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### **Description**

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This collection contains his papers from the Senate Campaign Expenditures Committee, the House Appropriations Committee, the House Military Affairs Committee, and issues concerning Communism, pornography, and birth control.

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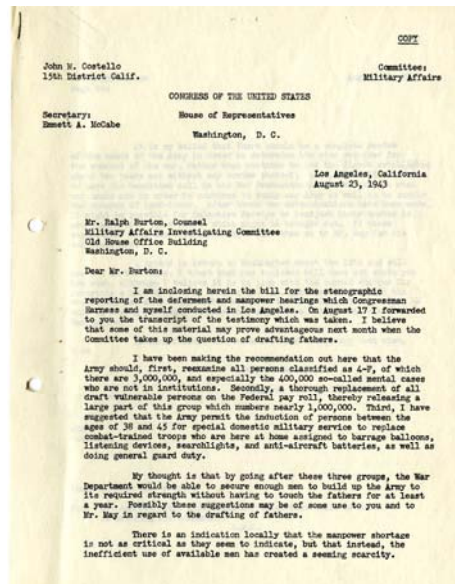
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House Appropriations, Senate Campaign Expenditures, House Military Affairs, Post Office, Civil Service, National Press Club, birth control, W.P.A., WPA

### **Disciplines**

American Politics | History | Policy History, Theory, and Methods | Political History | Political Science | United States History

## Guide to the The Papers of H. Ralph Burton



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Schmucker Memorial Library received the papers of H. Ralph Burton in 1976 as was designated in his last will and testament dated October 1968.

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### **Series Description:**

The H. Ralph Burton collection is divided into five Series. I. Sub-Series A: Senate Campaign Expenditures Committee, Special Investigator, 1938-1941 and 1948-1949; Sub-Series B: House Appropriations Committee in charge of NYC and State, investigation of W.P.A.; II. General Counsel, House Military Affairs Committee, 1941-1947; III. Communism, 1920-1950s; IV. Pornography, 1952-1953 and V: Birth Control, 1931-1934.

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**3-2** State of North Dakota, Report on Absentee Ballot, Docket No. 176, July 25, 1938

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**4-2** Hudson County, other than Jersey City, 1938 (copy of Poll Book total counts); Notes regarding Poll Books, 1938

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**8-3** State of Kentucky, Report on Works Progress Administration, Docket No. 227, Investigator H. Ralph Burton, December 5, 1938

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**11-3** Military Defense Investigating Committee, (Special Committee No. 3), Report of Proceedings, House of Representatives, June 10, 1942, vol. 68

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**22-4** Report based upon observations by a staff representative of the Military Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives assigned to the European Theatre, n.d.

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