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Served Regular Army, 1915-47; Foreign Correspondent of *The Sunday Times* in the Middle East and North Africa, 1952-60; lectured for London Services Education Committee, 1965. Died 19 April 1966.

Scope and content: Diaries, despatches and memoranda relating to the Middle East and North Africa mostly compiled by Slade-Baker during his work as a correspondent for *The Sunday Times*, 1952-60, press-cuttings; maps. Photographic collection.

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Box 1 Egypt

1/1	<u>Egypt - general</u> Press-cuttings, reports and correspondence relating to Egyptian internal affairs and foreign relations, especially with Britain, the Soviet Union, Syria, and Israel.	1949-1964	143 sheets; 1 item
1/2	<u>Suez Campaign</u> Telegrams from S-B, press releases and other material from the Egyptian Information Department, and press-cuttings relating to the Suez Campaign.	1956-1957; 1964	108 sheets; 2 items
1/3	<u>The Blockade of the Suez Canal</u> Press-cuttings (in English and French), and extracts from the Lebanese news digest <i>The Arab World</i> relating to the blockade of the Suez Canal and the Arab boycott of American and Canadian vessels.	1959-1960	129 sheets
1/4	<u>The High Dam at Aswan</u> Extracts from <i>The Arab World</i> relating to the financing and construction of the High Dam, Soviet-Egyptian relations, and potential malaria problem; Egyptian Information Department pamphlet on the High Dam.	1959-1960	12 sheets; 1 item
1/5	<u>The National Union</u> Extracts from <i>The Arab World</i> , and <i>Mideast Mirror</i> , and press-cuttings relating to structure and aims of the National Union in the two provinces of the United Arab Republic.	1960	14 sheets

Israel

1/6	<u>Israel - general</u>	1954-1963	24 sheets;
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	Publications of various Israeli Information Services dealing with Arab refugees, the Suez Canal, Gaza and Aqaba, reports on Israel's water problem, press-cuttings.		8 items
1/7	<u>Israel and the Suez Canal</u> Papers relating to Israeli foreign relations with the United Arab Republic especially with regard to the Suez Canal and the Jordan waters; press-cuttings, Israeli Ministry for Foreign Affairs information leaflets, S-B's own notes.	1956-1960	67 sheets; 2 items
<u>Box 2 Jordan</u>			
2/1	<u>General</u> Treaty of alliance between the United Kingdom and Jordan (Cmd. 7404), 1948; <i>The Constitution of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and its Amendments</i> , Amman, 1956; copy of the agreement between the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and the Kingdom of Iraq, 1958; King Hussein's narrative of his escape from two Syrian fighters, Nov. 1958; details of East Ghor Canal Project; extracts from <i>The Arab World</i> ; press reports and lectures by S-B; interview with King Hussein by S-B, May 1961.	1948-1961; 1964	93 sheets; 2 items
2/2	<u>The Diversion of Jordan</u> Papers relating to the use of the Jordan waters by Israel, Jordan and Syria: press-cuttings; extracts from <i>The Arab World</i> ; typescript article by S-B; Israeli information bulletin; <i>International Conciliation</i> , no.506, January 1956 on the Jordan River Valley; "The Master Plan for Israel Irrigation Development", Tel-Aviv, June 1957.	1953-1964	71 sheets; 2 items
2/3	<u>Jordan's New Approach</u> Papers relating to Jordan, the Palestinian problem and the Arab League: press-cuttings; extracts from	1956; 1959-1960	23 sheets

The Arab World; text of the speech of the Prime Minister of Jordan in the House of Representatives, Jerusalem, 19 January 1960.

2/4	<u>Yemen</u>	1963-1966	203 sheets
	Papers relating to Slade-Baker's proposal to set up a commercial and development agency in Yemen on behalf of the Imam; including letters to the Imam, and correspondence with Col. David Smiley, Donald Bridgehouse, Col. Sir Hugh Boustead, James Cameron and Lt.-Col. Neil McLean.		
2/5	Press-cuttings relating to Aden and South Arabia.	1965	8 sheets
2/6	<u>Lectures</u>	1965	42 sheets
	Correspondence with the London Services Education Committee about lectures to Army, RAF and WRAC officers, mostly on South Arabia, with a sample lecture and outline notes; correspondence about a lecture to the Dulwich Young Conservatives Organisation with a copy of the lecture.		
2/7	<u>Miscellaneous notes</u>	1949;	43 sheets
	S-B's own index to notes, 1955-60; notes of interviews with Azzam Pasha and Assad Bey Dagher, 1949; list of Middle Eastern visitors to Turkey, 1954; S-B's applications for an Egyptian visa, 1957; letters to King Hussein of Jordan and Sherif Nassir Bin Jamali, March 1956; article on deadlock in Buraimi discussions, Dec. 1961; notes on churches in the Middle East, 1955; notes on the Yemen; S-B's extra-mural employment; Islam in the USSR and in China; chronology of the ban on Israeli shipping in the Suez Canal; leaflet "Soviets plot war scare".		

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Box 13 Africa, the Arab World, Saudi Arabia, and Iraq

Contains press cuttings, correspondence and news reports on Africa and the Middle East, a petition to the United Nations, Slade-Baker's typed and written notes, legislation and treaties from Aden, and transcripts of radio broadcasts

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Contains press cuttings and news reports on a variety of subjects, notes and articles on Kim Philby, memoranda and pamphlets on oil, and Slade-Baker's own notes.

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Contains correspondence, articles press cuttings and news reports on various subjects,

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Middle East, Europe and the world, maps used to illustrate newspaper reports and tourist maps for various regions, particularly, Turkey, Palestine and the Middle East.

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16/2 Reference Maps.

Includes maps of Turkey and Syria, Egypt, Europe, the Post-War World, Algeria, the Somaliland Protectorate, the partition of Palestine, Morocco, Oman and Qatar, Persia, and the Persian Gulf.

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Includes maps of Nato and Communist countries, the spread of independence in West Africa, the Sinai peninsula, the Warsaw Pact countries, the potential impact of missile placement on Cyprus, Anglo-US Commitments in the Middle East, Ethiopia, and development of the Jordan Valley region.

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Major topics include Anglo-Egyptian relations, the 1952 Egyptian Coup d’Etat, Israel, King Farouk, Oil and the Sudan

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Jan 1953-17 Jul 1953

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- 18/2 Unlabelled volume of newspaper cuttings. Major topics
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