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(1869 - 1954)

The papers of Fred I. Kent, expert in foreign exchange matters, director of the Division of Foreign Exchange of the Federal Reserve Board, Deputy Governor of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York and active in setting up its Foreign Exchange Division, are housed in the International Finance Section of the Princeton University Library. They were deposited by his son, Warner Kent, in the spring of 1955 at the urging of this Committee. A 22 page index of these papers was compiled by Mr. Kent's secretary, Miss Dorothy Warden, in the spring of 1955, and a copy is in the Committee office. 14 pages concern periodicals in which Mr. Kent's articles appeared. The other 8 are appended.

Linear feet of shelf space occupied: 24

Approximate number of items: 24,000

Some books from Mr. Kent's library, which were rejected by Princeton, were deposited in the New York University Library at the same time.

A copy of Mr. Kent's incompletd memoirs (147 pages) is in this office.

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See: Letter 12/6/55 from Mr. Alexander P. Clark of Princeton Univ. Library
Internal memoranda dated 12/17/54, 1/6/55, 1/19/55, 2/8/55

Biographical Note

1869, Feb. 12	Born, Chicago, Illinois
1891	Married Etta W. Williams (1 son, Warner Kent)
1905-07	Manager, Foreign Exchange Dept., First National Bank of Chicago
1909-29	Vice President, Bankers Trust Co., New York Set up its foreign exchange department
1914-	Active in foreign exchange problems of World War I
1917	Deputy Governor, Federal Reserve Bank of New York
1918-19) 1933-34)	Organizer and director, Foreign Exchange Division, Federal Reserve Board
1919	Representative of U.S. on organization committee of Reparations Commission in Paris
1948	Served on Hoover Reorganization Commission to study executive branch of government
1929-54	Rented office space at Ingalls and Snyder, New York (no connection with firm)
1954, Oct. 25	Died

See: Who's Who in America, 1952/53, vol. 27, Marquis