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President's Committee on an Inquiry on
Cooperative Enterprise in Europe
Records, 1936-1937

President Roosevelt announced the formation of the Committee on an Inquiry on Cooperative Enterprise in Europe in his press conference June 23, 1936. The members were Jacob Baker, Assistant Works Progress Administrator; Leland Olds, Secretary of the New York State Power Authority; and Charles E. Stuart, of the engineering firm of Stuart, James and Cooke of New York. The Committee reported directly to the President, after spending ten weeks in Europe, visiting Czechoslovakia, Denmark, England, France, Ireland, Norway, Scotland, Sweden and Switzerland. Three additional members joined the Committee after the initial announcement: Emily C. Bates, Clifford V. Gregory and Robin Hood.

Description: The records consist of incoming and outgoing correspondence, memoranda, reports of field activities in Europe, transcripts of interviews, press releases, and a final report.

Quantity: 4 feet

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Papers of
The President's Inquiry on
Cooperative Enterprise in Europe

Box 1. Report of the Inquiry on Cooperative Enterprise in Europe

Personnel [Correspondence of Jacob Baker with and pertaining to the following:]

Emily Bates
Clifford Gregory
Robin Hood
Leland Olds
Tage Palm
Charles E. Stewart

Personnel of Inquiry on Consumer Cooperatives (General)

Personnel of the Group Here

Applications refused [A-K, L - Z]

Travel and Expenses [Correspondence including countries not in survey.]

Expenses

Arrangements and Appointments (in Europe)

Reservations (in Europe)

Sailing Information

* Notes of Meetings [11.6.36, 11/30/36]

Box 2. Miscellaneous Information and Memoranda

Preliminary Material on Conference

Press Releases used in U.S. and in Europe

Cooperative Groups in Europe [Lists, personnel, etc., and Ms. article by Hugo Vasarla: "Rationalization and Distribution in Finland".]

* Report re Publication and Presentation

[Contains folder of a dozen interviews with European leaders in the cooperative movement from England, Denmark, Sweden, Ireland and Finland.]

Box 2 (Cont'd.)

Correspondence with Representatives of Countries Visited
[acknowledgements of receipt of final report (1937),
contributions of studies for the Inquiry (1936), etc.
from the following:

Czechoslovakia, Denmark,*England (K.A.H. Egerton's
report on the cooperative movement in England),
Finland, France, Ireland, Norway, Scotland, Sweden
and Switzerland.]

Press Releases and Publicity

[Material from S.T. Early, etc.]

Budget

* Suggestions of Staff Members [on Introductory Chapter, "The General
Method and Scope of the Inquiry".]

[Letters of Jacob Baker, Leland Olds, etc.]

* Material in Final Report

* Box 3. Miscellaneous Correspondence [Baker's correspondence with the
President and others.]

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Appendix [Drafts of various chapters of final report.]

Original Draft of Report

Carbon Copy of Draft Chapters

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Currency Statistics

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Denmark

England

Finland

Box 5. Data (Cont'd.)

France

Norway

Box 5 (Con'd.)

Scotland and Ireland

Sweden

Box 6. Sweden

Switzerland

Box 7. Early drafts of Report

Boxes 8 - 11. Requests for copies of Report.