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**Title:** Sir Vyvyan Holt Collection

**Name of creator:** Holt, Sir Vyvyan (1896-1960) Knight

**Dates of creation of material:** post-1942; c1958

**Level of description:** Fonds

**Extent:** 23 sheets

**Biographical history:** Holt, Sir Vyvyan (1896-1960) Knight

Born 25 January 1896, son of Arthur Holt and Theresa Perkins. Educated privately. Served 9th Bn Middlesex Regiment, Indian Signals and North-West Frontier Intelligence Corps, 1914-18; Iraq Political Service, 1919; ADC to High Comr, 1922; Private Sec., 1924; Oriental Sec., 1926; attached to suite of King Feisal I of Iraq during his state visit to London, 1933; Oriental Counsellor, British Embassy, Tehran, 1946; apptd Minister to Korea, 1949; interned in North Korea, 1950; released, 1953; Minister at San Salvador, 1954-1956; retired from Foreign Service, 1956. Unmarried. Died 29 July 1960.

**Scope and content:** Drafts of lectures on Iraq under the British Mandate (post-1942) and Britain's policy in the Middle East, c.1958. Photographic collection.

**System of arrangement:** Chronological

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**Custodial history:** In the possession of Sir Vyvyan Holt

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**Finding aids:** In Guide; Handlist

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