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Summary Information

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| Repository: | M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections & Archives |
| Creator: | Emergency Rescue Committee |
| Title: | Emergency Rescue Committee Records |
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| Physical Description: | 3 cubic ft. |
| Physical Location: | The materials are located onsite in the department. |
| Language of the Material: | French , English . |
| Abstract: | This collection contains files (photocopies) of the Emergency Rescue Committee including letters, registration cards, and other materials of this New York City-based organization concerning some 170 Émigrés and their efforts to flee to the United States from Nazi persecution. Includes files about Alfred Döblin, Hans Natonek, Nelly Sachs, Fritz von Unruh, and Friderike Zweig. |

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Biographical / Historical

The Emergency Rescue Committee (ERC) was founded in June 1940 in New York by German and American intellectuals and academics soon after the Nazi invasion of France. The ERC assisted artists, intellectuals and political dissidents who were under threat in occupied France by providing them financial aid and visas, both legal and illegal, allowing passage to the United States. as an agent of the newly formed Emergency Rescue Committee, Varian Fry raised money and went to France to

assist intellectuals that were under the threat of arrest by the Gestapo. By 1950 the Emergency Rescue Committee and International Relief Association combined to form the International Rescue Committee.

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Scope and Contents

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Arrangement

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