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Title: Sir John Fletcher-Cooke Collection

Name of creator: Cooke, Sir John Fletcher- (1911-1989) Knight

Dates of creation of material: 1963, 1966, 1971

Level of description: Fonds

Extent: 25 sheets

Biographical history: Cooke, Sir John Fletcher- (1911-1989) Knight

Born 8 August 1911, son of Charles and Gwendolen Fletcher-Cooke. Educated Malvern College; University of Paris; St. Edmund Hall, Oxford University (1st Cl. Hons. PPE). Economic research, Oxford Univ., 1933. Assistant Principal, Colonial Office, 1934; Private Sec. to Permanent Under-Secs of State for the Colonies, 1937; Malayan Civil Service, 1937-1942; RAF Intelligence Officer, 1942-1946; Prisoner of War in Japan, 1942-1945; attached to Colonial Office and accompanied Constitutional Comr. to Malta, 1946; Under-Sec. to Government of Palestine, 1946-1948; on UK Delegation to UN, 1948-1951; Colonial Sec. and at intervals Acting Governor Cyprus, 1951-1955; CMG 1952. Colonial Office, 1956; served in various roles in Tanganyika, 1956-1961. Knighted 1962. Visiting Professor (African Affairs), Univ. Colorado, 1961-1962, 1966 & 1973-1974. Contested (Cons.) Luton, Nov. 1963. MP (Cons.) Southampton Test, 1964-1966; membership of various international bodies and charitable organisations. Married 1st (1936) Louise Brander (div. 1948) one son; 2nd (1949) Alice Egner (div. 1971) one son, one daughter; 3rd (1977) Marie-Louise, Vicomtesse Fournier de la Barre. Died 19 May 1989.

Scope and content: Letters to Dr. Roger Owen and Elizabeth Monroe on his service in Palestine, note on Sir Henry Gurney, and copy of an article "The Compulsive Cuppa" by Fletcher-Cooke on his experience as a government officer in Palestine, 1946-1948.

System of arrangement:

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Language of material: English

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Custodial history: In the possession of Sir John Fletcher-Cooke.

Immediate source of acquisition: Received from Sir John Fletcher-Cooke c. June 1971.

Location of originals: Original of “The Compulsive Cuppa” in Rhodes House Library Collection, part of special collections, Weston Library.

Related Units of Description:

In other repositories

Fletcher-Cooke papers part of the Rhodes House Library Collection, part of special collections, Weston Library.

Finding aids: In Guide; Handlist

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