management

P General
Palestine

Paradiso, Louis J. 1942
Perlo, Victor 1939-1941 (2 folders)
Photographs
Post-War Employment and Economic Planning
Press Intelligence Bulletins, Press Releases, and Clippings
Price Policy
Printed Matter

Printed Matter
Rabinovitz, Sidney 1943-1944
Railroads: Classification of Investment in Road and Equipment of Steam Roads by Interstate Commerce Commission, 1943
Railroads: Summary of 1920-1941 Statistics of Class I Railways
Railway Statistics c.1929-1946
Record of War Plane Deliveries
Reference Material
Riley, Roderick H. 1939-1940

S General
Salant, Walter S. 1939-1941
Salant, Walter S.: Tax Bill 1941
Savings Bank Journal
Sheboygan, WI
Spanel, A.N. 1944-1945

18

Speeches on the Federal Reserve by Marriner S. Eccles
Speeches on the Federal Security Agency by Paul V. McNutt
Speeches Given by Others
Speeches and Statements by R.V. Gilbert
Talk before the National League of Women Voters in New York City, April 30, 1940
Proposed Seminar on "The Present Relations between Money and Income", Jan. 14, 1941
Speech at George Washington University, March 14, 1941
"The Investment Factor Method of Forecasting Business Activity", Econometric Society, New York, December 27, 1941
Statement Issued by Mr. Gilbert to the Wage Stabilization Conference, Airframe Manufacturing Industry, Hollywood, CA, July 13, 1942

"Will We Be Able to Control Inflation?" Agricultural Outlook Conference, 1942, Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C., October 19, 1942

"Price Control and Fiscal Policy", OPA Training Program for Price Control, December 8, 1942

"Can We Feed Ourselves and Our Allies Under Present Price Ceilings?", America's Town Meeting of the Air, Saginaw, MI, April 22, 1943

Subsidizing Food Prices", American Forum of the Air, Washington, D.C., June 6, 1943

"Should Price Ceilings Be Relaxed?", Northwestern University Reviewing Stand, October 17, 1943

"Price Policy", Agricultural Outlook Conference, Washington, D.C., October 18, 1943

"Government Controls Over Marketing After the War", American Marketing Conference, New York City, January 13, 1944


"Stabilization in the Transition Period", The Society for the Advancement of Management, New York, December 1, 1945


Steel: Gano Dunn Report 1941
Stone, Edwin L. 1940
Swire, Max 1943-1946
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Container</th>
<th>Contents</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>19 (cont'd)</td>
<td>T General Truman Article (2 folders)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>U - V General United States Housing Authority United States vs. Paramount, et. al. Universal Pictures 1946</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>20</td>
<td>Universal Pictures 1947 Vatter, Harold G. 1939-1940</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>W General Wage, Price, and Profit Studies War - National Defense Act War Manpower Commission Willard Hotel</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>X-Y-Z General Zelomek, A.W. 1941-1942</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>