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Title: Ernest Lomas Collection

Name of creator: Lomas, Ernest Gabriel (1878-1947) Diplomat

Dates of creation of material: 30 May 1930

Level of description: Fonds

Extent: 1 item

Biographical history: Lomas, Ernest Gabriel (1878-1947) Diplomat

Born 23 Jan 1878 in London, son of John Lomas and Maria T. Gabriel. Educated Bradfield College and then St John's College, Oxford and Trinity College, Cambridge. 1902 student Interpreter (Levant) Consular Service; 1904 Assistant; 1903-1904 Acting 3rd Dragoman British Embassy Constantinople; 1905 Vice-Consul Constantinople; 1906-1908 Casablanca; 1909 Vice-Consul Casablanca; 1909-1914 Acting Consul Casablanca; 1914 transferred to Rabat; 1920 Consul at Fez; 1921 transferred to Rabat; 1924 transferred to Cairo; 1930 Consul General at Tunis; 1934 HM Consul General, Salonica; 1938 retired. Married E. Violet Fernau; two sons. Died 18 May 1947.

Scope and content: Letter from Ernest Lomas to Latimer explaining that he had left Cairo in Nov [1929] and had taken over as Consul General in Tunis in Jan [1930] and that he had sent Latimer's letter back to the Consul General at Cairo to deal with. Lomas also explains that the proper procedure 'if you are not sure of the identity of a Consular officer' was to 'always address it to his title, not name' otherwise the letter would be treated as a private letter and forwarded to the named person, even if they had moved post.

Access conditions: Open

Language of material: English

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Custodial history: The letter was found in the book Bron, Saul G., *Soviet economic development and American business: results of the first year under the five-year plan and further perspectives* (New York: Horace Liveright, 1930) in St Antony's College Library.

As St Antony's College Library receives gifts of books, presumably the letter had been left in the book by Latimer.

Immediate source of acquisition: Received as a gift from St Antony's College Library on 7 Nov 2013

Finding aids: In Guide; Handlist

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