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Title: Grafftey-Smith Collection

Name of creator: Smith, Sir Laurence Barton Grafftey- (1892-1989) Knight

Dates of creation of material: 1947-1956; 1969; 1982

Level of description: Fonds

Extent: 3 folders (73 sheets; 140 sheets; 8 sheets)

Biographical history: Grafftey-Smith, Sir Laurence Barton (1892-1989)

Born 16 April 1892, son of Revd. Arthur Grafftey-Smith and Mabel Grafftey-Smith (née Barton). Educated Repton; Pembroke College, Cambridge. Student Interpreter, Levant Consular Service, 1914. HM Vice Consul, 1920; served at Alexandria, Cairo (Residency), Jeddah, Constantinople; Asst. Oriental Sec. at the Residency, Cairo, 1925-35; OBE, 1932; HM Consul, Mosul, 1935-37; Baghdad, 1937-39; HM Consul-Gen. in Albania, 1939-40; attached British Embassy, Cairo, 1940; Chief Political Adviser, Diego Suarez, May 1942; Chief Political Officer, Madagascar, July 1942; Consul-Gen., Antananarivo, 1943; CMG, 1944; Minister to Saudi Arabia, 1945-47; KBE, 1947; High Comr for UK in Pakistan, 1947-51; KCMG, 1951; retired from Govt. service on 31 December 1951; UK Rep. on Gov.-Gen's Commn, Khartoum, 1953-56. Married 1st, 1930, Vivien Alderson (div. 1937): 2 sons; 2nd, 1946, Evgenia Coolidge. Died 3 January 1989.

Scope and content: Papers from Karachi, 1947-1949, and from the Governor-General's Commission, Khartoum, 1953-1956; letters to Elizabeth Monroe, 11 Apr 1969, about the libellous book *Four Gentlemen* by Mme. Vogt, and 3 Oct 1969 about the McMahon promise; TS copy of a letter, 23 Oct. 1982, to Martin Gilbert about the meeting between Churchill and King Abdul Aziz ibn Saud at Lake Fayoum, Feb 1945.

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Finding aids: In Guide; Handlist

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