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## METROPOLITAN AIRPORTS COMMISSION

### An Inventory of Its Correspondence

#### OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

**Agency:** Minneapolis-Saint Paul Metropolitan Airports Commission.  
**Series Title:** Correspondence.  
**Dates:** 1943-1976.  
**Quantity:** 12.6 cu. ft. (13 boxes).  
**Location:** See Detailed Description section for box locations.

#### SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE RECORDS

Correspondence files kept during the directorships of Robert Aldrich (1944 - February 1960), H. G. Kuitu (March 1960 - February 1976), and Raymond G. Glumack (March-December 1976). The early files (1940s-1950s) consist mainly of letters written by the director or the comptroller; increasingly over the following years, they expand to include letters from department heads, program directors, engineers, and aides and assistants.

The letters are mainly outgoing and cover all aspects of the administration and operation of the Commission, including its relations with other state and federal offices and agencies; the various military branches, particularly during World War II; airlines and related companies leasing Commission facilities; and the general public. Topics covered in detail in the files include legislation, budget and appropriation, expansion and construction, Commission members and personnel, and noise abatement. Aldrich's early years often include detailed activity reports to the Commission.

#### ARRANGEMENT OF THE RECORDS

The files are arranged chronologically by month and year; within each month, materials are filed in reverse chronological order.

## INDEX TERMS

*This collection is indexed under the following headings in the catalog of the Minnesota Historical Society. Researchers desiring materials about related topics, persons or places should search the catalog using these headings.*

### Topics:

Air bases--Minnesota--Twin Cities Metropolitan Area.  
Airlines--Minnesota--Twin Cities Metropolitan Area.  
Airport authorities--Minnesota--Twin Cities Metropolitan Area.  
Airport noise--Minnesota--Twin Cities Metropolitan Area.  
Airports--Law and legislation--Minnesota--Twin Cities Metropolitan Area.  
Airports--Location--Minnesota--Twin Cities Metropolitan Area.  
Airports--Minnesota--Twin Cities Metropolitan Area--Employees.  
Airports--Minnesota--Twin Cities Metropolitan Area--Finance.  
Airports--Minnesota--Twin Cities Metropolitan Area--Maintenance and repair.  
Airports--Minnesota--Twin Cities Metropolitan Area--Management.  
Airports--Minnesota--Twin Cities Metropolitan Area--Planning.  
Civil defense--Minnesota--Twin Cities Metropolitan Area.  
Federal aid to transportation--Minnesota--Twin Cities Metropolitan Area.  
World War, 1939-1945--Aerial operation.

### Persons:

Aldrich, Robert.  
Glumack, Raymond G., d.1998.  
Kuitu, H. G.

## ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

### Preferred Citation:

*[Indicate the cited item and folder title here].* Minneapolis-Saint Paul Metropolitan Airports Commission. Correspondence. State Archives.  
*See the Chicago Manual of Style for additional examples.*

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## DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

*Note to Researchers: To request materials, please note both the location and box numbers shown below.*

<b>Location</b>	<b>Box</b>	
103.K.11.9B	1	December 1943 - July 1947. 20 folders.
103.K.11.10F	2	August 1947 – April 1950. 18 folders.
103.K.11.11B	3	May 1950 – May 1952. 21 folders.
103.K.11.12F	4	June 1952 - December 1954. 20 folders.
103.K.11.13B	5	January 1955 - September 1957. 18 folders.
103.K.11.14F	6	October 1957 – June 1959. 19 folders.
103.K.12.1B	7	July 1959 - November 1960. 18 folders.
103.K.12.2F	8	December 1960 – October 1962. 22 folders.
103.K.12.3B	9	November 1962 - March 1965. 19 folders.
103.K.12.4F	10	April 1965 - January 1968. 24 folders.
103.K.12.5B	11	February 1968 – May 1971. 20 folders.
103.K.12.6F	12	June 1971 – July 1975. 24 folders.
103.K.12.7B	13	August 1975 – December 1976. 7 folders. Correspondence and memoranda, April 1964 – July 1966; January 1968 – June 1969. 3 folders. The material in these folders may duplicate that in the chronological files; they have not been compared. <i>[0.4 cu. ft. empty, letter]</i>