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**Title:** Sir Denis Wright Collection

**Name of creator:** Wright, Sir Dennis (1911-2005) Knight

**Dates of creation of material:** 1978

**Level of description:** Fonds

**Extent:** 1 box

**Biographical history:** Wright, Sir Denis (1911-2005) Knight

Born 23 March 1911, son of A.E. Wright and Margery Wright (née Chapman). Educated Brentwood School; St. Edmund Hall, Oxford. Asst. Advertising Manager to Gallaher & Co. (tobacco manufacturers), 1935-39; employed from outbreak of war as Vice-Consul on economic warefare work at Constantza (Romania), 1939-41; Vice-Consul-in-charge, Trebizond, Turkey, 1941-43; Acting Consul-in-charge, Mersin, Turkey, 1943-45; First Secretary (Commercial) Belgrade, 1946-48; Superintending Trade Consul, Chicago, 1949-51; Head of Economic Relations Dept, Foreign Office, 1951-53; Chargé d’Affaires, Tehran, 1953; Counsellor, Tehran, 1954-55; Asst. Under-Secretary, Foreign Office, 1955-59; Ambassador to Ethiopia, 1959-62; Asst. Under-Sec., Foreign Office, 1962; Ambassador to Iran, 1963-71; Director, Shell Transport & Trading Co., Standard Chartered Bank, and Mitchell Cotts Group, 1971-81; Governor, Overseas Service, Farnham Castle, 1972-86; Chairman Council, British Institute of Persian Studies, 1973-; Pres., Iran Society, 1989-95; Hon. Fellow, St Edmund Hall and St. Antony’s College, Oxford. Married, 1939, Iona Craig: no children.

**Scope and content:** TS edited extracts of letters and diaries covering his service as a British Vice-Consul in Romania and Turkey, 1939-1945. The extracts were finalised in February 1978 and were made from his ‘wartime letters and diaries’ and are arranged chronologically in chapters which have introductory notes.

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**Custodial history:** In the possession of Sir Denis Wright

**Immediate source of acquisition:** Given by Sir Denis Wright, 3 March 1997

**Location of originals:** With Sir Denis Wright

**Related Units of Description:**

In other Archives

- Bodleian Library, Department of Special Collections and Western Manuscripts: Majority of Sir Dennis Wright's papers including his unpublished memoirs
- Wadham College Library: Copies of papers in *The National Archives* relating to his service in Iran

**Finding aids:** In Guide; Handlist

**Archivist's note:** Fonds level description created by Clare Brown 4 Apr 2000 and revised by Debbie Usher 5 Jul 2004, 20 Dec 2005 and 10 Nov 2016.