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**Reference: MS191**

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1926-1995

Papers of Sir Evelyn Shuckburgh (1909-1994), diplomat, Head of the South American then the Western Department of the Foreign Office, Principal Private Secretary to Anthony Eden from 1951-1954 and Under-Secretary in charge of Middle East affairs at the Foreign Office from 1954-1956.

Sir Evelyn Shuckburgh kept detailed diaries from very early in his career, beginning in 1951, when he was Principal Private Secretary to the Foreign Secretary, Anthony Eden, and ending in 1969, when he was Ambassador to Italy. The diaries give a vivid impression of the inner workings of the Foreign Office, and later, of NATO, including descriptions of international conferences, working with politicians, and of the life of a diplomat abroad, as a junior member of staff, and as Ambassador.

Sir Evelyn worked closely with Anthony Eden for several years; the diaries offer valuable comment on Eden's character and achievements, offering an eyewitness account of events leading up to the Suez crisis in 1956 and of British Middle Eastern policy in the decades after the Second World War. Extracts from the 1951-1956 diaries relating to the Suez crisis were published in 1986 as 'Descent to Suez'. The correspondence Sir Evelyn received following the publication of this book adds further important recollections and opinions to his contemporary account. There is also interesting material on British policy in the Middle East and on Britain's relations with Europe.

The collection contains many letters from important political figures including Anthony Eden, Ernest Bevin, Alec Douglas-Home, Denis Healey, Roy Jenkins, Harold Macmillan, Jack Profumo, and Chaim Weizmann among many others.

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There are typescripts and press cuttings of Sir Evelyn's essays, articles, and speeches; valedictory dispatches; certificates; and photograph albums. Papers from his early diplomatic career include letters written during the Second World War, when he was posted to Argentina and Prague and Canada.

There are various papers concerning his retirement: letters, press cuttings, and notes relating to the Red Cross (he became its President in 1970); papers about the publication of his book, 'The Memoirs of Madame Roland, a Heroine of the French Revolution'; a manuscript and notes for an unpublished memoir entitled 'Ascent to Diplomacy'; and notes about clavichords and furniture making. There are also letters of condolence sent to Lady Shuckburgh after Sir Evelyn's death.

**Administrative history:** Sir Charles Arthur Evelyn Shuckburgh was educated at Winchester and King's College, Cambridge. He joined the diplomatic service in 1933 and spent most of World War Two as Charge d'Affaires in Argentina, following posts in Egypt and Canada. He married Nancy Brett in 1937 and they had three children: Julian, Catherine, and Robin. After the War he was posted to Prague as First Secretary before returning to London and the Foreign Office as Head of the South American and, later, the Western Department. From 1951 to 1954 he was Eden's Principal Private Secretary and closest diplomatic assistant and from 1954 to 1956 he was under-secretary in Middle East affairs at the Foreign Office, directly involved in events leading up to the Suez crisis in 1956. In June 1956, he left the diplomatic service for the post of Chief Civilian Instructor at the Imperial Defence College. Sir Evelyn later held senior posts in NATO and ended his career as Ambassador to Italy in 1966. A skilled cabinet maker, in retirement Sir Evelyn learned to make clavichords under the tuition of Tom Goff. In 1986, his 1951-1956 diaries were published as 'Descent to

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Suez', and his translation of 'The Memoirs of Madame Roland' was published in 1989. He died in 1994.

Information taken from the sale catalogue prepared by Bernard Quaritch Ltd (copy in the deposit file for the collection)

**Arrangement:** The collection has been arranged by record type into the following series: diaries; personal correspondence; working papers; books and articles; photographs; and miscellaneous.

8 boxes

Access: Open

**Access conditions:** Part of an entry in one of the typed diaries has been closed and this is indicated at file level

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**Language:** English

**Custodial history:** Bought from the Shuckburgh family by the University of Birmingham in 2004, via the dealers Bernard Quaritch Ltd.

**Acquisition:** Purchased from Bernard Quaritch Ltd.

**Related material:** Special Collections holds the following related collections:

Avon Papers (Personal and political papers of Anthony Eden and Eden family papers)

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[AP] (catalogue is not yet available on the Online Archive Catalogue);

Private office papers of Anthony Eden as Foreign Secretary, 1938-1945 and 1951-1955 (which were transferred here in 1978 by the Public Record Office, deposited under s.4 (1) of the Public Records Act 1958 [FO 954 and FO 800] (catalogue is not yet available on the Online Archive Catalogue);

Letters of Anthony Eden [AELAdd]

Copies of papers of Sir Pierson Dixon which relate to his position as private secretary and close friend and adviser to Anthony Eden [MS20]

**Publication notes:** Extracts from the 1951-1956 diaries were published as 'Descent to Suez' (Weidenfeld and Nicholson, 1986)

MS191/1

Diaries

1951-1969

Diaries kept by Shuckburgh between 1951 and his retirement in 1969. These were originally handwritten in small notebooks. Later, his secretary or his wife made typed copies of the diaries and other documents, mainly press cuttings, letters, and notes, were added. There are notes by Shuckburgh in the typescripts, indicating material to be cut from the published version of the diaries, but cuts were also made without noting the typed original. The typescript diaries and documents dating from 1951-1957, which were used as source material for Shuckburgh's book 'Descent to Suez', are bound.

The typed versions of the diaries are copies of the handwritten versions. However, some pages missing from the handwritten diaries appear in the typed versions, and there are rough notes in the handwritten diaries which were not included in the typed versions.

**Arrangement:** Arranged in two series: manuscript diaries and typed diaries.

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21 items

Access: Open

MS191/1/1      Notebooks      1954-1961

Shuckburgh's diaries were originally handwritten in these notebooks. For detailed descriptions of the contents of the notebooks, see the typed versions in MS191/1/2.

**Arrangement:** Arranged in chronological order

10 notebooks

Access: Open

MS191/1/1/1      Notebook May-Aug 1954      1954

12 May-30 Jul 1954. Manuscript notebook. Pages at the beginning have been torn out. A typed copy of this notebook is part of MS191/1/2/3.

1 notebook

Access: Open

MS191/1/1/2      Notebook Aug-Oct 1954      1954

11 Aug 1954-27 Oct 1954. Manuscript notebook. A typed copy of this notebook is part of MS191/1/2/3.

1 notebook

Access: Open

MS191/1/1/3      Notebook Oct-Nov 1954 'M.E. Tour'      1954

28 Oct-7 Nov 1954. Manuscript notebook containing a diary. A typed copy of this notebook is part of MS191/1/2/3. The notebook is not full; towards the end there are rough notes taken by Shuckburgh during meetings.

1 notebook

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Access: Open

MS191/1/1/4 Notebook Oct-Nov 1954 'M.E. Tour' 1954

9 Oct-20 Nov 1954. Manuscript notebook. Typed copy of diary entry in MS191/1/2/3. There are rough notes in the back of the book.

1 notebook

Access: Open

MS191/1/1/5 Notebook Nov 1954 'M.E. Tour' 1954

21 Nov-1 Dec 1954. There is a typed copy of this notebook in MS191/1/2/3. There are rough notes in the back of the book.

1 notebook

Access: Open

MS191/1/1/6 Notebook Jan-Jul 1955 1955

1 Jan-14 Jul 1955. Manuscript notebook. Typed copy in MS191/1/2/4.

1 notebook

Access: Open

MS191/1/1/7 Notebook and notes 1959-1960

The diary begins on 4 November 1959 and ends with a summary of March 1960.

Written while Shuckburgh was Assistant Secretary-General of NATO, some of the main themes of the diary are the UK's possible entry into the Common Market and Anglo-French relations; there are some interesting comments about de Gaulle and French foreign policy, particularly regarding Algeria. Shuckburgh is finding relations with his boss, Paul Henri Spaak [Secretary-General of NATO], difficult because of Spaak's reluctance to involve him in discussions and decision-making.

Other events mentioned in the diary include descriptions of a NATO conference in

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Washington, which takes place on 16-20 November; there are detailed accounts of conversations with various US Government officials: Roy Kohler, Assistant Secretary for European Affairs; and Mr Farley, Special Assistant for Disarmament and Atomic Energy, who discusses the US position on disarmament.

On 14 December, Shuckburgh sits next to Lord Mountbatten at the NATO Ministerial meeting and 'had an interesting talk about Suez, which he always deplored. He told me a lot of the things he did and said to try and stop it.'

On 15 December, the NATO ministerial conference begins. Shuckburgh describe Spaak's enthusiastic reaction to 'a proposal that we should undertake long-range planning for the 1960s in the political, military, scientific, and disarmament fields'

There are some notes by Shuckburgh filed inside the diary. These describe a short visit to Berlin, from 17 to 19 January 1960. After a meeting at the Norwegian Embassy, held to discuss the Icelandic fisheries dispute, Shuckburgh flies to Berlin. On 18 January, he tours the Western sector on a bus, and attends a briefing about Berlin's trade from Dr Hesse of the Foreign Trade Department. Then he has lunch with Herr Vockel, Berlin representative of the Federal Government, who tells him about Germany's concern that the West will make concessions on Berlin at the forthcoming summit. On 19 January, he tours the Eastern sector, and hears a lecture by Herr Muller, a member of the Social Democratic Party, whose 'talk was so outspoken one could hardly believe that one was in a Communist country'. He meets Willy Brandt, Mayor of Berlin, who talks about the position in Berlin and the problem of the Summit meeting, summarising Brandt's opinions on the future of Berlin as 'our line should be that the maintenance of the status quo in Berlin, supplemented by some agreed measures to improve the human tolerability of it, should be regarded

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as an essential element of any detente.' He then meets Herr Kieliner of the Senate and the Vice-President of the Berlin Parliament, Herr Egon Endres and talks about the future of Berlin and the possibility of a merger.

1 item

Access: Open

MS191/1/1/8

Notebook Apr-Aug 1960

1960

The diary begins on 29 April 1960 and ends on 7 August 1960.

The diary is written during the last months of Shuckburgh's time as Assistant Secretary General of NATO and includes comment on and descriptions of NATO meetings, policies, and personalities and British foreign policy.

It begins when Shuckburgh is travelling to the NATO Spring Ministerial Meeting in Istanbul, held to prepare for a NATO summit in Paris later in the year. There were riots in Istanbul the day before they arrived and the city is under curfew. He has just heard that he is to go back to the Foreign Office as Deputy Under-Secretary in charge of Europe. He describes conversations with David Ormsby-Gore about disarmament negotiations in Geneva, and with Tony Rumbold about his new job in the Foreign Office. He and his wife go on holiday in Greece, Rome, Florence, and Siena. On 16 May, he comments that 'the summit started very badly in Paris today, Krushchev having made some sort of ultimatum about the American 'spy-flying'. He returns to Paris on 17 May 'to find the summit practically breaking up'; the following day 'it is clear that the summit is dead'. He describes reaction to Krushchev's decision to leave the Paris summit. On 21 May, he has another conversation with Tony Rumbold about his new job and British foreign policy. There are descriptions of meetings of the NATO Political Committee, which Shuckburgh chairs, and of the NATO Council and of preparations for the NATO conference in

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Geneva. On 8 July, Shuckburgh discusses NATO affairs with Lauris Norstad. On 11 July, he returns to the Foreign Office; his first few days are spent reading up on policy and meeting various politicians and civil servants, including the Foreign Secretary, Selwyn Lloyd, who is leaving the Foreign Office to become Chancellor. The last entry in the diary is a long account of a visit to Chequers for lunch with Harold Macmillan, Roddy Barclay, and Home on 7 August. Subjects discussed include 'the failure of his [Macmillan's] policy of getting into discussion with Krushchev', the country's 'very bad' financial position, the need to get the troops back from Germany, abolishing the WEU, Konrad Adenauer, and Berlin. 'After lunch we went up to the long room and went through the subjects for discussion with Adenauer'.

1 notebook

Access: Open

MS191/1/1/9

Notebook Aug 1960

1960

The diary begins on 9 August 1960 and ends on 16 November 1960.

The diary is written while Shuckburgh was Deputy Undersecretary at the Foreign Office. Britain's relations with the EEC, and the future of NATO are important themes in the diary. It includes descriptions of meetings with the French Government at the French Embassy, and of talks in Bonn between the British and German governments about 'the 6 and 7 contretemps', descriptions of meetings with Konrad Adenauer and discussions of Charles de Gaulle's foreign policy. On 11 October, Shuckburgh meets the Prime Minister, Harold Macmillan, at Chequers: 'much talk with the PM about de Gaulle's latest suggestion for a 3-power summit in Bermuda'...which he is inclined to accept until Shuckburgh and others 'argued him out of it'. On 22 August, he visits Rome with Edward Heath for talks with Amintore Fanfani [Prime Minister of Italy], then travels

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to Paris, where he calls on Gladwyn Jebb [British Ambassador to France] at the British Embassy and visits Lucet 'to give him an account of what we have been up to in Bonn and Rome'. On 29 August, he sees the text of a memo from Dwight D Eisenhower to Charles de Gaulle about Tripartism and NATO reform, makes a speech at the 'European Forum' in Alpbach, and discusses the nuclear weapons threat with the Soviet Ambassador to West Germany. He has lunch with Noel Salter, where he talks about 'Europe', talks to James Callaghan, has dinner with Edward Heath and Frank Lee, who was 'most interesting on the Common Market question'. On 2 October, he visits Paris with Edward Heath, Roddie Barclay, and Michael Wilford - they are still working on 'the 6/7 problem'. On 10 October, he attends a meeting at the Ministry of Defence about the Norstad Plan and goes to a meeting with the Prime Minister.

1 notebook

Access: Open

MS191/1/1/10

Notebook containing a draft of a telegram, probably written by Anthony Eden

1950s?

1 notebook

Access: Open

MS191/1/2

Typed diaries

1951-1969

Typed copies of some of the notebooks listed in MS191/1/1, with letters, press cuttings, and other documents added. Some have been bound; these (MS191/1/2/1-5) were used as source material for Shuckburgh's book 'Descent to Suez'. In the editorial note at the beginning of 'Descent to Suez' Shuckburgh says, 'The full text of the diaries, bound in five volumes, comes to about 400,000 words; this book contains about half that text. The main sections omitted are the passages covering the Berlin conference of 1953 and the tour of Middle Eastern countries which I made with my wife in 1954.' There are cuts

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scattered through the diaries, mainly entries about Shuckburgh's family, or comments that would have been confidential at the time of publication.

Manuscript notes made by Shuckburgh during his time as Assistant Secretary-General of NATO (MS191/1/2/7) have been catalogued with this series because they refer to the previous diary.

The page numbering of the diaries is not consistent. The diaries used as source material for 'Descent to Suez' (1951-2 to 1956-7) are numbered in a sequence that runs through all five volumes. The diaries dating from 1958 onwards either have no page numbers or are numbered with a single sequence of page numbers per volume. Documents inserted between pages of the diary are either numbered using a separate sequence of page numbers from the text of the diary, or have no page numbers.

The catalogue uses original numbers to refer to pages of the diaries whenever possible. If there are two sequences of page numbers in a diary, the complete sequence is used. If documents do not have a number, a number is created by adding a letter of the alphabet to the number of the page before the document e.g. 144a, 144b.

**Arrangement:** Arranged in chronological order.

11 volumes

Access: Open

MS191/1/2/1

Diary 1951-52

1951-1952

The diary begins on 26 October 1951 and ends on 25 December 1952. Letters and other contemporary documents have been bound with the diaries. The page numbers begin at 1 and end at 144.

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In 'Descent to Suez', Shuckburgh summarises 1951 as follows: 'The diary opens on the day after the general election of 1951, at which Attlee's Labour Government was defeated and Churchill, now aged seventy-four, formed his first peacetime administration. Anthony Eden became Foreign Secretary for the third time in his career. Having been appointed Principal Private Secretary three months previously by Herbert Morrison, I now found myself serving Eden.' (p. 24)

The following documents are bound with the diary:

/5 Letter to Shuckburgh from Herbert Morrison, thanking him for his help and regretting that 'the change of government has parted us', 31 October 1951

/6 Note to Shuckburgh from Ernest Bevin, nd

/6a Note to Shuckburgh from Laurence Whistler, advising him about the design of a box Shuckburgh is making, which will include a piece of Whistler glass, 17 October 1951

/11a Copy of memo from Shuckburgh to Jock Colville [Principal Private Secretary to the Prime Minister, Winston Churchill], sending him 'the note made by Sir Oliver Harvey of his remarks...about the prospects of a high-level meeting with the Russians', 15 November 1951

/11b Copy of a note written by Sir Oliver Harvey of remarks made by Winston Churchill about British policy towards Russia, 1951

/17 Letter to Shuckburgh from JM Richards [Editor, The Architectural Review] enclosing a cutting from an article about St James's Park, published in the Architectural Review, 10 December 1951

/18 Letter from Shuckburgh to JM Richards, thanking him for the cutting and explaining

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why he dislikes 'the recent innovations' in St James's Park, 13 December 1951

/76 Letter to Herbert Morrison from Dwight D Eisenhower, 25 June 1951

/77 Letter to Shuckburgh from Adolf Hensinger, thanking him for the gift of a pipe, 3 July 1952

/78 Letter from Shuckburgh to the Chairman of the Marlborough-Windham Club, opposing amalgamation with the Travellers Club, 23 July 1952

/80 Letter to Shuckburgh from Lilian Shuckburgh [his mother], 22 July 1952

/94 Letter to Shuckburgh from John Shuckburgh [his father], 30 September 1952

/95 Letter to Shuckburgh from Ken Smith describing a trip to Yugoslavia, 14 September 1952

/112 Copy of letter to David Kelly from Shuckburgh explaining why he was not invited to a dinner for the Turkish Foreign Minister, 30 October 1952

/170 Julian Shuckburgh's school report, 1952

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MS191/1/2/2

Diary 1953

1953

The diary begins on 1 January 1953 and ends on 31 December 1953. Letters and other contemporary documents have been

bound with the diaries. The page numbers begin at 145 and end at 265.

In 'Descent to Suez', Shuckburgh summarises 1953 as follows: 'Anthony Eden had long been recognised as Churchill's successor, and he held the title of Deputy Prime Minister. But as time wore on and Churchill showed no signs of retiring he

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became impatient to get his hands on the reins of government. His hope received a set-back in 1953, when the death of Stalin gave Churchill an additional motive for staying on; as the only survivor of the three great war leaders he felt that he had a mission and a duty to 'unfreeze' the Cold War.

The diary illustrates the growing strain which these delays placed upon Eden's nerves.' (p. 62)

'In March/April 1953, Eden had several operations, and was away from work until October. Lord Salisbury acted as Foreign Secretary in his absence. In July, Churchill had a stroke, but recovered very quickly. 'Churchill's desire to conciliate the Russians after the death of Stalin caused Eden and the Foreign Office some alarm. A speech he made on the subject on 11 May aroused particular controversy.' (p. 87)

Shuckburgh summarises the main diplomatic issues of 1953 as: the Italian/Yugoslav dispute over Trieste, and the unsuccessful British and American attempt to break the deadlock by withdrawing their troops from Zone A and transferring its administration to Italy; talks with Egypt about the replacement of the Anglo-Egyptian Treaty of 1936 and the future status of the Canal Zone base; the lack of diplomatic representation in Iran, and the 'growing rivalry between British and American oil companies as to how the Iranian oil fields might be reactivated'; and the occupation of the Buraimi oasis by a Saudi force. (p. 104)

Documents bound with the diary include:

/17 Letter to Shuckburgh from Knox Helm [British Ambassador to Turkey] advising

him that he should come to Turkey despite 'the trouble two years ago', annotated by Anthony Eden, 13 February 1953

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/24 Joke letter from Shuckburgh to Thomas Stone, 20 January 1953

/25 Joke letter to Shuckburgh from Thomas Stone, 12 January 1953

/26 Joke letter to Norman and Yettie R from Tommy Davis [British Embassy, Bonn], 7 January 1952

/28 Joke letter to Thomas Stone from Shuckburgh, 30 January 1953

/29 Joke letter to Thomas Stone from Saul Rae, forwarded to Shuckburgh, 17 February 1953

/58 Shuckburgh's invitation to the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II, 2 June 1953

/59 Letter to A Lascelles [Buckingham Palace] to William Strang, congratulating Foreign Office staff on a successful dinner at Lancaster House, 8 June 1953

/60 Letter to Shuckburgh from the Queen, forwarding him his medal to be worn at the Coronation, nd

/78 Letter to Shuckburgh from Marcus Hampton, reporting on his son Julian's progress at school, 24 May 1953

/82 Cutting entitled 'Weekend Talks on Anzus Pact', nd

/103 Letter to Shuckburgh from Freddie, telling him about the arrangements for Anthony Eden's wedding to Clarissa Churchill, 12 August 1952

/104 Letter to Shuckburgh from Freddie, saying how much he has appreciated working for him, August 1953

/110 Letter to Jock Colville from Shuckburgh, 17 August 1953

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/111-/112 Letters to Shuckburgh from Anthony Eden, written during a holiday, 21 August 1953 and 27 August 1953

/115 Copy of letter from Shuckburgh to Anthony Eden, written while Eden is on holiday, giving him an update on events in the Foreign Office, 25 August 1953

/117 Letter from Anthony Eden to Shuckburgh, written during a holiday in Greece, telling him their travel plans and asking Shuckburgh to 'keep me posted as much as you can', 31 August 1953

/118 Letter from Anthony Eden to Shuckburgh, 3 September 1953

/119 Letter to Shuckburgh from Anthony Eden, including a discussion about an article in the Herald Tribune which suggests that 'Lord Salisbury, the Chancellor, and the PM will force me upon an unwilling party and country as successor', 13 August 1953

/120 Memo from Shuckburgh to William Ridsdale [Head of News Department, Foreign Office], asking him to find the Tribune article and then discuss how they might respond, annotated by William Ridsdale, 18 August 1953

/121 Letter to Shuckburgh from William Ridsdale, 19 August 1953

/122 Cutting of article from Herald Tribune entitled 'Matter of Fact' by Stewart Alsop, discussing whether Churchill will resign as Prime Minister in favour of Anthony Eden, following Churchill's stroke in June, 11 August 1953

/123 Letter to Shuckburgh from Lord Salisbury, 5 September 1953

/125 Letter from Shuckburgh to Lord Salisbury, 7 September 1953

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/126 Letter to Lord Salisbury from Lord Mountbatten, forwarded to Shuckburgh, 5 September 1953

/126a Letter to Shuckburgh from an unidentified author, concerning arrangements for the King's College Old Boys' Dinner, 14 September 1953

/127 Menu for King's College Dinner, 26 September 1953

/127a Note, author unidentified, about the history of the Munnings of Norwich, nd

/128 Speech given by Shuckburgh at King's College Old Boys' Dinner, 26 September 1953

/160 Letter to Shuckburgh from J Sheppard, asking him for help with an article he is writing about Shuckburgh's father, 26 October 1953, with /161 Shuckburgh's answer, 29 October 1953

/164 Julian Shuckburgh's school report, October 1953

/165 Letter to Shuckburgh from David Pitblado, informing him that he has been appointed a Companion of the Order of the Bath, 25 November 1953

/168 Letter to Shuckburgh from Bob, possibly Bob Dixon [Foreign Office], discussing strategy for the Bermuda Conference and which Foreign Office staff should attend, 16 November 1953.

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Access: Open

**Physical description:** /58 will be damaged if opened frequently; /119 is folded and slightly torn

MS191/1/2/3

Diary 1954

1954

Bound typed diary entries, with other documents from the same period, including a list, probably made by Nancy Shuckburgh

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[Shuckburgh's wife] of cuts made by Shuckburgh. The diary is split into two parts, with a sequence of page numbers for each part: Part I begins at 266 and ends at 463; Part II begins at 1 and ends at 137. It begins on 1 January and ends on 17 December 1954.

Further cuts were made when the book was edited; these are not indicated in the diary.

'In January 1954, I accompanied Eden to Berlin for a conference of the four occupying powers on the future of Germany and Austria. I wrote a full diary recording blow-by-blow the failure to obtain Soviet consent either to the establishment of an all-German Government through free elections or to the signature of an Austrian peace treaty. Most of it is omitted here... Eden's attention was increasingly diverted from these problems by troubles in the Middle East and the Far East and by concern over his position in the Government.' (p. 127)

In April and May 1954, Shuckburgh went to the Geneva Conference as Private Secretary to Eden, but left half way through the conference. On his return, he was given a new post at the Foreign Office: Under-Secretary in charge of Middle East affairs. The main foreign policy issues of 1954 were as follows: '...the focus of attention is on the re-negotiation of the Anglo-Egyptian Treaty of 1936, and the chapter ends with the successful conclusion of an agreement with Nasser over the conditions of British withdrawal from the Suez Canal Zone base. But at home the Prime Minister could not be reconciled to what he considered a policy of 'scuttle', and the 'Suez Group' in the Conservative Party, led by Julian Amery and Captain Waterhouse, taunted Eden with appeasement.' (Descent to Suez, p. 242).

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The following documents are bound with the diary:

### Part I

72a-b Copies of letters to Shuckburgh from Nancy Shuckburgh [his wife], mainly family news, 15 February 1954 and undated;

126a Part of a telegram from Sir John Sterndale Bennett [British Middle East Office], annotated by Anthony Eden 'Bennett is a bore - what does that office do?' 6 April 1954

156a Letter to Shuckburgh from Nancy Shuckburgh, mainly family news, 27 April 1954

182a-b Letter to Shuckburgh from Nancy Shuckburgh, 2 May 1954 and 8 May 1954

194a Letter to Shuckburgh from Anthony Eden, thanking him for his 'wonderful help and guidance' while Shuckburgh was working for him, 3 June 1954

/194b Letter to Shuckburgh probably from Roger Makins [British Ambassador to Washington], congratulating Shuckburgh on 'his elevation to the Under-Secretarial ranks', 8 June 1954

### Part II

/25 Copy of a minute by Shuckburgh sent to the Foreign Secretary concerning negotiations with Egypt and calling for a 7-year withdrawal from Suez, 17 July 1954

/25a Letter to Shuckburgh from the Foreign Office, informing him that he has been promoted, 17 July 1954

/30 Copy of a minute by Shuckburgh arguing that the British should agree to withdraw troops from Egypt after 7 years, 21 July 1954

/46a Letter to Shuckburgh from Ralph [British Embassy, Cairo], saying that he enjoyed having Anthony Head to stay and

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that he was happy for Anthony Head to initial the Agreement, 9 August 1954

/106a-b Cuttings reporting on Shuckburgh's visit to Jordan and other Middle Eastern countries for talks, November 1954

/117a Letter to Shuckburgh from Moshe Sharett [Prime Minister of Israel], thanking him for his gift of a book of photographs, and saying that he was glad to have talked to him, 9 December 1954

/117b-d Press cuttings of articles reporting on Shuckburgh's meetings with Moshe Sharett and other Israeli politicians, 25 November 1954

/121a-g Press cuttings reporting on Shuckburgh's tour of the Middle East, 1 December-22 December 1954

/137a-d 'Some Winstoniana': a Letter to John Shuckburgh from Winston Churchill thanking him for his 'fine work on the Middle East', 21 December 1921; b Telegram from the Foreign Office announcing the abdication of King Farouk of Egypt, annotated by Winston Churchill: 'They have lost their King!', 27 July 1952; c Note from Winston Churchill: 'Poor Oswald Birley died this morning', 6 May 1952; d Note from Anthony Eden: 'If someone wasn't so Zionist we could settle all this tomorrow with Jordan and tell Egyptians to go to - -', annotated by Shuckburgh: 'AE on arms for Jordan. 'Someone' =W.S.C.', nd.

1 volume

Access: Open

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Diary 1955

1955

Bound typescript diary, with contemporary documents added, beginning on 1 January 1955 and ending on 22 Dec 1955. January to July entries are copies of MS191/1/1/6. The page numbering begins at /138 and ends at /330.

In 'Descent to Suez', Shuckburgh summarises 1955 as follows: 'On the subject of Palestine Eden and Dulles at this time saw eye to eye. On other aspects of Middle East policy, however, British and American views were beginning to diverge. Dulles was increasingly dubious about British attempts to organize the northern tier of State (Turkey, Iraq, Iran, Pakistan) into a defence pact against Russia, and steadfastly resisted pressure for the US to join the Baghdad Pact. The conflict of British and American oil interests was also affecting the situation.' (p. 242)

'From July 1955 to the end of the year the situation in the Middle East became increasing confused. 'Alpha' was still under discussion and the diaries continue to show some optimism over it. But its prospects were fading. Opposition to the Baghdad Pact began to place a heavy strain on Britain's friends in the area (and notably on Jordan) and the Americans continued to refuse to join it. The conclusion by Egypt in September of an arms deal with the Soviet satellite Czechoslovakia revealed the Russian intention to play an increasingly active role in the Middle East. Difficulties with the World Bank over the financing of the High Dam at Aswan were to result eventually in a deal with the Soviets. All this led to recriminations between the United States and the United Kingdom Governments and to growing British impatience with Dulles.' (p. 268)

Documents bound with the diary include:

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/153a cuttings reporting on the decision not to use Christmas Common in Oxfordshire as an air base, nd

/219a Drawing of Shuckburgh's house by Robin Shuckburgh [his son]

/256a Draft telegram from Harold Macmillan to John Foster Dulles, 3 October 1955

/263a Memo by Shuckburgh summarising the British response to 'the Soviet threat in the Middle East', 14 October 1955

/303a Letter to Shuckburgh from Sir Gerald Templer concerning the possible appointment of a Turkish Security Adviser, 22 November 1955

/303b Letter to Shuckburgh inviting him and others to lunch with the Queen, 4 July 1955

/303c Press cutting from the Times reporting that Shuckburgh has travelled to Geneva with Harold Macmillan for talks on the Middle East crisis, 8 November 1955

/317a Cutting from the Jewish Observer entitled 'Macmillan's Middle East Advisers', summarising Shuckburgh's career, 25 November 1955

/321a Telegram to Shuckburgh from Sir I Kirkpatrick: 'I made a fairly savage attack on the American Minister this morning emphasising that America was playing the Russian game and violating justice', 15 December 1955

Loose, at the back of the volume, there is a memo by Shuckburgh written in preparation for a meeting with the Secretary of State which discusses 'the Alpha Plan', 13 April 1955. In the introduction to 'Descent to Suez', Shuckburgh describes the Plan as 'a Plan whereby in return for minimal Israeli concessions and with various forms of economic and material assistance from the West the Arabs might be induced to make

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peace with Israel and the US and UK would guarantee the settlement'. (p. 211)

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Diary 1956-1957

1956-1957

Bound typescript diary, with other contemporary documents added, beginning on 1 January 1956 and ending on 26 December 1957. The page numbers begin at 331 and end at 454, in the middle of the diary, probably because material after that date was not used in 'Descent to Suez'.

In 'Descent to Suez', Shuckburgh summarises 1956 as follows: 'In this last chapter the diaries record the deteriorating position in the Middle East and my increasing despondency. Harold Macmillan, to his own regret (and mine), had been removed from the Foreign Office at the beginning of the year and had been replaced as Secretary of State by Selwyn Lloyd. At the end of March I was asking to be released from the Middle East work and I left the Foreign Office on secondment to the Imperial Defence College (IDC) on 20 June, five weeks before the nationalization of the Suez Canal. The diaries throw light on the process by which Anglo-American co-operation in the Middle East became eroded and finally broke down over Suez.' (p. 316)

The following documents have been bound with the diary:

1956

/340 press cutting reporting that the Foreign Office has denied that Britain put pressure on Jordan to join the Baghdad Pact

/341a cutting from the New York Times reporting on riots in Jordan, 12 January 1956

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/341b cutting from The News Chronicle reporting on talks between John Foster Dulles and Anthony Eden, nd

/352a cuttings reporting on Shuckburgh's preparation for British talks with the US on the Middle East, January 1956

/355a cutting entitled 'US View of Nasser: Stabilising Influence', 23 January 1956

/370a Invitation asking Shuckburgh to lunch from the President of the United States, 31 January 1956

/373a Press cutting - profile of Sir Harold Caccia and Shuckburgh entitled 'Two Men Behind Eden at Talks Typify British Diplomatic Flair', 1 February 1956

/379a Press cutting of a cartoon by Osbert Lancaster, nd

/387a Letter to Shuckburgh from Christopher, telling him that he will not be able to complete a portrait of Shuckburgh's daughter Catherine, 19 February

/410a Note probably from Harold Macmillan: 'do try to work out a plan on which we might stay in Jordan', nd

There are several unnumbered pages between /444 and /445:

Letter to Shuckburgh from Tony Nutting, 17 August 1956

Letter to Shuckburgh from Henry Jackson, 6 October 1956, enclosing letters written by Shuckburgh's relations, 1897-1906

Carbon copy of a letter from Shuckburgh to Sir Ivone Kirkpatrick, proposing that the British should insist on Egyptian withdrawal from Israeli territory, 31 October 1956

1957

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The diary entries for 1957 have no page numbers. Documents bound with the diary include:

a short memo, author unidentified, probably by Shuckburgh, about British policy in the Middle East, nd

cutting of part of a dispatch from GH Middleton, discussing Nasser and the

Middle East, annotated by Shuckburgh, 24 September 1957

Letter to Shuckburgh from Barclay [Foreign Office], 3 February 1958

Letter to Shuckburgh from Harold Beeley, 26 October 1957

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MS191/1/2/6

Diary Jun-Sep 1958

1958

The diary covers the period 10 June 1958-19 September 1958. It begins when Shuckburgh returns to the Foreign Office: 'I will do odd jobs until my new post abroad becomes available, whatever it is'. He is asked to work on 'negotiations with the Sultan of Muscat', while his new job (either Ambassador in Tehran or a post in NATO) is decided. Events in the Middle East are dominating the Foreign Office, and there are comments on and descriptions of, among others, Foreign Office reaction to the invasion of Lebanon and the revolution in Iraq. On 16 July, Shuckburgh's appointment as Political Advisor to the Secretary-General of NATO, Paul-Henri Spaak, is confirmed. The rest of the diary describes his arrival in Paris, his first meetings with Spaak and other NATO officials, and a series of calls on NATO Ambassadors.

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- MS191/1/2/7      Manuscript notes Aug 1959      1959
- Manuscript notes written by Shuckburgh on 15 Aug 1959, looking back on his first year as Political Advisor to Paul-Henri Spaak, Secretary-General of NATO. He describes his difficulties in getting access to Spaak and Spaak's reluctance to take minutes; his relations with other NATO staff; Spaak's character and political judgement; the difficulties of communicating with other departments of NATO, giving an example of an interview with Charles de Gaulle in which Spaak made 'proposals which the Americans and British and other members of the Alliance could not possibly accept'. Despite these problems, he finds the job very enjoyable because his Division is 'so well staffed and efficient'.
- 2 items
- Access: Open
- MS191/1/2/8      Diary Aug-Oct 1959      1959
- The diary was written while Shuckburgh was Assistant Secretary-General of NATO. It begins on 18 August and ends on 14 October 1959. There are no page numbers.
- The diary describes various meetings with NATO and Foreign Office colleagues. On 18 August, Shuckburgh attends a meeting of the NATO Political Committee, which includes various NATO ambassadors; they discuss preparations for Dwight D Eisenhower's forthcoming visit to Paris. On 18-21 August, Shuckburgh visits Oslo, speaks at the NATO Seminar, and meets Lange, the Norwegian Foreign Minister. He calls at the Foreign Office on 15 September for discussions about the Common Market and Africa with Tony Rumbold and Alan Watson. On 22 September, he attends his first Political Advisers Committee Meeting - 'all attention is on the Eisenhower/Kruschev meeting'; he comments that 'NATO is going to find it hard to concentrate upon important

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topics this autumn, partly because of the direct US/USSR contacts and partly because disarmament, which is presumably going to be the great issue, will be handled by in the UN Ten-Power Commission'.

On 23 September, he hears 'reports of recent meetings of Adenauer, Spaak, Norstad, and Stikker in the Italian Lakes, at which A. showed the most fanatical distrust

of the British' which is the reason for Spaak's fears about French policy: 'the French dream is to build up a European bloc against the Anglo-Saxons.' He describes a discussion with Paul-Henri Spaak on 27 September, who confirms the anti-British attitude of Adenauer, says that the idea of reviving the Western European Union is likely to fail, and suggests that if Labour win the election, one of the most acute questions in Europe would be Britain's relations with her allies'. On 6 October, he attends a Polads meeting which includes a discussion about Iraq; and a meeting with Gladwyn Jebb where they discuss future organization in Europe, Charles de Gaulle, and the outcome of the British General Election.

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Diary 1966-1967

1966-1967

The diary begins when Shuckburgh is appointed Ambassador to Italy. There is an index of names, dates, and page numbers at the front of the volume.

A press cutting announcing Shuckburgh's appointment as Ambassador to Italy is filed between the index and the main part of the diary.

The diary begins with summaries of Shuckburgh's meetings with various politicians and diplomats in London held to brief him before he goes to Italy: pp/1 Lord Walston, /4 Dr Medvei, Treasury Medical

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Adviser, /4 Brigadier Steel, /6 Mr Mathieson, Ministry of Overseas Development, /9 Sir Kenneth Strong, /10 General Sir Charles Dunphie, /11 Ted Heath, /12 Sir Ashley Clarke, /13 Sir Paul Gore-Booth, /17 Ted Peck and Nigel Clive, /17-/23 Enoch Powell, /23 Christopher Ewart-Biggs, /24 SG Warburg and Co, /25 Shell, /27 The Queen, /30 Meeting of the Italian Art and Archives Rescue Committee,

/31 Peter Tennant, /33 Chatham House, /34 British Council, /36 Anglo-Italian Parliamentary Group, /37 Italian Embassy, /37 Sir Burke Trend, /39 Confederation of British Industry/Export Council for Europe, /41 George Brown, /45 Denis Healey, /45 Fred Mulley, /51 Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, /52 Industrial Tour BAC, /55 British Motor Corporation, /56 Associated Electrical Industries, /62 Lord Chalfont, /62 Vickers Ltd, /64 Chancellor of the Exchequer and Chief Secretary to the Treasury, /64 John Davies [Director-General, CBI], /66 Ted Heath, /70 Sir Con O'Neill, /71 Dennis Walters, /72 Alan Campbell, /72 Overseas Service of the BBC, /73 Douglas Jay [President of the Board of Trade], /73 Transport House.

Diary entries begin on 8 November 1966 and include descriptions of: p /75 Shuckburgh's journey to and arrival in Rome, 17 December 1966; /80 his first meeting with Embassy staff, visiting Florence, 19 December 1966; /83 visiting the Biblioteca Nazionale in Florence after the floods, and meeting people working on flood relief, 20-21 December; /88 called on Amintore Fanfani, 23 December; /90 meeting about British 'export problems to Italy', 29 December; /95-/99 visit to Italian Embassy by George Brown, including a meeting between Amintore Fanfani and George Brown discussing Britain's entry into the EEC, 3 January; /108 calls on Italian Minister of Industry and Commerce and Minister of the Treasury, discussed Britain's entry into the Common Market, 11 January; /110 lunch with Jock Colville, discussion

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about Winston Churchill, 11 January; /112 call on Italian Minister of Agriculture, 12 January; /114 called on Guido Carli, Governor of Bank of Italy, 13 January; /114-115 dinner with Con O'Neill.

There is one document bound with the diary: /111a Letter from Jock Colville,

thanking Shuckburgh for his stay in Rome, 12 January 1967

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MS191/1/2/10

Diary 1968

1968

Written while Shuckburgh was Ambassador to Italy, the diary describes his engagements including lunches, dinner parties, and meetings with politicians and other diplomats. There is an index of names, dates, and page numbers at the beginning of the diary. On the inside front cover, there is a press cutting of a picture showing Shuckburgh meeting Prince Philip.

The diary includes descriptions of: pp /2 talks with the German ambassador and the Ghana ambassador, 2 January; /3 advising the Government against a unilateral cancellation of the concord; /5 conversation with George Thomson 'who was not looking forward to having to tell the Australians, the New Zealanders, the Malaysians etc... that we intend to pull out of the Far East by 1971', 5 January; /6 attending a party at which King Constantine of Greece explained why his coup had failed, 5 January; /9 a round table conference attended by British and Italian scientists; /10 conversation with Vietnam Ambassador, 12 January; /12 discusses 'the bringing forward of our withdrawal from the Far East and from the Gulf', 16 January; /14 meeting with King Constantine of Greece; /16 calling on the President, who is preoccupied with the consequences of the Sicilian earthquake, 23 January; /17 called on King Constantine, met Fafani; lunch for Admiral Bayly, Chief of

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Allied Staff, discussing Soviet naval presence in Mediterranean, 26 January; /21 evening with Ghana Ambassador, 27 January; /26 watching filming of 'The Shoes of the Fisherman', attending Mayor's reception for Chancellor Kiesinger, 2 February; /34 meeting with Malfatti to discuss arrangements for the Italian State visit in July 1969; /37 dinner party including Jennie Lee, 24 February; lunch with the Somali ambassador, splendid design for a writing desk by Bruce Tippet, 29 February; /45 news that Treasury has signed the contract for building the Porta Pia, 4 March; /48 dinner party for Italian Generals and Admirals, 8 March; /49 lunch with Lebanese ambassador, everybody very depressed about Vietnam and about the rush for gold, meeting Krishna Murti, 'who evaded every single question that was put to him', 9 March; /50 dinner with Dr Fummi to meet the conductor Guiliani and his wife, 9 March; /51 visited Dennis Vaughan to hear him play a clavichord made by Tom Goff, 10 March; /62 George Brown's resignation, 21 March; /70 meeting with Donna Giulia Crespi, discussing how to 'save the countryside and the historical beauties of Italy from vandalism', 29 March; /80 planning building 'the new Chancery', crisis in Canadian-French relations, opening of the Consular Conference, 9 April; /86 call from the US Ambassador; /88 lunch with President Saragat, 19 April; /92 correspondence with Paul Gore-Booth and Pat Dean [Assistant Under-Secretary, Foreign Office; later UK representative to United Nations and Ambassador in Washington] about the state of the Foreign Service and the sacking of Patrick Reilly, 20 May; /95 comments on student unrest in France and Italy, 20 May; /96 Lunch party including Gaja, who is pessimistic about the general political situation in Europe, 26 May; /99 lunch party discussing the likely effect of the French events on Italy, 27 May; /109-/111 Ted Heath's visit, describes his policies, 3 June; /114 meeting with Basil Spence and design of the new ambassador's residence, 10 June; /115 dinner with Enoch Powell, who

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holds 'disordered and unhelpful views about Europe and especially about Mediterranean defence, 10 June; /122 speech made at St George's School speech day, 15 June; /130 lunch party for King Constantine and Queen

Anne Marie, 30 June; /146 'a pleasant hour gossiping with Ted Heath' concerning his speech about the state of the economy, Europe and the Common Market, and the Committee he has set up to study the workings of the Foreign Office, 17 July; /224 meeting with the Secretary of State, 22 October; /228 official visit to Sicily, 23-31 October; /269 lunch with President Saragat, 19 November; /282 King's College Cambridge Founder's Feast, with /289 trip to Malta.

Documents bound with the diary include:

/95a Letter to Shuckburgh from Patrick Reilly, thanking him for 'writing to Stewart about our misfortunes' and telling him about his sacking from the Foreign Service, 11 April;

/95b Letter from Shuckburgh to Paul Gore-Booth, discussing George Brown 'a nightmare to deal with' and the sacking of colleagues in the Foreign Office, 24 April;

/95c Letter from Shuckburgh to Sir Patrick Dean commiserating with him on 'having your successor announced over a year before you are due to retire', 25 April;

/95d Letter to Shuckburgh from Paul Gore-Booth, replying to his letter of 24th April (95b), 9 May;

/95e Letter to Shuckburgh from Sir Patrick Dean, replying to his letter of 25th April (95c), 13 May;

/95f Copy of letter from Shuckburgh to Patrick Dean, enclosing a draft letter to the Times in support of Sir Patrick Reilly, 28 May;

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/95g Letter to Shuckburgh from Sir Patrick Dean, 4 June;

/95h Copy of letter from Shuckburgh to Sir Patrick Dean, 12 June;

/149a Copy of letter from Shuckburgh to the Foreign Office asking for a year's extension of service in Rome, 17 July;

/186 Copy of letter from Shuckburgh to the Secretary of State asking for a year's extension to his service in Rome, 2 September;

/219a Letter to Shuckburgh from Michael Stewart, refusing his request for an extra year's service in Rome, and explaining Civil Service policy on retirement, 4 October 1968;

/221a Letter to Shuckburgh from Malcolm Muntke, inviting him to visit him in the Castello di Lunghezza, 14 October;

/282a order of service, 6 December;

/289a press cutting of an article about ancient Maltese cart ruts, 15 December 1968.

**Arrangement:** The description uses the original page numbers. Documents have been added in between the pages of the diary, and are not numbered. These have been numbered using the number of the previous page followed by a letter of the alphabet.

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MS191/1/2/11

Diary 1969

1969

Written while Shuckburgh was Ambassador to Italy, the diary begins on 2 January and ends on 21 May. Most of the diary describes Shuckburgh's official engagements, which include meetings with many Italian and British politicians. There is

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an index of names, dates, and page numbers at the front of the volume.

Meetings in the diary include lunch with Meloy, the Minister at the UK Embassy, including a discussion about de Gaulle who is 'still trying to break up Canada', 3 January

/16 a visit to London for a Conference of Foreign Ambassadors about 'next steps in Europe', 18-21 January;

/39 a meeting with Prince Philip, 2 March;

/45 calling on Ferrari Aggradi...to enlist his support for the PAL system of colour television against the SECAM system, 6 March;

/56 visiting Freya Stark, 15 March

/85-/102 description of a state visit with President Saragat to the United Kingdom, during which Shuckburgh stayed at Windsor Castle and attended several official dinners, 21 April;

/103 copy of a letter from Shuckburgh to HM The Queen thanking her for her hospitality at Windsor Castle, 29 April;

/104-/105 the official visit of President Saragat to Scotland, where he visits Glasgow and Edinburgh, 25 April;

/109 reaction to the resignation of Charles de Gaulle, 28 April;

/111 official dinner at the Guildhall in London in honour of President Saragat, 28 April;

/113 visit to Queen Mary's Hospital for Children, 29 April;

/115 phone call from Lord Avon concerning Macmillan's book, 1 May.

There are two documents bound with this diary: /76a text of an after dinner speech given by Shuckburgh at Bagni di Lucca, Italian, 11 April 1969; /76b Press cutting of

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an article by Shuckburgh entitled 'The Real Basis of Unity in Europe', nd.

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MS191/1/3

Diary 1927

1927-  
[1990?]

Part of a diary kept by Shuckburgh in 1927, while he was at school, with a summary of the diary written much later, probably in the 1980s or 1990s.

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MS191/2

Personal correspondence

1931-1995

**Arrangement:** Arranged by date according to the earliest item in the file.

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MS191/2/1

Letters from Shuckburgh to his parents

1931-1935

Letters from Shuckburgh to his parents, Sir John and Lady Lilian Shuckburgh, written from Germany and Austria. /2 discusses his doubts about choosing a career in diplomacy, 1931; /3 comments on the political situation in Germany, giving views on Hitler: 'Hitler is not nearly such a danger as we make out abroad' and anti-Jewish propaganda: 'I very much disapprove of the anti-Jewish propaganda. Anti-Semitism is the lowest political weapon', 1931; /5 is written from Geneva, probably during a League of Nations meeting, and describes 'a most fatuous debate on 'the status of women' and social life in Geneva, 1935.

The folder containing these letters is labelled 'Letters worth quoting', which suggests that Shuckburgh meant to use them for his autobiography.

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Letters to and from Shuckburgh while in Buenos Aires

1944-1945

/1 Carbon copy typescript of a speech by Shuckburgh about Shakespeare given to the Asociacion Argentina de Cultura Inglesa, between 1942-1944; /2 Index of correspondence in the file; /3-/27 Correspondence between Shuckburgh and colleagues in the Foreign Office, mostly congratulating him on his work in Argentina, and discussing his return to England, with some comments on Argentinean politics, 1944-1945.

Includes: /3-/7 Correspondence between Shuckburgh and Victor Perowne [South American Department, Foreign Office] thanking him for handling 'a very difficult and tricky situation', 1944 and arranging to send Shuckburgh some bulbs, 1945; /8 Letter from Shuckburgh to Sir David Kelly, 1945; /9 Letter from Shuckburgh to Oliver, probably Oliver Brett, 1945; /10-/12 Letter from Shuckburgh to Victor Perowne enclosing an a press cutting from 'Pueblo Argentino' with an English translation of an article entitled 'The First Eighty Years of Carcano', 1945; /13-/14 Letter from LC Hughes-Hallet [British Legation, Quito, Ecuador] re posting Ecuadorean antiquities, 1945; /15-/16 Letter to Shuckburgh from CB Jerram, with Shuckburgh's reply, 1945; /17-/21 Correspondence between Shuckburgh and Sir David Kelly, 1944; /22 Letter from Shuckburgh to GGM Vereker [British Embassy, Montevideo], 1944; /25-/26 Letter to Shuckburgh from RS Hadow, with Shuckburgh's reply, 1944; /27 Letter to Shuckburgh from Rodney Gallop, 1944.

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Letters to and from Argentina

1937-1944

Correspondence and other papers created during Shuckburgh's posting in Argentina, including: /1 Letter from Shuckburgh to RJ Bowker [Foreign Office], telling him that he is 'delighted to hear that you are coming here as Counsellor', 1944; /3 Letter from Shuckburgh to Tommy, probably Thomas Stone, giving his opinions about Argentina, 1943; /5 Letter from Shuckburgh to David Scott Fox, recommending Raul C Migone as 'a personal friend of mine and staunch supporter of the Allied cause', and asking permission for Migone to send letters through the diplomatic bag, 1943; /6-/10 Letters of congratulation from Shuckburgh to various people who received awards in the Birthday Honours, 1943: /6 Colonel Oliver M Bigger; /7 Frederic C Blair; /8 Colonel AA Magee; /9 Dr AG Shenstone; /10 Mrs A Plumtree; /11 Letter from Shuckburgh to LB Pearson, congratulating him on his recent appointment as Chairman of the Permanent Committee of Food Supplies, 1943; /12 Letter to Shuckburgh from John Shuckburgh [his father] concerning buying holdings of Savings Bank Defence Bonds, 23 November 1942; /13 Letter to Shuckburgh from the Foreign Office concerning purchase of Defence Bonds, 1942; /16 Letter to Shuckburgh from Marie-Noelle, written from Correntoso, Argentina, describing the scenery in and journey to Correntoso, nd; /17-/18 Letter from WLM Dunlop [Communications Department, Foreign Office], concerning reasons for the delays to the post from London, 1943, with Shuckburgh's reply; /19, /21 Minutes sheets signed by SR Robertson asking for the Foreign Office to send Jose Evaristo Uriburu the certificate that goes with his George V Jubilee Medal, 1943; /20 Letter from Shuckburgh to R Dunbar [Treaty Department, Foreign Office] asking them to forward the appropriate certificate to Jose Evaristo Uriburu, and for replacement Coronation Medals for Perez de Ayala, 1943; /22 Letter from Shuckburgh to Saul, discussing Argentinean politics following the

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revolution, 1943; /28 Letter to Shuckburgh from an unidentified correspondent, a former colleague at the Canadian Embassy, giving news of staff in the Embassy, 1943; /29-/30 Letters to Shuckburgh from [Department of External Affairs, Canada], 1943; /31 Letter from Shuckburgh to Lord Keynes, sending him a paper entitled 'Balanced Distribution', written by a member of the United States Embassy, 1943; /32-/33 Letter from Shuckburgh to JE Sealy, re sending money to a fund for a former Winchester housemaster, 1943; /34-/35 Letter from Colonel HC Osborne [War Graves Commission], enclosing a letter telling him where his brother is buried, telling him he is missed in Ottawa, and commiserating on the loss at sea of his possessions, with /36 Shuckburgh's reply, 1943; /37-/39 Correspondence between Shuckburgh and Ian Wilson-Young concerning presentation to the Brazilian Government by the British Ambassador of a Lend-Lease plane, and the damage this caused to British/American relations, 1943; /40 Letter to Shuckburgh from John Shuckburgh [his father], discussing Colonel F Bailey and his career, 1943; /41 Letter to Shuckburgh from Ted, written from Savannah, Georgia, describing his training as an aircraft armourer and passing on news of mutual friends, 1942; /42 Letter to Shuckburgh from Lilian Shuckburgh [his mother], nd; /43-/44 Letters to Shuckburgh from John Shuckburgh [his father], including family news and his efforts to speed up post from Shuckburgh in Argentina, 1943, enclosing /45 letter from the Foreign Office explaining why post is delayed, 1943; /46 Letter to Shuckburgh from John Shuckburgh [his father], concerning his complaints to the Foreign Office about delays to the post from Argentina and family news, 9 April 1943; /49 Letter to Shuckburgh from Lilian Shuckburgh [his mother], nd; /50 Letter to Shuckburgh from John Shuckburgh [his father] (duplicate of /47), 9 April 1943; /51 Letter to Shuckburgh from John Shuckburgh, 1 April 1943; /52-/53 Letter from Shuckburgh to Edward Playfair [HM

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Treasury], discussing British policy in Argentina: 'The prevailing idea... is to try to associate Argentine interests in British enterprises by giving away shares in British businesses', a policy which he opposes, 15 March 1943; /55 Letter from Shuckburgh to WLM Dunlop, discussing delays to the post to Argentina, 3 May 1943; /56 Letter from Rodney Gallop [South American Department, Foreign Office, London], replying to /57 a letter from Shuckburgh concerning delays to the post to Argentina and his difficulties finding cypherers to work in his office, 1943; /58 Letter from Shuckburgh to Bernard Burrows [British Embassy, Cairo], congratulating him on his recent marriage, 12 March 1943; /63 Letter from Shuckburgh to Donald Maclean [General Department, Foreign Office], 11 March 1943; /64 Letter from Shuckburgh to Ian Maclannan [United Kingdom High Commissioner's Office, Ottawa], reporting that all his possessions have been lost at sea, 29 December 1942; /65 Letter from Shuckburgh to Ralph Skrine Stevenson [British Legation, Montevideo], 29 December 1942; /67 Press cutting from La Nacion, Spanish, 21 December 1942; /68 Letter from Shuckburgh to Thomas Stone [Department of External Affairs, Ottawa], giving his first impressions of Buenos Aires, of the Canadian Trade Commissioner, Mr Veckslar, and commenting on the 'divergence in British and American policy towards South America' which he thinks is 'due to a general feeling amongst Americans that this continent must become their preserve and that we are European interlopers', 20 November 1942; /69 Letter to Shuckburgh from Katharine, probably Katherine Chatfield, 21 September 1942; /70 Letter to Shuckburgh from Gordon, telling him that his dog has been killed on the road, 24 November 1942; /71-73 Letter to Shuckburgh from MY Coates [Imperial Chemical Industries Ltd, London], enclosing a copy of a note he has written to his friend Robert Salmon, introducing the Shuckburghs to him, with Shuckburgh's reply, 12 November 1942; /74 Letter to

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Shuckburgh from Lyle Saxon, arranging to meet him and his wife, nd; /75 Letter to Shuckburgh from CW ?Orde, inviting him and his wife to lunch, 5 November 1942; /76 Letter to Shuckburgh from Thomas Stone [Department of External Affairs, Canada], sending money for a present, 30 September 1942; /77 Letter to Evelyn and Nancy Shuckburgh from Gordon, wishing them goodbye, 2 October 1942; /78 Letter to Shuckburgh from Donald ?Green [Department of Trade and Commerce, Canada], introducing him to Mr JA Strong [Commercial Attache, Canadian Legation, Buenos Aires], 30 September 1942; /79 Letter to Shuckburgh from Pierrepont Moffatt [Legation Office, Ottawa, Canada], re letter of introduction to Norman Armour, 19 August 1942; /80 Letter from Shuckburgh to Lilian Shuckburgh [his mother], describing a skiing holiday, 6 March 1937; /81 Letter from Shuckburgh to his parents, written during his honeymoon in Italy, 30 September 1937; /82 Comic poem by Shuckburgh: 'Hymn sung by the Chancery at Buenos Aires on first opening a consignment of toilet paper from the Old Country', November 1943; /83-/88 Spoof letters written by Shuckburgh and others in the Office of the High Commissioner for the United Kingdom, Ottawa, and officials in the Canadian Department of External Affairs, arranging a cricket match, 1942.

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'Wartime letters mostly to and from Argentina'

1941-1945

/1 Letter to Shuckburgh from Jack Ward, thanking him for his wedding present and telling him about his new wife, 1943; /2 Letter to Shuckburgh from an unidentified correspondent, 1943; /3 Letter to Shuckburgh from Norman [United States Embassy], thanking him for his letter of condolence on the death of Pierrepont

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Moffatt, 27 January 1943; /4 Letter to Nancy and Evelyn Shuckburgh from Liz, 5 November 1942; /5 Typed booklet of poems by Katharine Chatfield entitled 'To ES from KC. Poems Personal and Universal', 1941; /6-/7 Letters to Shuckburgh from Katherine Chatfield, advising him about his feelings of personal discontent and frustration that 'he is not firing on as many cylinders as he should', 4 March 1944, August 1944; /8 Letter from the Subsecretario de Relaciones Exteriores to the Ambassador Dr Miguel Angel Carcano, Spanish, 19 April 1945; /9-/10 Letters to Shuckburgh from Oliver, 3rd Viscount Esher [his father-in-law], including a brief discussion of the politics of the post-war world, 1944; /11 Letter to Shuckburgh from Leonard Brockington [Gowling, Mactavish, and Watt, Barristers and Solicitors], giving news of Saul Rae and Patrick Duff, Shuckburgh's colleagues from Ottawa, and telling him about his travels in Europe during the War, 21 March 1945; /12 Letter to Shuckburgh from Victor Perowne, thanking him for his work during his time in Buenos Aires, 28 February 1945; /14 Letter to Shuckburgh from Oliver, 3rd Viscount Esher, 13 Feb 1944; /15 Letter to Shuckburgh from Victoria Ocampo, about her travels in the US and England, the English in Argentina, and the cinema, French, nd; /16-/18 Letters to Shuckburgh from Joanna [his sister], 28 February 1944, 17 January 1945, 19 March 1945; /23 Letter to Evelyn and Nancy Shuckburgh from Bernard, writing from Cairo, including news of his forthcoming marriage, nd; /24-/25 Letters from Shuckburgh to his parents: /24 describes his family's arrival in Buenos Aires, his first impressions of Argentine society: 'it would appal you to see the wanton luxury and display', and his plans for reform of the office, 15 November 1942; /25 written on a ship off the coast of Peru, during his family's journey from Ottawa to Buenos Aires, describes his last fortnight in Ottawa, their train journey to Montreal, visiting New Orleans, going through the Panama Canal, passing through Ecuador, Peru, and Chile, stopping to meet British

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diplomats in Chile, their journey over the Andes, and their arrival in Buenos Aires, 29 October 1942; /26 Letter to Shuckburgh from John Shuckburgh [his brother] describing his wedding and honeymoon, 31 October 1943; /27 Letter to Shuckburgh from Dicky [his cousin], discussing his opposition to Communism, his dislike of the 'bourgeois mind', his views on Ireland, sights he has seen in Italy, and his experience of war: 'it's not the friends one loses nor the sights one sees but it is one's own life, a life of uncertainty, of constant strain', 25 August 1944; /28 Letter to Shuckburgh from Lionel Brett [his brother-in-law], commenting on an article by Shuckburgh entitled 'Drawn Film', which discusses the impact of Disney films, and the Second World War: 'we are avowedly fighting a war for 'nothing in particular', 12 April 1944; /29-/30 Letters to Shuckburgh from Thomas Stone [Department of External Affairs, Canada], /29 telling him about the latest meeting of the Review, 4 December 1942; /30 enclosing copies of two letters from Elizabeth de Miribel, 18 August 1943; /31 Copy of letter from Elizabeth de Miribel to Thomas Stone, French, 9 August 1943; /32 Copy of letter from Elizabeth de Miribel to Gladys Arnold, 7 August 1943.

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'Argentine Relics'

1942-1945

/1 Lista dei Cavalli per correre al Palio. Firenze, 1784. Broadsheet printed in red and black, inside which have been pasted various racing cards and a letter, 1784; /2 Typescript draft of a comic play, probably by Shuckburgh, entitled 'The Telegram', satirising life in the diplomatic service, nd; /3 Typescript of a speech about Shakespeare given by Shuckburgh to the Asociacion Argentina de Cultura Inglese, nd; /4 Photograph of a group of Embassy officials, including Evelyn Shuckburgh and Nancy

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Shuckburgh laying a wreath for the French after the fall of Paris, nd; /5-/6 Press cuttings - article reporting on Shuckburgh's arrival in Argentina to take up the post of First Secretary, Spanish, 1942; /7 Press cutting - picture of Nancy Shuckburgh, nd; /8 Press cutting - pictures of ceremonies to mark the laying of a wreath to commemorate the end of the Second World War, one a duplicate of /4, nd; /9 Envelope addressed to Mr John Shuckburgh, enclosing press cuttings printing the text of a speech given by Shuckburgh to the Argentine Association of English Culture; the article includes pictures of Shuckburgh, nd; /10 Empty envelope addressed to Sir John Shuckburgh, postmarked Argentina, 1943; /11 Letter to M [probably Shuckburgh's mother], from Nancy Shuckburgh, describing a family holiday in the Argentine countryside, 1944; /12 Letter to Shuckburgh from Joanna [his sister], 1945; /13 Letter from Shuckburgh to his parents, written on board ship, off the coast of Peru, describing the family's journey from Ottawa to South America, via New Orleans, the Panama Canal, Ecuador, Peru, and their train journey over the Andes, 29 October 1942; /14 Letter from Shuckburgh to his parents, written from Argentina, 17 May 1944; /15 Copy of the Buenos Aires Standard - there is a picture of Shuckburgh presenting medals for the Queen's Birthday Honours on the front page, 8 January 1944; /16 Letter from Shuckburgh to his family, written from Argentina, 1 March 1943; /17 Letter from Shuckburgh to his family, written from New Orleans, 7 October 1942; /18 Letter from Shuckburgh to his parents, written from Buenos Aires, including descriptions of social life in Argentina, 15 November 1942.

**Arrangement:** Original order

18 items

Access: Open

**Physical description:** /1 is folded; /4 is a photograph

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MS191/2/6 'Miscellaneous correspondence' 1937-1990

**Arrangement:** Original order

3 files

Access: Open

MS191/2/6/1 Folder 1 1951-1985

/1 Letter to Evelyn Shuckburgh from Ted Heath, thanking him for sending him a copy of 'The Bedside Book' and wishing Julian, Shuckburgh's son 'success in his publishing venture', 12 October 1979; /3-/4 Letters to Shuckburgh from Mona Mitchell [Private Secretary to Princess Alexandra], congratulating him on his appointment as Chairman of the Standing Commission of the Red Cross, 1977-1978; /7 Letter to Shuckburgh from Roy Jenkins, thanking him for his letter, 2 August 1971; /8 Christmas card to Shuckburgh from the Duke of Edinburgh, nd; /9 Letter to Shuckburgh from Freya Stark, written from Treviso, Italy, 20 December 1970, describing recent travel in the Himalayas; /10 Letter to Shuckburgh from John Piper, 14 July 1971, concerning charity sales of his pictures, which he finds 'seriously affects my livelihood' and his objections to a charity selling cards using poor quality reproductions of his 'baptistry window'; /11 Letter to Shuckburgh from Henry Moore: apologising for not answering his letter sooner because he has been travelling in Czechoslovakia with Kenneth Clark and in Paris, saying he thinks it is 'a ridiculous rule that you have to retire so young when you are so useful', and that he may be seeing Basil Spence sometime within the next week or two and will 'find out whether he has had any encouraging or hopeful pointers to the Treasury agreeing to have a piece of sculpture on the Porta Pia project', 12 June 1969; /13 Letter to Shuckburgh from Denis Healey, looking forward to having dinner with him and thanking him for saying 'kind things about my own statement', 3 December 1965; /14 Letter to Shuckburgh from Baron de Cumont [Permanent Chairman, North Atlantic

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Military Committee], 7 January 1966, discussing 'the influence of the present military situation on the relationship between the political and military authorities: the need for close co-operation as a means of 'pressure' on the political opponent; the duty of the military to inform politicians of the risks associated with the options open to them; that the defence system of the NATO 'must be judged first from the point of view of its deterrent effect but secondly it must be able to avoid defeat in any type of war', explaining why he thinks that Europe should be better defended, 7 January 1966; /24 Letter to Shuckburgh from Joanna [Joanna Simon, his sister], 1968; /28 Letter to Shuckburgh from Professor Iqbal Ali Shah [Professor of Oriental Culture and Philosophy], 18 March 1969; /29 Letter to Shuckburgh from Ted Heath, saying that he enjoyed having lunch with Shuckburgh and meeting at Glyndebourne, 17 June 1966; /32 Christmas card, a photograph of Mary and Harold Wilson, nd; /33 Copy of a letter from Shuckburgh to Jack Profumo, sympathising with his distress and the intrusions into his private life, 27 September 1963; /34 Letter to Shuckburgh from Jack Profumo, 2 Oct 1967, thanking him for writing in sympathy and hoping they will meet in the future; /36 Letter to Shuckburgh from George Brown, thanking him for 'making our visit to Rome such a success', 3 January 1968; /37 Letter to Shuckburgh from Princess Alexandra, 18 January 1968; /38 Letter to Shuckburgh from George Brown, 25 March 1968; /41-/42 Letter to Shuckburgh from Harold Wilson, thanking him for his help during his official visit to Rome, 19 January 1967; /43 Letter to Shuckburgh from ?Frank ?Lee [Master, Corpus Christi College, Cambridge], 15 January 1968; /44 Letter from William [British Embassy, Rome], thanking him for the gift of a desk set and saying he is 'a model Ambassador', 1968; /45 Letter to Shuckburgh from George Brown [Foreign Secretary], thanking him for his hospitality during George Brown's visit to the Italian Embassy in Rome, 6 April 1967; /46 Letter

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to Shuckburgh from Alec Douglas-Home, 20 October 1963, thanking him for his letter of congratulation on becoming Prime Minister: 'I had great hopes that I should not be asked to take this on but now that I have been I must do my best'; /47 Letter to Shuckburgh probably from Rab Butler, 18 December 1963; /48 Letter to Shuckburgh from Harold Macmillan, thanking him for writing to mark his retirement, 19 October 1963; /49 Letter to Shuckburgh from Alec Douglas-Home, thanking him for lunch, saying that 'Pat will have told you of my talk with the General' and asking him to visit, nd; /50 Letter to Shuckburgh from Patrick Gordon Walker, thanking him for his letter of congratulation and hoping they will meet in Paris, 19 May 1966; /51 Letter to Shuckburgh from Lilian Shuckburgh [his mother], nd; /52 Letter to Shuckburgh from John Shuckburgh [his father], asking him to read a play by Mr Westbrook, 7 February 1953; /53 Letter to Shuckburgh from Anthony Bevin, writing in sympathy following the death of Shuckburgh's father, nd; /57 Memo, probably written by Shuckburgh, to an unknown recipient, advising how the Foreign Office should reply to a letter from Mr Halford complaining about 'the action of the British Government representative at a Council of Europe meeting', 5 July 1951.

57 items

Access: Closed

MS191/2/6/2

Folder 2

1937-1971

File of miscellaneous correspondence including: /1 Letter to Shuckburgh from Chaim Weizmann, telling him that they are settling into their new house and inviting Shuckburgh and his wife to stay, 4 December 1937; /2-/4 Letter from Ernest Bevin to King George VI, one initialled 'App'd GRI', 26 July 1947, the other initialled 'App'd GR', 14 August 1947, with a note by Shuckburgh explaining that the earlier letter must be among the last letters signed by George VI as Emperor of India, 1 October 1948; /5 Letter to Shuckburgh from Pat

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Hancock, commenting on an article by Shuckburgh about the new Ambassador's residence in Rome, 30 April 1971, with /6 a press cutting from the Times about the new embassy in Rome, nd'; /7 Draft article by Shuckburgh entitled 'The British Embassy, Rome', nd; /8-/9 Letters to Shuckburgh from Cosmo Russell, 21 October 1950, discussing Shuckburgh's view that 'a flaw exists in the Statute of the Council of Europe because, whereas the Committee of Ministers represents democratically elected Governments of Member Countries, the fact that the Assembly consists of parliamentarians means that it tends to give undue prominence and support to the views of opposition parties, and that this is the reason for the clash between the Ministers and the Assembly'; /20-/22 Telegrams to Shuckburgh from Lauris Norstad and letters from friends congratulating him on his knighthood, 1959; Letter to Shuckburgh from Marie-Noele Kelly, 8 February 1947; /31-/32 Letters congratulating Shuckburgh on his CB, 1954; /36 Press cutting entitled 'Offer of Quiet, Exploratory Talks on Berlin', including news that Shuckburgh is going to travel to Paris for talks about Berlin, 1962; Letter to Shuckburgh from JR Robertson [British Embassy, Buenos Aires], giving news of life in Argentina, 11 January 1946; /42-/43 Letter to Harold Macmillan from Paul-Henri Spaak, 23 October 1958; /47-/48 press cutting reporting on a speech by Jo Grimond which attacked 'old-fashioned Foreign Office diplomacy', /47 Letter from Shuckburgh to an unidentified correspondent, defending the Foreign Service against allegations 'that there is some professional incompetence common to the three cases which you mention, namely Iraq, Cuba, and the Free Trade Area, 29 January 1959; /49 Letter to Shuckburgh from Mark BL, 20 January 1958;

63 items

Access: Open

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|---------------|---|-----------|
| MS191/2/6/3   | Folder 3  | 1965-1990 |
|               | <b>Arrangement:</b> Divided into four files.  |           |
|               | 1 file  |           |
|               | Access: Closed  |           |
| MS191/2/6/3/1 | Correspondence concerning the sorting and deposit of Anthony Eden's Foreign Office papers   | 1969-1970 |
|               | Correspondence between Shuckburgh, Anthony Eden, Lord Avon, and various Foreign Office officials, including Denis Greenhill and Sir Burke Trend, regarding the sorting and deposit of Eden's Foreign Office papers. |           |
|               | <b>Arrangement:</b> Original order  |           |
|               | 1 file  |           |
|               | Access: Open  |           |
| MS191/2/6/3/2 | Letters to Shuckburgh from historians   | 1970-1986 |
|               | Letters to Shuckburgh from various historians concerning access to his diaries, asking for comments on their work, asking to interview him.   |           |
|               | <b>Arrangement:</b> Arranged in alphabetical order by correspondent surname.  |           |
|               | 1 file  |           |
|               | Access: Open  |           |
| MS191/2/6/3/3 | Correspondence discussing rules about civil servants keeping diaries.   | 1965-1970 |
|               | Correspondence between Shuckburgh, Patrick Reilly, Peter Wilkinson, and JJ Saville Garner and other Foreign Office  |           |
|               | officials concerning rules about civil servants keeping and publishing diaries.   |           |

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**Arrangement:** Original order

1 file

Access: Open

MS191/2/6/3/4

Miscellaneous

1971-1990

Miscellaneous papers including a short story entitled 'Metamorphosis', author unidentified, nd; Draft article by Shuckburgh about the British Embassy in Italy for publication in the Architectural Review, 1971; Letter to Shuckburgh from Roger, thanking him for his help with the book launch party, probably for 'Descent to Suez', 28 May 1989; Letter from Shuckburgh, to 'Darling Mackie', describing a visit to Northern Ireland, including an account of a discussion about Northern Ireland with Lord Grey, 12 September 1972; Letter to Shuckburgh from Ted Heath, thanking him for attending a lunch party for colleagues and close friends at the Savoy Hotel, 28 February 1990; Cutting from 'The Independent' which includes a picture of Lord Hailsham leaving a memorial service, with Shuckburgh in the background, 23 November 1990; Various personal letters, 1980s, thanking Shuckburgh for giving lectures, for visits, or for making a clavichord; correspondence relating to the Outstanding Service Award for International Service awarded to Shuckburgh by the New Zealand Red Cross, 1982; correspondence relating to the restoration of the Stella Peskett Memorial Hall, 1980; speech by Shuckburgh to students at an art or craft college awards ceremony, nd; Letter from Shuckburgh to Claus Moser [Chairman, NM Rothschild and Sons], recommending a pitchmeter and offering to make him a clavichord, with Moser's reply, 1979.

**Arrangement:** Original order

1 file

Access: Open

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MS191/2/7                      Personal correspondence with the Foreign Office                      1966-1969

Papers relating to promotion, extension of service in Rome, and length of service. Includes: /1 Letter from Shuckburgh to Sue, describing discussions at a Foreign Office Conference on Europe, 20 Jan 1969; /4 Letter from Shuckburgh to Michael Stewart [Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs], asking for his name to be put forward as a candidate for the post of Secretary-General of NATO, with /3 Michael Stewart's reply, saying that he will be considered, 1969; /5-7 typed copy of manuscript letter from Shuckburgh asking for an extension to his service in Rome, 1968; /8 Letter to Shuckburgh from Paul Gore-Booth [Head of Diplomatic Service], giving him permission to apply for 'the Provostship at King's' with /9 typescript notes by Shuckburgh describing his career, 1966; /11-16 Papers relating to Shuckburgh's retirement, 1969; /17-18 Letters to Shuckburgh from Paul Gore-Booth relating to Shuckburgh's appointment as Ambassador to Italy, 1966; /23 'List of Officers of HM Diplomatic Service', 1968; /33-34 Letter from Shuckburgh to Denis Greenhill, with Greenhill's reply, 1969; /35-42 Correspondence between Shuckburgh and Anthony Nutting [Under-Secretary of State, Foreign Office; Minister of State, Foreign Office], and Shuckburgh and Paul Gore-Booth, concerning the publication of a book about Suez by Anthony Nutting, 1967.

**Arrangement:** Original order

42 items

Access: Open

MS191/2/8                      George Brown                      1970

In 1970, George Brown, the former Foreign Secretary, published memoirs criticising the Foreign Office and its staff. Shuckburgh responded to these criticisms in a letter to the Times: '...now that Mr Brown has renewed his attacks publicly in the Sunday

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Times I think it is time something was said by a former member of this service which he persistently denigrates and ridicules.' The file includes a cutting of this letter, other press reports about the affair, and letters to Shuckburgh from various friends thanking him for speaking out.

1 file

Access: Open

MS191/2/9 Letters from historians 1983-1993

Letters concerning television and radio interviews given by Shuckburgh and letters from various historians asking Shuckburgh to discuss British foreign policy or comment on their work.

**Arrangement:** Original order

33 items

Access: Open

MS191/2/10 Letters of condolence to Lady Shuckburgh 1994-1995

Letters of condolence written to Nancy Shuckburgh [wife of Sir Evelyn] following his death in 1994. File labelled 'This

contains the letters I received after Evelyn died. NS'

1 file

Access: Open

MS191/3 Working papers 1954-1970

**Arrangement:** Arranged in chronological order

2 files

Access: Open

MS191/3/1 Minutes 1954-1956

Carbon copies of minutes written by Shuckburgh about Middle Eastern affairs,

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including relations with Nasser, the Baghdad Pact, and relations with Jordan.

**Arrangement:** Original order is date order

1 file

Access: Open

**Physical description:** Fragile

MS191/3/2

'Valedictory dispatches' written by Shuckburgh at the end of his postings in Italy and NATO, with associated correspondence

1966-1970

'Valedictory dispatches', reports written by Shuckburgh at the end of his postings as Ambassador to Italy and as Ambassador to NATO, with associated correspondence:

/1 Letter to Shuckburgh from ARH Kellas [British Embassy, Kathmandu], congratulating him on his report about Rome and wishing him well in his retirement, 8 September 1969; /2 Letter to Shuckburgh from Geddes, thanking him for letting him see a report from Rome, 1970; /3 Letter to Shuckburgh from Walter Crozker, congratulating him and commenting on his valedictory dispatch about Italy, 29 July 1969; /4 Letter from Shuckburgh to Michael Stewart, thanking him for sending a telegram wishing him well on his retirement, 30 July 1969; /5 Telegram from Michael Stewart to Shuckburgh, 28 July 1969; /6 Typed draft report written by Shuckburgh on leaving NATO, summarising the state of NATO's affairs, 3 November 1966; /7 Letter to Shuckburgh from Alec Campbell telling him that his NATO report 'is a model of what a report of this kind should be', 24 November 1966; /8 'Sir Evelyn Shuckburgh's Valedictory Dispatch', published version of /6, 4 November 1966; /9 Report by Shuckburgh, describing his

impressions of Italy and the Italians, written at the end of his tour in Rome, 29 July 1969.

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**Arrangement:** Original order

9 items

Access: Open

MS191/4

Literary papers

1944-1992

Essays and articles published by Shuckburgh, and papers relating to his books 'Descent to Suez', 'The Memoirs of Madame Roland', and an unpublished memoir provisionally entitled 'Ascent to Diplomacy'.

**Arrangement:** Arranged in chronological order according to the earliest document in the file.

6 sub-series

Access: Open

MS191/4/1

'Miscellaneous journalism, speeches, and letters'

1944-1989

Papers relating to the Red Cross, including letters of support written to Shuckburgh following the publication of a letter (item /13) from him in the Times, 1986: 'The vote to unseat South Africa at the International Red Cross Conference in Geneva is a deadly blow to the Red Cross movement and could prove to be the end of the whole concept of an impartial, independent, and universal Red Cross.' /1 Issue of 'The International Magazine of the League of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies', Jan 1987, which includes an article by Shuckburgh entitled 'The Vote on South Africa', with /2-/9 related letters to Shuckburgh, 1980s;

/10-/13 Cuttings of letters from the Times about South Africa's expulsion from the Red Cross, 1986 and /15-/17 related letters, 1980s; /18 Text of a speech by Shuckburgh given to the European Regional Conference of the Red Cross, 1981.

/19-/20 Cuttings from the Buenos Aires Herald reporting on a speech by

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Shuckburgh at the Hurlingham Club, 1944; /21 Issue of 'Orbis', journal of the Foreign Policy Research Institute, including an article by Shuckburgh entitled 'The Atlantic Alliance: An Institutional Structure for the 1970's', 1969;

/22 Typescript essay by Shuckburgh entitled 'French Motor Horns', nd; /23 Essay by Shuckburgh entitled 'Eugenics', nd; /24 Essay by Shuckburgh entitled 'Gold', describing gold mining in Africa, nd; /25-/26 Letter from Shuckburgh to the Editor of the Dictionary of National Biography enclosing a draft article about Sir Pierson Dixon, 1971; /27-/28 Issues of 'Britannica', the journal of the British Society in the Argentine Republic, including essays by Shuckburgh entitled 'Entertainment and Good-will' and 'Moving Pictures', 1944; /29 Typescript lecture about Shakespeare given by Shuckburgh to the Philosophical Faculty at Prague University, nd; /30 Typescript lecture given by Shuckburgh at the prize distribution ceremony of the Asociacion Argentina de Cultura Inglesa, nd; /31 Typescript lecture given by Shuckburgh to the Argentine and River Plate Centre of the Institute of Transport, nd; /32 Typescript of a lecture by Shuckburgh given to the Twentieth Century Women's Club, nd; /33-/34 Comic poem and memo from staff, nd; /35 Typescript speech, probably by Shuckburgh, in 'defence of modern inventions', nd; /36 Manuscript and typescript speech by Shuckburgh entitled 'On Being a Diplomat', 1989; /38 article by Shuckburgh about the difference between film acting and stage acting, nd; /39 article by Shuckburgh entitled 'Moving Pictures', nd; /40 list of quotations from Macbeth, probably part of an essay, nd; /41 Cutting from 'The Standard' printing an address given by Shuckburgh to the Institute of Transport, 1944; /42 Letter, probably written by Shuckburgh to Nancy Shuckburgh [his wife], describing the Lake Correntoso area of Argentina, 1945.

**Arrangement:** Original order

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1 file, 42 items

Access: Open

MS191/4/2

'Articles and speeches'

1957?-1969

/1 Typescript essay by Shuckburgh entitled 'Politico-Economic Aspects of Limited and Cold Wars', probably 1960s; /2 Booklet of a speech by Shuckburgh entitled 'Alcune Riflessioni sulle Prospettive Dell'Alleanza Atlantica negli Anni settanta', Italian, 1968; /3 Issue of NATO Letter, Vol 8, No 7, July 1960, including an article by Shuckburgh entitled 'Why NATO is Necessary'; /4 Printed booklet of a speech given by Shuckburgh at the Congress held for the fiftieth anniversary of the British Institute of Florence, Italian, 1967; /5 Typescript speech by Shuckburgh concerning British policy in the Middle East, including discussions about Nasser and the Suez crisis, and the Baghdad Pact, probably late 1950s; /6 Issue of Orbis: A Quarterly Journal of World Affairs', including an article by Shuckburgh entitled 'The Atlantic Alliance, an Institutional Structure for the 1970s', 1969.

**Arrangement:** Original order

1 file

Access: Open

MS191/4/3

Correspondence concerning publication of 'Descent to Suez' and research use of the diaries.

[1979]-1987

Correspondence between and various historians, asking permission to use extracts from his diaries in their books about Suez, 1970s; Correspondence between Shuckburgh and people mentioned in his diaries, asking permission to use information about them in the diaries, 1980s; Letters to Shuckburgh from various friends, congratulating him on the

publication of 'Descent to Suez', 1986-1987.

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**Arrangement:** Original order

1 file

Access: Closed

MS191/4/4 Correspondence concerning the publication of 'Descent to Suez' [1980-1986]

1 file

Access: Closed

MS191/4/5 Correspondence and reviews concerning Shuckburgh's book, 'The Memoirs of Madame Roland' [1989-1990]

Letters congratulating Shuckburgh on 'Madame Roland', 1989, and letters arranging drafting the introduction; letters to Shuckburgh from Julian Shuckburgh [his son, Managing Director at Barrie and Jenkins, publishers] concerning Shuckburgh's doubts about publishing - advising him about the book's length; press cuttings - reviews of 'Madame Roland', 1989-1990.

1 file

Access: Open

MS191/4/6 Drafts of a memoir 1986-1992

Shuckburgh did not settle on a final title for his memoir: he considered 'Ascent to Diplomacy' or 'Approach to Diplomacy'.

He completed drafts of four chapters: 1 Childhood and schooldays; 2 Foreign Office; 3 Abroad; 4 The Argentine. A file of letters and other documents dating from Shuckburgh's time in Prague was found with these papers. He probably intended to use these as source material for his next chapter, but he did not write more than four paragraphs.

The memoir was never finished, although it was read by a publisher. Shuckburgh explains at the end of the introduction in

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MS191/4/6/3, that 'I must add, in 1992, I did not succeed in composing a book which would justify the above title or the above description. I laboured through our experiences until about the time we left Argentina (1945) but faltered at that point and have been quite unable to deal with the more important aspects and highlights of my career'.

**Arrangement:** Arranged in the order that the chapters were probably written.

6 files

Access: Open

MS191/4/6/1      Draft introduction and chapters 1-2      1986-1992?

Manuscript introduction; typescript of chapters 1-2, with manuscript annotations.

1 file

Access: Open

MS191/4/6/2      Draft introduction and chapters 1-3      1986

1 file

Access: Open

MS191/4/6/3      Draft introduction and chapters 1-3      1986-1992

/1 Draft manuscript introduction and typescript of chapters 1-3. A note at the end of the introduction explains why the book was not completed, 1992.

1 file

Access: Open

MS191/4/6/4      Draft of chapter 3, 'Abroad'      1992?

Typescript with manuscript annotations

1 file

Access: Open

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MS191/4/6/5	Draft of chapter 4  Typescript of chapter 4, 'The Argentine'.  1 file  Access: Open	1992?
MS191/4/6/6	Letters to and from Shuckburgh during his time in Prague  Beginning of a chapter about Prague, with other documents dating from Shuckburgh's time in Prague, including letters from Shuckburgh to his parents, and letters to him from friends.  /1-/2 Manuscript and typescript drafts of the first paragraphs of a chapter about Prague, 1992?  /3-/23 Letters from Shuckburgh to his parents, Sir John and Lady Lilian Shuckburgh, written during his time in Prague, 19 Sept 1945-13 Apr 1947. The letters are mostly concerned with family news: reporting on the children's progress, describing the family's accommodation and holidays, and arranging to send books, clothes, and furniture. There are occasional references to Shuckburgh's work: /14 mentions the visit of the Anglo-American Committee on Palestine and the British Ambassador Sir Frederick Leggett; the state visit of Allenbrooke; and a visit by Anthony Asquith, 'a most intelligent and charming person'; /15 describes a visit to Vienna 'much destroyed and full of Russian soldiers'; /22 tells them that he will be returning to London and given the South American Department, which is a disappointment, because he wanted to stay in Prague.  /24 Letter to Shuckburgh from Edwin Muir [poet, Director, The British Institute, Prague], enclosing /25 a proof of his lecture entitled 'The Politics of King Lear', 16 April 1947	1945-?1992

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/26 Letter to Shuckburgh from Laurence Whistler, discussing designs for a box, a Christmas present for Nancy Shuckburgh [his wife]. It is described in his diaries as 'the venerated cigarette box with engraved glass panel by Laurence Whistler'. (Descent to Suez, p. 30)

/27 Letter to Shuckburgh from John Copley, 1 February 1950, thanking him for his letter of condolence on the death of his wife, Ethel Leontine Gabain.

/28 Seating plan for an official dinner at 1, Carlton Gardens, 28 Jan 1949

/29 Typed note to Shuckburgh from Julian Shuckburgh [his son], 31 January 1947

/30 Letter to Shuckburgh from J. Smutny [Prime Minister, Czechoslovak Republic], written on Shuckburgh's leaving Prague, 22 April 1947

/32 Postcard to Shuckburgh from JES, congratulating him on his CMG, 9 Jun 1949

/33 Letter to William S from Montgomery of Alamein, asking for help with a speech he is giving to the dinner of the English-speaking Union, forwarded to Shuckburgh, 26 Sept 1949

/34 Programme for a concert of music by Beethoven, given by the Czech Philharmonic, Czech, 1947

/38 Letter to Shuckburgh from Ralph Stevenson [British Ambassador, Nanking], 29 April 1947

/39 Letter to Nancy Shuckburgh from JP apologising for missing Robin's christening, nd

/40-/41 Letters to Shuckburgh from H, 26 November 1947 and 12 March 1948, discussing Shuckburgh's comments on a book H is writing about Czechoslovakia, provisionally called 'Broken Circle'; which

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comments on the current political situation in Czechoslovakia.

**Arrangement:** The letters from Shuckburgh to his parents have been arranged in date order, keeping their place in the file.

41 items

Access: Open

MS191/5      Photograph albums      1952-?1979

**Arrangement:** Arranged in chronological order according to the earliest item in the album

4 albums

Access: Open

MS191/5/1      Photographs of an official visit to Yugoslavia      1952

Album of photographs of Anthony Eden and the British delegation, including Shuckburgh, with Marshal Tito, September 1952. Shuckburgh describes this visit in his 1951-1952 diary (MS191/1/2/1): 'I was photographed receiving a large box of cigarettes...A[nthony] E [den] presented a pair of silver coasters'.

1 album

Access: Open

MS191/5/2      Photo album labelled 'NATO, Ambassador to Italy, Red Cross'      1960s-1980s

Includes: Portrait of Shuckburgh, probably 1960s; two photographs of Shuckburgh during his time working in NATO, 1962-1966; cuttings from various Italian newspapers reporting on Shuckburgh's appointment as Ambassador to Italy, 1966; photographs of Shuckburgh's arrival in Italy and with senior assembly staff, 1966-1969; picture of Shuckburgh presenting the MBE to Bargellini, Mayor of Venice, nd; social events; photographs of Shuckburgh receiving Mme Troyan, President of the League of Red Cross and Red Crescent

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Societies of the USSR, 1973; photographs of various Red Cross visits abroad, 1970s.

1 album

Access: Open

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| MS191/5/3 | Photographs of a visit to Venice  | 1967      |
|           | 1 album   |           |
|           | Access: Open  |           |
| MS191/5/4 | Photographs of Lady Shuckburgh receiving honorary membership of the International School of Milan | 1960s?    |
|           | 1 album   |           |
|           | Access: Open  |           |
| MS191/6   | Miscellaneous   | 1926-1985 |
|           | 4 files   |           |
|           | Access: Open  |           |
| MS191/6/1 | Certificates  | 1926-1981 |
|           | Cambridge degree certificate, 1932  |           |
|           | Indentures for Merchant Taylors' Hall, 1926   |           |
|           | Commission signed by George VI admitting Shuckburgh to the 6th grade of the Foreign Office, 1946  |           |
|           | Commission signed by George VI making Shuckburgh a Third Secretary, 1933                          |           |
|           | Commission signed by George VI making Shuckburgh a Second Secretary, 1938                         |           |
|           | Commission signed by George VI making Shuckburgh a First Secretary, 1943                          |           |
|           | Commission signed by George VI making Shuckburgh Ambassador to Rome, 1966                         |           |
|           | Certificate making Shuckburgh a Companion of the Order of St Michael and St George, 1949          |           |

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Certificate making Shuckburgh a Knight Commander of the Order of St Michael and St George, signed by Elizabeth II, 1959

Certificate making Shuckburgh a Knight Grand Cross of the Order of St Michael and St George, signed by Elizabeth II, 1967

Certificate making Shuckburgh a Companion of the Order of the Bath, signed by Elizabeth II

Italian commission awarding Shuckburgh the Ordine al Merito della Repubblica, 1969

Restricted Permission from the Queen to wear the Ordine al Merito della Repubblica, 1969

The New Zealand Red Cross Society Outstanding Service Award, 1982

Queen's Badge of Honour, Red Cross, 1981

**Arrangement:** Original order

1 file

Access: Open

MS191/6/2

Notes and articles about clavichords

1949-1985

Folder of papers about clavichords including: /1 Booklet about the Dolmetsch Workshops, 1949; /2-5 Typed notes about clavichord maintenance and tuning clavichords, nd; /6 article about veneering with hot glue and veneering hammer, 1985; /8 Article by Tom Goff, telling his life story, nd; /9 Photocopy of music of a song for the clavichord and two poems about the clavichord, nd; /11 text of a talk by Shuckburgh about clavichords, given to the Friends of the Academy, 1985; /14 Tom Goff's obituary by David McKenna, 1985; /16 article by Shuckburgh explaining how he came to work with Tom Goff making clavichords, 1981; /18 Cutting of an article about clavichords by Shuckburgh and Richard Shirley Smith, from Antique Collector, 1982

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| MS191/6/3   | Notebook containing instructions for making a clavichord  | 1980s?    |
|             | Notes by Shuckburgh of instructions for making a clavichord to Tom Goff's design.   |           |
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| MS191/6/4   | Photographs of clavichords and furniture, with related papers   | 1953-1985 |
|             | 1 volume  |           |
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| MS191/6/4/1 | Photographs of clavichords and other furniture  | 1953-1985 |
|             | Album of photographs of clavichords, miniature chests of drawers, clocks, furniture and other woodwork made by Shuckburgh.  |           |
|             | 1 volume  |           |
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| MS191/6/4/2 | Letters and press cuttings about clavichords  | 1973-1984 |
|             | Postcards of a painting by Gerard Dou, 'The Lady at the Clavichord'. Press cutting of an article about Shuckburgh's clavichord making; Letters of thanks from people who were given clavichords by Shuckburgh; Cutting from The Times of an article about the Omega Workshops, 1984; Cutting of an article about clavichords by Shuckburgh and Richard Shirley Smith, from Antique Collector, 1982; Letter to Shuckburgh from Tom Goff inviting him to work with him for a day a week building clavichords, 1973; photographs of clavichords, nd; |           |

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