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## **Oppler, Alfred C.; Papers ger016**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections & Archives
<b>Creator:</b>	Oppler, Alfred C. (Alfred Christian), 1893-1982.
<b>Title:</b>	Alfred C. Oppler Papers
<b>ID:</b>	ger016
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1908-1982
<b>Physical Description:</b>	2.75 cubic ft.
<b>Physical Location:</b>	The materials are located onsite in the department.
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	EnglishGerman
<b>Abstract:</b>	Diary, 1950; correspondence, 1942–1981; and manuscripts of books (including "Prussian Bureaucracy and National Socialism"), lectures, and reports, 1947–1959. As a civilian employee of the U.S. Army from 1946 to 1952, Oppler was the principal architect of legal and judicial reforms in occupied Japan.

### Preferred Citation

Preferred citation for this material is as follows:

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## Biographical Sketch

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Alfred Christian Oppler was born in Alsace-Lorraine (then part of Germany) on February 19, 1893. His father, a judge, and mother were Jewish converts to Christianity, and he was raised a Protestant. He attended a Gymnasium and then studied law at universities in Munich, Freiburg, Berlin, and Strasbourg. He served in the German Army from 1914-18, saw combat at Ypres and Verdun, and rose to the rank of

lieutenant. While on leave in 1915, he passed the first of two examinations required for admission to the German bar.

After the First World War ended, Alsace-Lorraine became French territory. Oppler's family was among the many ethnic German households forced out of the area. The family moved to Berlin, where Oppler completed the second examination required for admission to the German bar and practiced law for a short period of time. In 1922, he became an assistant judge with the German Ministry of Justice. In 1923, he was transferred to the Ministry of Finance, where for the next four years he served as legal advisor to the officials charged with brokering a financial settlement between the German government and the dethroned Hohenzollern family. He married Charlotte Preuss, a teacher and Berlin University graduate student, in 1927; their only child, Ellen, became an art historian at Syracuse University.

Between 1927 and 1930, Oppler worked as a research assistant at the Prussian Supreme Administrative Court (Oberwaltungsgericht). He then served for a year as a superior counselor (Oberregierungsrat) of the regional government at Potsdam. In 1931, he was appointed associate justice of the Supreme Administrative Court (Oberverwaltungsgericht); thirty-eight years old at the time of his appointment, he was the youngest person ever to hold the position. A year later, he became vice president of the Supreme Disciplinary Court (Dienststafhof). After the rise to power of Adolf Hitler, his career suffered. In 1933, he was demoted to a provincial position in Cologne. Defined as a Jew under the provisions of the 1935 Nuremberg Laws, he was cast out of the civil service. After Kristallnacht (November 9, 1938), he and his wife, who was defined as "Aryan", decided to emigrate to the United States. Oppler, whose birth in Alsace-Lorraine enabled him to come to the United States under the French immigration quota, was able to leave in March 1939 and settled with relatives in Brookline, Massachusetts. His wife and daughter followed several months later.

The Opplers settled in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Charlotte Preuss Oppler received an M.A. in education from Harvard in 1943. Alfred Oppler taught German at a Berlitz school and between 1940 and 1944 worked as a Harvard University research assistant and instructor. In 1944, he took a post with the Foreign Economic Administration in Washington, D.C.; the agency's functions were transferred to the War Department after V-J Day, and Oppler spent a few months working for the department.

In early 1945 Alfred and Charlotte Preuss Oppler became United States citizens. Later that year, Alfred Oppler was asked to join the Far Eastern Division of the Supreme Commander of the Allied Powers (SCAP). Upon his arrival in early 1946, he was assigned to the Governmental Powers Branch of the Government Section and had a minor role in the drafting of Japan's new constitution. In early 1947, he was made head of the newly formed Courts and Law Division, which was transferred to the Legal Section on June 1, 1948. In this capacity, he cultivated ties to Chief Justice of the Supreme Court Tanaka Kotaro and other prominent Japanese jurists and played a key part in reforming Japan's judicial system and civil law codes. An ardent civil libertarian, he also helped to establish the Japan Civil Liberties Union.

The SCAP was dissolved in April 1952, when the Allied Powers' peace treaty with Japan went into effect, but Oppler remained with the G-5 (later J-5) unit within the Far East Command (FEC). He served as chief of the Political and Legal Section within the Governmental Affairs Branch. The FEC was disbanded in 1957, but Oppler joined the newly-created United States Forces Japan (USFJ) and served as its International Relations Officer; according to his memoirs, he spent much of his time with the FEC and the USFJ drafting reports analyzing political developments in Japan, the Ryukyu Islands, and Korea.

Oppler retired to the United States in 1959 but remained actively interested in Japanese law, politics, and society. He attended numerous academic conferences dedicated to the study of Asian law, wrote several articles on the Japanese legal system, and in the 1970s wrote a memoir, *Legal Reform in Occupied Japan: A Participant Looks Back*. He spoke repeatedly about Japanese-United States relations, delivering his last public address a week before his death on April 24, 1982. He also remained committed to the defense of civil liberties and outspokenly supported numerous liberal political causes, among them passage of the Equal Rights Amendment, abolition of the death penalty, and legalized abortion. 1893: Alfred Christian Oppler is born to a middle-class family in Alsace-Lorraine, then part of Germany.

#### Chronology of Events :

1914	Oppler breaks off his legal studies and enlists in the German Army. He sees combat at Ypres, Verdun, and other places and rises to the rank of lieutenant.
1915	While on leave, Oppler passes the first of two examinations required for admission to the German bar.
1918	Forced out of Alsace-Lorraine, Oppler's family settles in Berlin.
1918-22	Oppler completes his legal studies, serves his three-year term as a judicial apprentice (Referendar).
1922	Oppler passes the second examination (Assessor) required for admission to the German bar. He practices law for a brief period of time and then accepts a position with the German Ministry of Justice.
1924-27	On behalf of the Ministry of Finance, Oppler works as legal advisor on the financial settlement between the German government and the dethroned Hohenzollern family.
1927	Oppler marries teacher and graduate student Charlotte Preuss.
1927-30	Oppler works as a research assistant at the Prussian Supreme Administrative Court (Oberwaltungsgericht).

1930-31	Oppler serves as superior counselor of the regional government (Regierung) in Potsdam.
1931	Oppler becomes an associate justice of the Supreme Administrative Court (Oberverwaltungsgericht).
1932	Oppler becomes vice-president of the Supreme Disciplinary Court (Dienststafhof). He continues to serve as associate justice of the Supreme Administrative Court.
1933	Owing to his Jewish ancestry, Oppler is demoted to a provincial position in Cologne. (The National Socialist government purged the German civil service of most people it defined as Jewish, but until 1935 it made exceptions for Oppler and other combat veterans of the First World War.)
1935	In accordance with the Nuremberg Laws, Oppler is removed from the civil service.
1939	Oppler emigrates to the United States in March 1939; his wife and daughter follow several months later.
1940-44	Oppler works as a Harvard University research assistant and as instructor at its School for Overseas Administration.
1944	Oppler takes a position with the U.S. Foreign Economic Administration in Washington, D.C.
1945	Oppler becomes a United States citizen. In late summer, the Foreign Economic Administration is merged with the War Department, for which Oppler works for several months.

1946	Oppler arrives in Tokyo in January and is assigned to the Government Section of the Far Eastern Division of the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers (SCAP).
1947	Oppler becomes head of the newly established Courts and Legal Division.
1950	Oppler leads a delegation of Japanese Supreme Court Justices on a tour of the United States.
1952	The occupation of Japan ends in April and the SCAP is dissolved. Oppler joins the G-5 (later J-5) newly established Far Eastern Command (FEC) and becomes chief of the Political and Legal Section within the Governmental Affairs Branch.
1957	The FEC is dissolved and Oppler becomes International Affairs Officer for the newly established United States Forces Japan.
1959	Oppler retires and returns to the United States, settling in Hightstown, New Jersey.
1972	Oppler begins work on his memoirs of his experiences in Japan.
1976	Legal Reform in Occupied Japan: A Participant Looks Back is published.
1982	Oppler suffers a fatal heart attack one week after giving a speech on Japanese-United States relations.

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## Scope and Contents

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This collection consists of professional correspondence, legal and scholarly writings, and research materials that Alfred C. Oppler created or collected while living and working in the United States and Japan. It best documents his work as a Harvard University research assistant and instructor and his activities as a civilian legal expert attached to the Far Eastern Division of the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers (1946-1952), the Far Eastern Command (1952-1957), and the United States Forces Japan (1957-1959). Scholars interested in the occupation of Japan, the Japanese legal system, and the security agreements between the governments of Japan and the United States may find the collection to be of considerable value. Researchers may also be interested in Oppler's unpublished notes generated by a committee of scholars funded by the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace and charged with planning the postwar reconstruction of Germany.

The collection contains scant documentation of Oppler's career as a jurist in Weimar Germany. As were many other Germans defined as Jewish under the terms of the Nuremberg Law, he was compelled to leave behind most of his belongings when he left the country. Consequently, the only documents in the collection that shed light upon his life and work in Germany are the unpublished autobiographical essays he wrote after his arrival in the United States. Additional information about Oppler's life and work in Germany is contained in the introductory chapter of his memoir, *Legal Reform in Occupied Japan: A Participant Looks Back* (Princeton University Press, 1976); however, the collection contains only a few typescript passages that did not appear in the published version of the book.

Apart from a photocopy of a volume of poems written by Oppler's father and a small amount of correspondence with, newspaper clippings annotated by, and materials pertaining to the professional activities of Oppler's daughter Ellen, the collection also lacks information about Oppler's family life.

Oppler corresponded with a number of prominent people, among them Lieutenant General Paul Caraway (September 25, 1974, in the *Legal Reform in Occupied Japan* series), United States Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas (October 23, 1974, in the *Legal Reform in Occupied Japan* series), political scientist Ernst Fraenkel (January 16, 1943-April 27, 1943, in the *Harvard University Series*) and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Lyman L. Lemnitzer (September 22, 1960, in the *Miscellaneous Writings* series). Thomas Blakemore, Kurt Steiner, and Justin Williams, all of whom worked with Oppler in Japan, were Oppler's most frequent correspondents. One highlight is a ca. 1950 collection of statistics on occupied Japan published by the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers.

All newsprint materials in the collection, including several published by the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, have been photocopied for preservation purposes. Users should be aware that Oppler segregated almost all correspondence generated while working with the SCAP and the FEC and while writing *Legal Reform in Occupied Japan* and entries for *The Encyclopedia of Japan* and kept it with other papers pertaining to these activities. This arrangement has been preserved.

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## Arrangement of the Collection

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## Administrative Information

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### Publication Statement

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### Processing Information

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### Acquisition Information

The materials in this collection were donated to the M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections and Archives by Ellen C. Oppler in 1982. Correspondence between Oppler and Walther Buchholz was added to the collection by Gregory Lubkin in 2006.

### Access

Access to this record group is unrestricted.

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- Public Servants
- Japanese diaries.
- Law -- Japan.
- Justice, Administration of -- Japan.
- Bureaucracy -- Germany.
- National socialism.
- Public administration -- Study and teaching.
- Japan -- History -- Allied occupation, 1945-1952.
- Japan -- Politics and government -- 1945-
- Constitutional law -- Japan.
- Germany -- Politics and government -- 1933-1945.
- Oppler, Alfred C. (Alfred Christian), 1893-1982.
- MacArthur, Douglas, 1880-1964.
- Johnson, U. Alexis (Ural Alexis), 1908-1997.
- Blakemore, Thos. L. (Thomas Lloyd)
- Caraway, Paul W. (Paul Wyatt), 1905-
- Douglas, William O. (William Orville), 1898-1980.
- Lemnitzer, Lyman L. (Lyman Louis), 1899-1988.
- Steiner, Kurt, 1912-
- Williams, Justin.
- Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers.
- Harvard University. Littauer School of Public Administration.

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## Collection Inventory

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### Biographical Material, ca. 1908-1982

Date [inclusive]: ca. 1908-1982

Physical Description: 0.05 cubic ft.

#### Scope and Contents

This series contains materials that shed light upon Oppler's personal and professional life. Included are a photocopy of a book of poems authored by Oppler's father Leo, photographs, and photocopies of his published obituaries. Also included are a handful of materials documenting his daughter Ellen's career as an art historian.

**Arrangement**

Arranged chronologically.

<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>	
Leo Oppler (Father of Alfred Oppler), Gedichte <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> ca. 1908	Box 1 (1-Biographical Material)	Folder 1
Unidentified Photograph <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1940	Box 1 (1-Biographical Material)	Folder 2
Photograph of Alfred Oppler <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1975	Box 1 (1-Biographical Material)	Folder 3
Professional Activities of Ellen Oppler <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1977	Box 1 (1-Biographical Material)	Folder 4

**Scope and Contents**

Contains material housed in flat file.

Memorial Service Program and Obituaries <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1982	Box 1 (1-Biographical Material)	Folder 5
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**Scope and Contents**

Contains material housed in oversized folder.

**Oversized material**

<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>
Memorial Service Program and Obituaries <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1982	Oversized 55
Harvard University <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> ca. 1940-1944	Oversized 54
Professional Activities of Ellen Oppler <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1977	

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**Harvard University, 1940-1944**

Date [inclusive]: 1940-1944

Physical Description: 0.60 cubic ft.

## Scope and Contents

This series contains published and unpublished writings, research and lecture notes, and research materials generated or collected while Oppler was a research assistant (1940-44) and instructor at the School for Overseas Administration (1941-44).

## Arrangement

Arranged chronologically within subseries.

## Subseries 1: Writings, 1941-1944

Date [inclusive]: 1941-1944

Physical Description: 0.30 cubic ft.

### Scope and Contents

This subseries contains typescript and published articles, essays, and lecture notes. Of note are correspondence with social scientist Ernst Fraenkel, a ca. 1941 autobiographical essay entitled "Mein Leben in Deutschland vor und nach dem 30. December 1933", typescript and published versions of "Ethics in Public Administration and Individual Ethics", and "Prussian Bureaucracy and National Socialism", a lengthy and unpublished analysis of the Prussian civil service in Imperial, Weimar, and Nazi Germany.

Title/Description	Instances	
"A Contribution to the Problem of Service Ethics" (unpublished) <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1941	Box 1 (2-Harvard University)	Folder 6
"German Civil Service Before Hitler and After" (published) <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1941	Box 1 (2-Harvard University)	Folder 7
"Ein Beitrag zum Problem der Berufsethik im Beamentum" (unpublished) <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : ca. 1941	Box 1 (2-Harvard University)	Folder 8
"Mein Leben in Deutschland vor und nach dem 30. Januar 1933" (unpublished) <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : ca. 1941?	Box 1 (2-Harvard University)	Folder 9
"Ethics in Public Administration and Individual Ethics" (unpublished) <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1942	Box 1 (2-Harvard University)	Folder 10
"Ethics in Public Administration and Individual Ethics" (published) <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1942	Box 1 (2-Harvard University)	Folder 11
"Prussian Bureaucracy and National Socialism" (unpublished) <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : ca. 1942	Box 1 (2-Harvard University)	Folder 12
"Bemerkungen zu dem ersten Entwurf des Gutachens" (unpublished)		

<u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1943	Box 1 (2-Harvard University)	Folder 13
"And the German Refugees" (unpublished) <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : ca. 1943	Box 1 (2-Harvard University)	Folder 14
"Remarks on the Outline Concerning the Future Study of International Relations at Harvard" (unpublished) <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : ca. 1943	Box 1 (2-Harvard University)	Folder 15
Memo to Professor Merle Fainsod and Notes for Lectures (unpublished) <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1943-ca. 1944	Box 1 (2-Harvard University)	Folder 16
Notes for First Lecture, School for Overseas Administration <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : ca. 1944	Box 1 (2-Harvard University)	Folder 17

## Subseries 2: Notes, ca. 1940-1944

Date [inclusive]: ca. 1940-1944

Physical Description: 0.25 cubic ft.

### Scope and Contents

The class notes and syllabi in this subseries were generated in connection with several courses in public administration that Oppler took, but most of the materials in this subseries consist of reading notes taken while he was researching "Prussian Bureaucracy and National Socialism". Oppler housed his research notes in sequentially numbered three-ring binders. This order was preserved and folder notations indicate the notebook in which each group of documents was placed; in several instances, loose documents produced at a later date were removed and placed in the Writings or Research Materials subseries.

<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>	
Syllabi, Background Materials, and Lecture and Reading Notes <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : ca. 1940-1941	Box 2 (2-Harvard University)	Folder 1
Notes on German Literature and History (Notebook I) <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : ca. 1942	Box 2 (2-Harvard University)	Folder 2
Notes on the Legal Status of Liberated France <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : ca. 1944	Box 2 (2-Harvard University)	Folder 3
Notes on Feudalism (Notebook I) <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : ca. 1942	Box 2 (2-Harvard University)	Folder 4
Notes on Prussian History (Notebook I) <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : ca. 1942	Box 2 (2-Harvard University)	Folder 5
Notes on the German Civil Service Before 1918 (Notebook I)		

<u>Date [inclusive]</u> : ca. 1942	Box 2 (2-Harvard University)	Folder 6
Notes on the Civil Service in the Weimar Republic (Notebook I) <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : ca. 1942	Box 2 (2-Harvard University)	Folder 7
Unsorted Notes on German History and Government (Notebook II) <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : ca. 1942	Box 2 (2-Harvard University)	Folder 8
<b>Scope and Contents</b>		
Contains material housed in oversized folder.		
Notes on German Literature (Notebook II) <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : ca. 1942	Box 2 (2-Harvard University)	Folder 9
Notes on National Socialism "In General" (Notebook II) <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : ca. 1942	Box 2 (2-Harvard University)	Folder 10
Notes on Nazi Bureaucracy (Notebook II) <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : ca. 1942	Box 2 (2-Harvard University)	Folder 11
Notes on Civil Service in Various Countries (Notebook II) <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : ca. 1942	Box 2 (2-Harvard University)	Folder 12

### Subseries 3: Research Materials, 1942-1943

Date [inclusive]: 1942-1943

Physical Description: 0.05 cubic ft.

#### Scope and Contents

This subseries contains mimeographed articles distributed by the School for Overseas Administration, a 1942 pamphlet published by the International Rescue and Relief Committee, and unpublished materials generated by a Carnegie Endowment-supported committee charged with planning Germany's political reconstruction; Oppler may have been a member of the committee, but the extent of his involvement is unclear.

Title/Description	Instances	
International Rescue and Relief Committee, Two Years Against the Gestapo <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1942	Box 2 (2-Harvard University)	Folder 13
Shartel and Wolff, "Sketch of the German Legal System" (unpublished) <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1942	Box 2 (2-Harvard University)	Folder 14
Van der Bruck, "Germany's Third Empire" (unpublished) <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1943		

	Box 2 (2-Harvard University)	Folder 15
Materials Generated by Carnegie Endowment-Funded Committee on German Disarmament <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : ca. 1943	Box 2 (2-Harvard University)	Folder 16
Unsorted Notes on German History and Government (Notebook II) <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : ca. 1942	Oversized 55	

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## Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, 1946-1952

Date [inclusive]: 1946-1952

Physical Description: 0.50 cubic ft.

### Scope and Contents

This series contains reports, memoranda, speeches, articles, photographs, Japanese government documents and other materials that Oppler created or gathered while working for the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers (SCAP). The earliest items concern the Japanese constitution, which Oppler played a very minor role in drafting. However, the bulk of the series consists of published and unpublished memoranda, reports, meeting minutes, speech notes, photographs, and other materials Oppler created or collected while working as part of the Government Section (1946-47) and as head of the Courts and Law Division (1947-52).

### Arrangement

Arranged chronologically within subseries.

Title/Description	Instances	
Cabinet Secretariat, The Constitution of Japan <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : ca. 1946	Box 3 (3-Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers)	Folder 1
Copy of Correspondence between Douglas MacArthur and Prime Minister Shigeru Yoshida <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1946-1947	Box 3 (3-Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers)	Folder 2
Diet Debates on Proposed Constitution <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1946-1947	Box 3 (3-Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers)	Folder 3
Oppler's Daily Activity Logs <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1946-1947	Box 3 (3-Supreme Commander	Folder 4

	for the Allied Powers)	
Press Analyses of Reactions of Proposed Constitution <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1947	Box 3 (3-Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers)	Folder 5
"Minutes of the Sixth Meeting of the Extraordinary Bill Revision Commission" [copy 1] <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1947	Box 3 (3-Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers)	Folder 6
"Minutes of the Sixth Meeting of the Extraordinary Bill Revision Commission" [copy 2] <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1947	Box 3 (3-Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers)	Folder 7
"Minutes of the Conference with Personnel, Government Section, G.H.Q., with regard to . . . Court Organization Law" <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1947	Box 3 (3-Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers)	Folder 8
Government Section, Report of Activities <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1947	Box 3 (3-Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers)	Folder 9
Oppler, Memoranda Concerning Japanese Legislation <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1947-1948	Box 3 (3-Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers)	Folder 10
Supreme Court of Japan, Special Data <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1948	Box 3 (3-Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers)	Folder 11
Supreme Court of Japan, Special Data (Appendix) [copy 1] <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1948	Box 3 (3-Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers)	Folder 12
Supreme Court of Japan, Special Data (Appendix) [copy 2] <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1948	Box 3 (3-Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers)	Folder 13
Legislative Summaries, Memoranda, and Requests for Legal Opinions	Box 3 (3-Supreme	Folder 14



<u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1948-1951	Commander for the Allied Powers)	
Oppler's Awards and Citations <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1948-1952 <b>Scope and Contents</b> Contains material housed in flat file.	Box 3 (3- Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers)	Folder 15
Oppler, "Far Eastern Section: The Reform of Japan's Legal and Judicial System Under Allied Occupation", Washington Law Review <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1949	Box 3 (3- Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers)	Folder 16
Oppler, "Far Eastern Section: The Reform of Japan's Legal and Judicial System Under Allied Occupation", SCAP reprint <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1949	Box 3 (3- Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers)	Folder 17
Ruling on Impeachment Case Involving Supreme Court Judges <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1949	Box 3 (3- Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers)	Folder 18
Oppler, Speech Notes and Press Clippings <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1949-1951	Box 3 (3- Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers)	Folder 19
Newspaper Articles by and about Oppler <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1949-1951	Box 3 (3- Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers)	Folder 20
Diary Concerning Supreme Court Mission to the United States <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1950	Box 3 (3- Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers)	Folder 21
Photograph of the Supreme Court Mission <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1950	Box 3 (3- Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers)	Folder 22
Family Bureau, General Secretariat, Supreme Court of Japan, The Guide for the Family Court <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> ca. 1950	Box 3 (3- Supreme Commander	Folder 23

	for the Allied Powers)	
GHQ, SCAP, Selected Data on the Occupation of Japan <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : ca. 1950	Box 3 (3-Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers)	Folder 24
Japanese Language Worksheets <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : ca. 1950	Box 3 (3-Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers)	Folder 25
Oppler, "Report of the Supreme Court Mission" <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1951	Box 3 (3-Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers)	Folder 26
Oppler's Engagement Calendar <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1951	Box 3 (3-Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers)	Folder 27
Oppler, Daily Activity Reports <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1951	Box 3 (3-Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers)	Folder 28
Oppler, Weekly Work Summaries, Legislation and Justice Division <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : Undated	Box 3 (3-Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers)	Folder 29
"Final Briefings Presented to the Supreme Commander . . . Covering Portions of Occupation Duties" <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1952	Box 3 (3-Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers)	Folder 30
Photographs of Oppler with Japanese and American Officials <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : ca. 1952?	Box 3 (3-Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers)	Folder 31
Unidentified Photograph Taken in Japan <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : ca. 1952?	Box 3 (3-Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers)	Folder 32
Oppler's Awards and Citations <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1948-1952		

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## Far Eastern Command, G-5/J-5 Section, 1952-1957

Date [inclusive]: 1952-1957

Physical Description: 0.075 cubic ft.

### Scope and Contents

This series consists of unpublished notes and opinions, photographs, and other documents Oppler created or collected while working as head of the Political and Legal Section of the Far Eastern Command. Of note is an autographed photograph of General Lyman L. Lemnitzer.

### Arrangement

Arranged chronologically.

Title/Description	Instances	
J-5 Briefing <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : ca. 1952	Box 3 (4-Far Eastern Command, G-5/J-5 Section)	Folder 33
Office of Public Information, Republic of Korea, Constitution <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : ca. 1954	Box 3 (4-Far Eastern Command, G-5/J-5 Section)	Folder 34
Oppler's Authorization to Visit Germany <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1955	Box 3 (4-Far Eastern Command, G-5/J-5 Section)	Folder 35
Summary of Article on Foreign Influences on Japanese Law <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1955	Box 3 (4-Far Eastern Command, G-5/J-5 Section)	Folder 36
Autographed Photograph of Colonel Louis M. Gosorn <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1955	Box 3 (4-Far Eastern Command, G-5/J-5 Section)	Folder 37
Autographed Photograph of General Lyman L. Lemnitzer <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : ca. 1955	Box 3 (4-Far Eastern Command, G-5/J-5 Section)	Folder 38

Oppler's Awards and Citations

Date [inclusive]: 1957Box 3 (4-  
Far Eastern  
Command,  
G-5/J-5  
Section)

Folder 39

**Scope and Contents**

Contains material housed in flat file.

Oppler's Awards and Citations

Date [inclusive]: 1957[^ Return to Table of Contents](#)**United States Forces Japan, 1952-1959**Date [inclusive]: 1952-1959Physical Description: 0.15 cubic ft.**Scope and Contents**

This series consists of unpublished opinions, memoranda, official documents, photographs, and press summaries that Oppler generated or collected while serving as the International Relations Officer of the United States Forces Japan (USFJ). Of note are Oppler's "Personal Interest File", which contains clippings, USFJ memoranda and reports, and other documents concerning the affairs of Japan, Korea, and the Ryukyu Islands, and his file of clippings and documents concerning the Sunakawa case, which upheld the constitutionality of stationing United States troops in Japan.

**Arrangement**

Arranged chronologically.

<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>	
Opinion Concerning Right of Assembly <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1958	Box 3 (5- United States Forces Japan)	Folder 40
Autographed Photograph of Major General Paul Caraway <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1958	Box 3 (5- United States Forces Japan)	Folder 41
Oppler's "Personal Interest Matter" File <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1958-1959	Box 3 (5- United States Forces Japan)	Folder 42
Clippings, Press Summaries, and Memoranda Concerning the Sunakawa Case <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1959	Box 3 (5- United States Forces Japan)	Folder 43

**Scope and Contents**

Contains material housed in flat file.

Oppler's Awards and Citations

Date [inclusive]: 1959

<b>Scope and Contents</b> Contains material housed in flat file.	Box 3 (5- United States Forces Japan)	Folder 44
Inouye, "Historical Record of Federation of Japan Bar Association" <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1959	Box 3 (5- United States Forces Japan)	Folder 45
"Statement of General Lemnitzer . . . on the United States Land Policy in the Ryukyu Islands" <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> ca. 1959?	Box 3 (5- United States Forces Japan)	Folder 46
Clippings, Press Summaries, and Memoranda Concerning the Sunakawa Case <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1959		
Oppler's Awards and Citations <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1959		

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## Legal Reform in Occupied Japan, 1972-1977

Date [inclusive]: 1972-1977

Physical Description: 0.15 cubic ft.

### Scope and Contents

This series contains documents generated in connection with Oppler's memoir, *Legal Reform in Occupied Japan: A Participant Looks Back* (Princeton University Press, 1976), including correspondence, reviews, and readers' notes. Of note are several typescript passages about life in Japan that were excised from the final version and a brief note from Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas (October 23, 1974).

### Arrangement

Arranged chronologically.

Title/Description	Instances	
Autobiographical Passage Not Published in Legal Reform <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> ca. 1973	Box 3 (6- Legal Reform in Occupied Japan)	Folder 47
Passages Not Published in Legal Reform <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> ca. 1973	Box 3 (6- Legal Reform in Occupied Japan)	Folder 48
Chapter Not Published in Legal Reform	Box 3 (6- Legal Reform	Folder 49

<u>Date [inclusive]</u> : ca. 1973	in Occupied Japan)	
Editorial Guidelines, Jacket Copy, and Addresses of Recipients of Review and Complementary Copies <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : ca. 1973-1976	Box 3 (6-Legal Reform in Occupied Japan)	Folder 50
Reviews of and Advertisements for Legal Reform <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1976-1977	Box 3 (6-Legal Reform in Occupied Japan)	Folder 51

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## Encyclopedia of Japan, ca. 1977-1982

Date [inclusive]: ca. 1977-1982

Physical Description: 0.075 cubic ft.

### Scope and Contents

This series contains documents generated in connection with Oppler's writing and editorial work for the Encyclopedia of Japan (Kodansha, 1980), among them Oppler's entries on the 1961 Sunakawa Case and the Japan-U.S. Security Treaties, an entry that he helped to content-edit, and an entry written by Kurt Steiner concerning Oppler's work in Japan. Also included are newsletters published by the staff of the Encyclopedia of Japan; the Spring 1979 issue contains a poem that Oppler wrote in praise of the project.

### Arrangement

Arranged chronologically.

Title/Description	Instances	
List of Legal Entries, Style Manual, and Newsletters <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1978-1980	Box 3 (7-Encyclopedia of Japan)	Folder 52
Oppler's Entries on Sunakawa Case and U.S.-Japan Security Treaties <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1979	Box 3 (7-Encyclopedia of Japan)	Folder 53
Entries by Ishimine, Sakai and Sakahara, and Steiner <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1979	Box 3 (7-Encyclopedia of Japan)	Folder 54

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## Miscellaneous Writings, 1948-1982

Date [inclusive]: 1948

Date [inclusive]: 1960-1982

Physical Description: 0.40 cubic ft.

## Scope and Contents

This series consists of correspondence, research notes, speech notes, and published and unpublished articles and essays that Oppler produced or gathered after his 1959 retirement and return to the United States.

## Arrangement

Arranged chronologically within subseries.

## Subseries 1: Correspondence, 1943-1981

Date [inclusive]: 1943-1981

Physical Description: 0.05 cubic ft.

## Scope and Contents

This subseries contains correspondence with Thomas Blakemore, Kurt Steiner, Justin Williams, and other people Oppler worked with while in Japan. Other letters concern various interviews with scholars and journalists and various political causes that Oppler supported. Of note is a letter from Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Lyman L. Lemnitzer (September 22, 1960). Oppler segregated almost all correspondence generated while working with the SCAP and the FEC and while writing Legal Reform in Occupied Japan and entries for The Encyclopedia of Japan and kept it with other papers pertaining to these activities. This arrangement has been preserved.

Title/Description	Instances	
SCAP (Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers). General correspondence <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1949-1951	Box 4 (8-Miscellaneous Writings)	Folder 1
Alden, Jane <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1951	Box 4 (8-Miscellaneous Writings)	Folder 2
American Civil Liberties Union <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1950-1980	Box 4 (8-Miscellaneous Writings)	Folder 3
<b>Scope and Contents</b> (including Abortion issues).		
Ando, Nisuke <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1969	Box 4 (8-Miscellaneous Writings)	Folder 4
Arima, Chusabaro (Japan Federation of Bar Associations) <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1951	Box 4 (8-Miscellaneous Writings)	Folder 5
Bevis, Howard L. (Ohio State University) <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1951-1952	Box 4 (8-Miscellaneous Writings)	Folder 6
Blakemore, Thomas L. <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1976-1979		

	Box 4 (8-Miscellaneous Writings)	Folder 7
Brown, Richard G. <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1951	Box 4 (8-Miscellaneous Writings)	Folder 8
Byrne, Brendan T. <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1978	Box 4 (8-Miscellaneous Writings)	Folder 9
Caraway, Paul W. <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1961 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1974	Box 4 (8-Miscellaneous Writings)	Folder 10
Carnegie Endowment for International Peace (Sanford Schwarz) <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1943	Box 4 (8-Miscellaneous Writings)	Folder 11
Carter, President Jimmy <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1980	Box 4 (8-Miscellaneous Writings)	Folder 12
City of Norfolk, MacArthur Memorial <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1976-1977	Box 4 (8-Miscellaneous Writings)	Folder 13
Coblentz, William A. <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1950-1951	Box 4 (8-Miscellaneous Writings)	Folder 14
Dach, Joseph <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1951	Box 4 (8-Miscellaneous Writings)	Folder 15
Dando, Shigemitsu <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1974 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1979	Box 4 (8-Miscellaneous Writings)	Folder 16
Danelski, David J. <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1967	Box 4 (8-Miscellaneous Writings)	Folder 17
David, René <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1951-1952	Box 4 (8-Miscellaneous Writings)	Folder 18
Denver Journal of International Law and Policy <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1979	Box 4 (8-Miscellaneous Writings)	Folder 19
deWetter, Louise <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1967	Box 4 (8-Miscellaneous Writings)	Folder 20
Douglas, Justice William O.		



<u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1974	Box 4 (8-Miscellaneous Writings)	Folder 21
Ehrenzweig, Albert A. <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1949 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1967	Box 4 (8-Miscellaneous Writings)	Folder 22
<i>Encyclopedia of Japan</i> (Takeshi Kokubo) <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1978-1981	Box 4 (8-Miscellaneous Writings)	Folder 23
Epstein, Fritz T. <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1950-1951	Box 4 (8-Miscellaneous Writings)	Folder 24
Fisher, Adrian S. <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1950-1951	Box 4 (8-Miscellaneous Writings)	Folder 25
Foley, Edward H. <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1950	Box 4 (8-Miscellaneous Writings)	Folder 26
Fraenkel, Ernst <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1943	Box 4 (8-Miscellaneous Writings)	Folder 27
Friedrich, Carl J. <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1949-1950	Box 4 (8-Miscellaneous Writings)	Folder 28
Hall, Livingston <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1951	Box 4 (8-Miscellaneous Writings)	Folder 29
Hays, Frank E. <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1950	Box 4 (8-Miscellaneous Writings)	Folder 30
Henderson, Dan F. <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1978	Box 4 (8-Miscellaneous Writings)	Folder 31
Herring, Pendleton <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1950	Box 4 (8-Miscellaneous Writings)	Folder 32
Horitsu Jihu <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1972-1973	Box 4 (8-Miscellaneous Writings)	Folder 33
Hozumi, Shigeto <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1951	Box 4 (8-Miscellaneous Writings)	Folder 34
Inoue, Masahito <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1979-1981		

	Box 4 (8-Miscellaneous Writings)	Folder 35
International Biographical Archives and Dictionary of Central European Emigrés, 1933-1945 (Harold A. Strauss) <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1976-1979	Box 4 (8-Miscellaneous Writings)	Folder 36
Jansen, Marius B. <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1973	Box 4 (8-Miscellaneous Writings)	Folder 37
Johnson, U. Alexis <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1952	Box 4 (8-Miscellaneous Writings)	Folder 38
Kades, Charles L. (Hawkins, Delafield & Wood) <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1950-1977	Box 4 (8-Miscellaneous Writings)	Folder 39
Kobayashi, Justice Shunzo <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1951	Box 4 (8-Miscellaneous Writings)	Folder 40
Koshi, George <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1977	Box 4 (8-Miscellaneous Writings)	Folder 41
Lambie, Morris B. <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1950	Box 4 (8-Miscellaneous Writings)	Folder 42
Lemnitzer, General L. L. <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1960	Box 4 (8-Miscellaneous Writings)	Folder 43
Lochner, Louis P. <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1967	Box 4 (8-Miscellaneous Writings)	Folder 44
MacCoy, W. Pierce <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1951	Box 4 (8-Miscellaneous Writings)	Folder 45
Mano, Judge Tsuyoski <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1951	Box 4 (8-Miscellaneous Writings)	Folder 46
Martin, Charles E. <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1950-1952	Box 4 (8-Miscellaneous Writings)	Folder 47
Masui, Makoto <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1976	Box 4 (8-Miscellaneous Writings)	Folder 48
Matsuo, Koya <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1974-1975		

	Box 4 (8-Miscellaneous Writings)	Folder 49
Mendel, Douglas H., Jr. <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1954	Box 4 (8-Miscellaneous Writings)	Folder 50
Meyers, Howard <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1951-1952	Box 4 (8-Miscellaneous Writings)	Folder 51
Moore, Paul D. <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1973-1975	Box 4 (8-Miscellaneous Writings)	Folder 52
Mori, Arthur K. <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1951-1973	Box 4 (8-Miscellaneous Writings)	Folder 53
Nemoto, Matsuo <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1970	Box 5 (8-Miscellaneous Writings)	Folder 1
Neptune, Robert H. <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1952	Box 5 (8-Miscellaneous Writings)	Folder 2
<i>New York Times</i> (Letters to the Editor) <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1970-1980	Box 5 (8-Miscellaneous Writings)	Folder 3
Ochs, Reiko <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1975	Box 5 (8-Miscellaneous Writings)	Folder 4
Okuyama, Hachiro <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1951	Box 5 (8-Miscellaneous Writings)	Folder 5
Onuma, Yasuaki <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1976-1977	Box 5 (8-Miscellaneous Writings)	Folder 6
Parker, James Perkins <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1951	Box 5 (8-Miscellaneous Writings)	Folder 7
Peattie, Mark <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1975	Box 5 (8-Miscellaneous Writings)	Folder 8
Physicians <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1969-1980	Box 5 (8-Miscellaneous Writings)	Folder 9
Prescott, Stanley <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1947	Box 5 (8-Miscellaneous Writings)	Folder 10

<u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1980	Box 5 (8-Miscellaneous Writings)	Folder 11
Princeton University Press <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1974-1980	Box 5 (8-Miscellaneous Writings)	Folder 12
Quigley, Harold S. <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1949-1950	Box 5 (8-Miscellaneous Writings)	Folder 13
Redford, Larry ( <i>Juris Publici</i> ) <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1977-1980	Box 5 (8-Miscellaneous Writings)	Folder 14
Reischauer, Edwin O. <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1974-1977	Box 5 (8-Miscellaneous Writings)	Folder 15
Rheinstein, Max <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1950-1951	Box 5 (8-Miscellaneous Writings)	Folder 16
Rodino, Peter W. J. <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1978	Box 5 (8-Miscellaneous Writings)	Folder 17
Ruete, Hans Hellmuth <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1978	Box 5 (8-Miscellaneous Writings)	Folder 18
Schenck, Hubert G. <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1952	Box 5 (8-Miscellaneous Writings)	Folder 19
Shimbum, Asahi, transcripts of interview with Oppler <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1971	Box 5 (8-Miscellaneous Writings)	Folder 20
Snow, Conrad E. <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1950-1951	Box 5 (8-Miscellaneous Writings)	Folder 21
Sodei, Rinjiro <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1976	Box 5 (8-Miscellaneous Writings)	Folder 22
Steiner, Kurt <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1950-1979	Box 5 (8-Miscellaneous Writings)	Folder 23
Takemae, Eiji <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1981	Box 5 (8-Miscellaneous Writings)	Folder 24
Tanaka, Haruhiko <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1951	Box 5 (8-Miscellaneous Writings)	Folder 25
Tanaka, Hideo		

<u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1977-1979	Box 5 (8-Miscellaneous Writings)	Folder 26
Tanaka, Kotaro <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1952 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1972	Box 5 (8-Miscellaneous Writings)	Folder 27
Tanaka, M. <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1950	Box 5 (8-Miscellaneous Writings)	Folder 28
Tate, Jack B. <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1951	Box 5 (8-Miscellaneous Writings)	Folder 29
TV Man Union, Inc. (Tokyo) <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1981	Box 5 (8-Miscellaneous Writings)	Folder 30
Unno, Shinkichi <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1953	Box 5 (8-Miscellaneous Writings)	Folder 31
Ward, Robert E. <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1973	Box 5 (8-Miscellaneous Writings)	Folder 32
<i>Washington Law Review</i> (Milton D. Green) <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1949-1978	Box 5 (8-Miscellaneous Writings)	Folder 33
Williams, Harrison A. <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1965 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1978	Box 5 (8-Miscellaneous Writings)	Folder 34
Williams, Justin, Sr <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1970-1976	Box 5 (8-Miscellaneous Writings)	Folder 35
Yamanaka, Toshio <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1974-1975	Box 5 (8-Miscellaneous Writings)	Folder 36
Yasumura, Kazuo <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1973	Box 5 (8-Miscellaneous Writings)	Folder 38
Miscellaneous and unidentified <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1943-1978	Box 5 (8-Miscellaneous Writings)	Folder 39
Buchholz, Walther <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1941-1959 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1960-1969 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1970-1979	Box 5 (8-Miscellaneous Writings)	Folder 40-42

## Scope and Contents

Buchholz, Walther.

### Subseries 2: Articles and Speeches, 1961-1982

Date [inclusive]: 1961-1982

Physical Description: 0.20 cubic ft.

#### Scope and Contents

This subseries contains articles and speech notes Oppler wrote after retiring. Of particular interest are his analysis of the Sunakawa Case, in which the Japanese Supreme Court ruled that Japan's constitutional ban on rearmament did not prohibit the stationing of U.S. troops on Japanese soil, and notes for a speech that he gave a week before his death.

Title/Description	Instances	
"The Sunakawa Case: Its Legal and Political Implications" (published) <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1961	Box 6 (8-Miscellaneous Writings)	Folder 1
Opinion on Israeli Law of Return (unpublished) <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : ca. 1970?	Box 6 (8-Miscellaneous Writings)	Folder 2
Notes for "Sidelights on MacArthur's Occupation of Japan" Speech (unpublished) <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : ca. 1972?	Box 6 (8-Miscellaneous Writings)	Folder 3
Oppler's Answers to Questions Posed by an Unknown Interviewer <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : ca. 1975?	Box 6 (8-Miscellaneous Writings)	Folder 4
"The Dutchess of Stone Pond" (unpublished) <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : ca. 1978	Box 6 (8-Miscellaneous Writings)	Folder 5
Articles for <i>Juris Publici</i> (University of Richmond Law School) <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1979-1980	Box 6 (8-Miscellaneous Writings)	Folder 6
Notes for "Great Decisions: Japan" Speech (unpublished) and Clippings <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1982	Box 6 (8-Miscellaneous Writings)	Folder 7

### Subseries 3: Notes, 1948-1973

Date [inclusive]: 1948-1973

Physical Description: 0.15 cubic ft.

#### Scope and Contents

This subseries consists of research notes that Oppler wrote after his retirement; newspaper clippings, among them a 1948 issue of the Pacific Stars and Stripes, are sometimes interspersed. Some of Oppler's research may have

been undertaken in preparation for the writing of *Legal Reform in Occupied Japan: A Participant Looks Back*, but some of the notes concern German and American law, society, and politics.

Title/Description	Instances	
Notes and Clippings on MacArthur, Civil Liberties, Japan, Germany, and Vietnam <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1948-1973	Box 6 (8-Miscellaneous Writings)	Folder 8
Notes on Prittie, Germans Against Hitler <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : ca. 1965	Box 6 (8-Miscellaneous Writings)	Folder 9
Reading Notes on German, Japanese, and Korean Politics and Law <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : ca. 1966	Box 6 (8-Miscellaneous Writings)	Folder 10
Notes on Dissertations and Books Concerning Japan <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : ca. 1970?	Box 6 (8-Miscellaneous Writings)	Folder 11
Notes on Japan Civil Liberties Union, Japanese Judiciary and Japanese Law <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : Undated	Box 6 (8-Miscellaneous Writings)	Folder 12

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## Research Materials, 1944-1982

Date [inclusive]: 1944-1982

Physical Description: 0.70 cubic ft.

### Scope and Contents

This series contains materials that Oppler received from colleagues, gathered while at various Asian studies conferences, or kept for their informational value.

### Arrangement

Arranged chronologically within subseries.

## Subseries 1: Presentation Copies, 1961-1980

Date [inclusive]: 1961-1980

Physical Description: 0.05 cubic ft.

### Scope and Contents

This subseries contains inscribed copies of published and unpublished articles written by Kurt Nadelmann, Ulrich Mache, and Josef Derbolav, all of whom apparently met Oppler before 1939, Marius Jansen, Kurt Steiner, and

Justin Williams, all of whom worked with Oppler in Japan, and Nitsuke Ando, whom Oppler evidently met while residing in Japan.

<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>	
Nadelmann, "Das Minderheitsvotum in Kollegialgericht -- Bekanntgabe oder Geheimhaltung ?" (published) <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1961	Box 6 (9- Research Materials)	Folder 13
Steiner, "Popular Political Participation and Political Development in Japan: The Local Level" (unpublished) <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> ca. 1965	Box 6 (9- Research Materials)	Folder 14
Mache, "Die Überwindung des Amadisromans durch Andreas Heinrich Bucholtz" (published) <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1966	Box 6 (9- Research Materials)	Folder 15
Jansen, "Japan Looks Back" (published) <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1968	Box 6 (9- Research Materials)	Folder 16
Ando, "A Critical Appraisal of the Tokyo District Court's Decision on the Suikosha Case" (published) <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> ca. 1968	Box 6 (9- Research Materials)	Folder 17
Derbolav, Essay in Pädagogik im Selbstdarstellung (published) <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1976	Box 6 (9- Research Materials)	Folder 18
Williams, "What the Japanese Are Like" (unpublished) <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1980	Box 6 (9- Research Materials)	Folder 19

## Subseries 2: Conference Documents, 1961-1980

Date [inclusive]: 1961-1980

Physical Description: 0.25 cubic ft.

### Scope and Contents

This subseries consists of materials that Oppler collected while attending various conferences concerning the study of Japan. Of particular interest are numerous unpublished papers concerning various aspects of Japanese law.

<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>	
Harvard University Japanese-American Program for Cooperation in Legal Studies, Papers <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1961	Box 6 (9- Research Materials)	Folder 20-22
Princeton University Conference on the New Japan: Prospects and Promise, Participant List and Papers <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1962	Box 6 (9- Research Materials)	Folder 23
Twenty-Eighth American Assembly on the United States and Japan, Final Report	Box 6 (9- Research Materials)	Folder 24



Date [inclusive]: 1965

Eleventh Southern Assembly on the United States and Japan, Papers <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1966	Box 6 (9-Research Materials)	Folder 25
Amherst College International Conference on the Occupation of Japan, Orientation Materials, Participant List, and Two Papers <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1980	Box 6 (9-Research Materials)	Folder 26

**Subseries 3: Articles and Reference Works, 1944-1982**Date [inclusive]: 1944-1982Physical Description: 0.40 cubic ft.**Scope and Contents**

This subseries contains articles, pamphlets, and clippings that Oppler kept because of their informational value. Oppler may have gathered the earliest documents in this subseries, which consist of newspaper articles concerning France, Germany, Japan, and Poland during the final years of the Second World War, in connection with his work for the United States Economic Administration and the Department of War. All of the other documents in this subseries were collected after his 1959 return to the United States. Some of these materials may have been assembled in preparation for the writing of Legal Reform in Occupied Japan.

<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>	
Clippings Concerning France, Germany, Japan, and Poland <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1944-1945	Box 6 (9-Research Materials)	Folder 27
Japan Times Clippings <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1960	Box 6 (9-Research Materials)	Folder 28
Texts of Japan-U.S. Treaty and Security Agreements <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1960	Box 6 (9-Research Materials)	Folder 29
<b>Scope and Contents</b>		
Contains material housed in flat file.		
Japan Commission on the Constitution, Papers [fragment] <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1961	Box 6 (9-Research Materials)	Folder 30
Kublin, What Shall I Read on Japan (published) <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1961	Box 6 (9-Research Materials)	Folder 31
Kublin, Useful Japanese (published) <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1961	Box 6 (9-Research Materials)	Folder 32
Overton, Travel in Japan (published) <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1961		

	Box 6 (9- Research Materials)	Folder 33
Japanese-American Program for Cooperation in Legal Studies, "An Index to Japanese Law" (unpublished) <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1961	Box 6 (9- Research Materials)	Folder 34
Law Firm of Stitt and Hemmendinger, "Okinawa" (unpublished) <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1962	Box 6 (9- Research Materials)	Folder 35
Danielski, "The Supreme Court of Japan: An Exploratory Study" (unpublished) <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1966	Box 6 (9- Research Materials)	Folder 36
Stein, "Common-Law Marriage: Its History and Certain Contemporary Problems" (published) <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1969	Box 6 (9- Research Materials)	Folder 37
Jansen, "Japan and the United States" (unpublished) <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> ca. 1969	Box 6 (9- Research Materials)	Folder 38
Unidentified Article on Japanese Law (published) and Clipping on Japan's Environmental Problems <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1970	Box 6 (9- Research Materials)	Folder 39
Abeggin, Kahn, and Morley, Japan and the United States in the 1970s (published) <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1970	Box 6 (9- Research Materials)	Folder 40
Steiner, Book Review (published) and Two Short Articles (unpublished) <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1974-ca. 1975	Box 6 (9- Research Materials)	Folder 41
Association for Asian Studies, Doctoral Dissertations on Asia (published) <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1975	Box 6 (9- Research Materials)	Folder 42
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