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RESTRICTIONS

Restrictions had been placed on the use of these letters, particularly those by Alf M. Landon and Herbert Hoover, but only for the duration of their lifetimes and that of Felix Morley.

ABSTRACT

Letters from government officials and other prominent people of the time to Felix Morley (1894-1982), both while he was editor of the *Washington Post* and president of Haverford College.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Felix Morley (1894-1982) was the son of mathematician Frank Morley and Lillian Bird Morley. Like his brothers, Christopher and Frank V., Felix was educated at Haverford College and received a Rhodes scholarship to study at Oxford. He studied the League of Nations under a Guggenheim Fellowship, and received a Ph.D. from the Brookings Institute.

From 1933 to 1940, Morley was editor of the *Washington Post*, winning the paper's first Pulitzer Prize for his "distinguished editorial writing during the year." In 1940, Morley left journalism for a post as President of Haverford College, which he held until 1945.

(Information from Wikipedia)

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SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE COLLECTION

Letters written by well-known people to Felix Morley during the time that he was Editor of the Washington Post and also when he was President of Haverford College. They relate to political events, the League of Nations, matters relating to the administration of Haverford College, and personal affairs. There are letters from 147 persons in this collection, among the more prominent might be mentioned Bernard M. Baruch, Nicholas Murray Butler, Denis Conan Doyle, John Foster Dulles, Herbert Hoover, Cordell Hull, Charles A. Lindbergh, H. L. Mencken, Christopher Morley, Frank V. Morley, Harlan F. Stone and Norman Thomas.

There is also correspondence concerning a lecture given by Professor Gaetano Salvemini at Haverford as part of the Training Program of the Italian Area and Language Study Unit during World War II. Included also is correspondence in 1975 between President Coleman and two alumni regarding a clipping pertaining to Morley.

As well, there is correspondence with Nelson West, Christopher Morley, Griffith Coale and others concerning a portrait of Felix Morley's father, Frank Morley, by Griffith Coale, to be hung in the Gummere-Morley Room at Haverford College. Photographs of the finished painting are included.

Two TLsS by Felix Morley to Roger Batchelor regarding health (11/20/79) and thanks for books (12/16/80) and copies of 2 poems: "Ave Atque Vale" and "Christmas 1980" are included.

