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Title: Cecil Gervase Hope – Gill Collection

Name of creator: Gill, Cecil Gervase Hope (1894-1984) Diplomat

Dates of creation of material: 1936; n.d.

Level of description: Fonds

Extent: 2 boxes

Biographical history: HOPE GILL, Cecil Gervase (1894-1984)

Born 14 December 1894, son of Rt. Revd. Charles Hope Gill and Mary Hope Gill (née Thorp). Educated Windlesham House; King William's College, Isle of Man; Brighton College; St. John's College, Cambridge. Served Royal Monmouthshire RE (Special Reserve), 1914-19; Major 1919; entered Levant Consular Service, 1920; served as Vice Consul, Tangier, 1921; Casablanca, 1922; Saffi, 1923; Tetuan, 1923-25; Asst. Oriental Secretary, Tangier, 1925-30; Head of Chancery and Chargé d'Affaires, Jeddah, 1930-33; Consul, Alexandria, 1933-36; Consul, Addis Ababa, 1936; Imperial Defence College, 1937; Seattle, 1938-40; Asst. Oriental Secretary, Baghdad, 1941; Acting Consul-Gen., Léopoldville, 1941-42; First Secretary, Addis Ababa, 1942-44; Foreign Office, 1944-45; Consul-Gen., Tetuan, 1945-52; retired 1952. Married, 1937, Colin Campbell-Smith. Died 20 January 1984.

Scope and content: TS memoirs "From the womb to the tomb"; letters reports, telegrams and press cuttings relating to the Ethiopian crisis of May 1936.

System of arrangement: Ethiopian papers; memoirs.

Access conditions: Open

Language of material: English

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Custodial history: In the possession of Cecil Hope Gill and his family.

Immediate source of acquisition: Given by his cousin Mrs. Elizabeth Grenfell at the request of his wife Mrs. Colin Hope Gill and on the suggestion of the Royal Institute of International Affairs, November 1984

Location of copies: Copy of 1st World War reminiscences sent to the Peter Liddle Collection by the Hope Gill family.

Finding aids: In Guide; Handlist

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**FILE AND ITEM LEVEL DESCRIPTION OF THE CECIL GERVASE HOPE-
GILL COLLECTION**

Box 1 Ethiopia

- 1/1 Ten "Epistles from Ethiopia". TS copies of letters sent by CGHG from Addis Ababa, describing his journey there, the British Consulate, and the troubles of May 1936.

16 March-30 June 1936.

Appendix to "Fourth Epistle" comprising: copies of telegrams sent from Addis Ababa to London 2-7 May 1936; Stordy's report on the British Legation refugee camp, 2-7 May 1936; CGHG's report on the measures taken for the safety of British subjects in addis Ababa, 15 May 1936.

Duplicate copies of "Epistles" 4-6 & 8-9.

Colin Hope-Gill's excerpts from the "Epistles".

- 1/2 Miscellaneous papers, Ethiopia 1936, including:
Small correspondence on CGHG's appointment and departure.

Notes and letters sent to CGHG from other consular officials during the crisis of May 1936.

Reports and correspondence regarding the rescue and relief of British and foreign nationals during the disturbances of May 2 to 6 1936. Ethiopia no. 5 (1936). HMSO, 1936.

"Causes of the downfall of the Ethiopian armies". anon. TS. 5 June 1936.

MS map of East Africa; Italian map of East Africa - 1:3500000; plan of Addis Ababa, 1931.

- 1/3 Press-cutting relating to the troubles of May 1936.

Box 2 "From the womb to the tomb", with four appendices: CGHG's memoirs, TS, n.d.