

Persico, Joseph; Papers

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Summary Information

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Biographical Sketch

Joseph E. Persico, author and former speechwriter for New York Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller, was born to Thomas and Blanche Persico of Gloversville, New York, on July 19, 1930. In 1952, after receiving a BA in both English and Political Science from the New York State College for Teachers (as the University at Albany was then known), he entered the U.S. Navy and remained in the military for three years. Persico served as a Lieutenant Junior Grade aboard a minesweeper and also with NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization) Headquarters

in Naples, Italy. Returning to the U.S. in 1956, Persico matriculated at Columbia University in New York for his graduate work.

In 1956, Joseph Persico began his political writing career, serving Governor W. Averell Harriman as a writer and researcher. After three years with Harriman, Persico then became a Foreign Service Officer for the United States Information Agency (USIA) working in Argentina, Brazil, and Washington. Between 1963 and 1966, Persico served as Executive Assistant to the New York State Health Commissioner, Hollis Ingraham. In 1966, Joseph Persico became the chief speechwriter for New York Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller. Continuing in this position for seven years, he remained Rockefeller's primary speechwriter as the Governor assumed the office of Vice President of the United States from 1974 to 1977.

In 1977, Joseph Persico transitioned into a full-time author, focusing on historical subjects. In that year, his Civil War piece, *My Enemy My Brother: Men and Days of Gettysburg*, was released. Two years later, he followed up this work with a novel, *The Spiderweb*, and a nonfiction study, *Piercing the Reich: The Penetration of Nazi Germany by American Secret Agents During World War II*. In 1982, Persico focused on Nelson Rockefeller's life and published the biography, *The Imperial Rockefeller*. During the 1990s, Persico created other historical works on both American espionage and the Nuremberg War Crimes Trials following World War II. These works were *Casey: From the OSS to the CIA* and *Nuremberg: Infamy on Trial*. Persico also targeted renowned broadcast journalist Edward R. Murrow for a biographical sketch in 1990. In addition to his books, Persico has also published numerous articles on American history.

Persico collaborated with former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and later Secretary of State, Colin L. Powell, on his biography. Between 1994 and 1996, the author developed a personal relationship with his subject, occasionally addressing Powell as "Sir Colin", and "Mon General", from "The Hired Pen". Joseph Persico continues to publish books on historical subjects. In November 2001, Random House Inc. released *Roosevelt's Secret War: FDR and World War II Espionage* and in 2004, *Eleventh Month, Eleventh Day, Eleventh Hour: Armistice Day, 1918, World War I and Its Violent Climax* was published.

Apart from his professional career, Joseph Persico's private life has been spent with his wife, Sylvia La Vista Persico, and his children, Vanya and Andrea. He currently lives in Guilderland, N.Y.

Chronological Index to Press Releases, Speeches, and Transcripts Written for Nelson A. Rockefeller

This index was transcribed from the handwritten original provided by the donor covering the years 1964-1976.

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Scope and Contents

The collected papers of Joseph Persico focus on his careers as a political speechwriter and as a full-time author. His speeches from the 1960s include his work for both New York State Commissioner of Health, Hollis Ingraham, and New York State Governor, Nelson Rockefeller. Press releases and transcripts associated with the speeches are also present in the Persico files. Nelson Rockefeller's Messages to the Legislature and "Quotes on Issues" during the late 1960s and early 1970s have been filed in Series 1 with Persico's speeches. The Chronological Index to Press Releases, Speeches, and Transcripts Written for Nelson A. Rockefeller was transcribed by Kevin Lawyer from the handwritten original provided by the donor. The index covers the years 1964-1976.

The author's publications files include manuscripts, correspondence, screenplays, interviews for *The Imperial Rockefeller*, and research notes. For Persico's *Piercing the Reich*, several folders hold parts of a single OSS (Office of Strategic Services) War Report from 1949, detailing OSS action in Europe, Africa, and Asia during World War II. For *Nuremberg: Infamy on Trial*, the author's files contain a draft of the work and research material including photos from the Holocaust and the Nuremberg Trials.

The texts, drafts, news clippings, correspondence, and other supporting material is available for speeches and other non-book writings of Persico. Among the author's correspondence is an exchange with movie director John Huston who Persico interviewed for an article in *American Heritage*. Note that correspondence can be found throughout the collection. For example, references to Persico's publications will be found in both the general correspondence files and specific publications' series. An attempt was made to retain the original filing system of the creator with the most recent accessions, but previous arrangement divided some of the correspondence into professional and personal folders.

The material received from the donor in 2006, 2012-2013, and 2018 is not yet arranged and described in this finding aid. Contact Department staff for further information.

Additional material collected and created by Persico during the writing of *Piercing the Reich* was deposited by Persico at the Hoover Institution Library and Archives at Stanford University. The finding aid for this material is available online through the Online Archive of California. Persico also gave additional material related to his book *Edward R. Murrow: An American Original* to the Edward R. Murrow Center of Public Diplomacy at Tufts University.

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Arrangement of the Collection

The collection is organized into five series.

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Acquisition Information

All items in this manuscript group were donated to the University Libraries, M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections and Archives, by Joseph E. Persico in 1984. The Department received additional material from Mr. Persico in August 1997, May 1998, December 1999, December 2003, May 2006, October 2012, July 2013, and April 2018.

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- Gettysburg Campaign, 1863.
- Government and the press -- New York (State)
- Intelligence officers -- United States.
- Nuremberg Trial of Major German War Criminals, Nuremberg, Germany, 1945-1946.
- New York (State) -- Politics and government.
- United States -- Politics and government.
- Casey, William J.
- Rockefeller, Nelson A. (Nelson Aldrich), 1908-1979.
- Ford, Gerald R., 1913-2006.
- Murrow, Edward R.
- United States. Central Intelligence Agency.
- United States. Office of Strategic Services.

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- Piercing the Reich: The Penetration of Nazi Germany by American Secret Agents during World War II.* New York : Viking Press, 1979.
- The Spiderweb,* 1981
- The Imperial Rockefeller: A Biography of Nelson A. Rockefeller.* New York : Simon and Schuster, 1982.
- Edward R. Murrow: An American Original.* New York : McGraw-Hill, 1988.
- Casey: From the OSS to the CIA.* New York : Viking, 1990.
- Nuremberg: Infamy on Trial.* New York : Viking, 1994.
- My American Journey.* New York, NY : Random House, 1995. Co-authored with Colin Powell.
- Roosevelt's Secret War: FDR and World War II Espionage.* New York : Random House, 2001.

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Collection Inventory

New York State Government Career, 1910-1981

Physical Description: 9.8 cubic ft.

Scope and Contents

This series contains Persico's public papers, including press releases, transcripts of press conferences, television and radio interviews, and drafts of speeches written for New York State Commissioner of Health Hollis Ingraham and Nelson A. Rockefeller (1964-1977). Press releases and transcripts associated with the speeches are also present in the Persico files. Rockefeller's Messages to the Legislature and "Quotes on Issues" during the late 1960s and early 1970s have been filed in this series with the speeches written by Persico. Several boxes contained in this series are subject files relating personally to the author, his work, and to Nelson Rockefeller. A partial index to speeches is available in the Department of Special Collections and Archives. Consult a staff member for details. Also included in this series are subject files and news clippings. While most of these documents date from 1964-1977, some related materials date from 1947-1981.

The Chronological Index to Press Releases, Speeches, and Transcripts Written for Nelson A. Rockefeller was transcribed by Kevin Lawyer from the handwritten original provided by the donor. The index covers the years 1964-1976.

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Physical Description: 18.23 cubic ft.

Arrangement

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Processing Information

Michael David Munsey arranged and described this series in 2025.

Scope and Contents

This series relates to his writings, both published and unpublished, which include book reviews, essays, magazine articles, newspaper articles and op-eds, non-fiction books, novels, plays, and television scripts. It contains correspondence, including e-mails (Persico's correspondence is not limited to folders labeled as such); contracts; drafts; event materials, interview questions and transcripts; memoranda; notes (he often wrote them on index cards); photographs; press clippings; research materials; scrapbooks; and speeches related to Persico's various writings. Notable research materials include copies of American intelligence and military communications and reports and copies of the correspondence of famous individuals, such as Franklin Delano Roosevelt. Some items, such as correspondence and research materials, are in French or German. Some correspondence relating to Persico's writings can be found in Series 3: Biographical.

The materials often reference individuals with whom Persico collaborated. His daughter Vanya Maria Perez (he often referred to by her initials in his papers) assisted her father with clerical duties, such as typing up drafts of manuscripts, during the process of researching and writing his books. Robert (Bob) Loomis was Joe Persico's editor at Random House.

Piercing the Reich, 1940-1979

Physical Description: 1.4 cubic ft.

Scope and Contents

The *Piercing the Reich* subseries is primarily Persico's research material. The majority of the material is copies of declassified FBI files and the OSS War Report. The Writings subseries includes scripts for the History Channel documentaries "Piercing the Reich: The Deadly Deceivers" and "Nuremberg: Tyranny on Trial" in the "Documentaries, Narration" folder. Additional material collected and created by Persico during the writing of *Piercing the Reich* was deposited by Persico at the Hoover Institution Library and Archives at Stanford University. The finding aid for this material is available online through the Online Archive of California.

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Columbus, ca. 1980-1990

Physical Description: 0.4 cubic ft.

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My Enemy, My Brother, 1977

Physical Description: 1 folder

Scope and Contents

The subseries for *My Enemy, My Brother* contains only book reviews for Persico's first book.

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The Spiderweb, 1975-1983

Physical Description: 1 folder

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Edward R. Murrow: An American Original, 1984-2001

Physical Description: 0.2 cubic ft.

Scope and Contents

The *Edward R. Murrow* subseries includes administrative files, news clippings, material related to the promotion of the book, and correspondence about Persico's sale of rights to the book to filmmakers.

Note that Persico donated most of his records related to this book to the Edward R. Murrow Center of Public Diplomacy at Tufts University.

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Casey: From the OSS to the CIA, 1989-1991

Physical Description: 0.5 cubic ft.

Scope and Contents

The *Casey* subseries includes the author's research material and drafts of the biography of William Casey. According to Publishers Weekly, Persico worked from interviews and had exclusive access to Casey's papers. All of William Casey papers were returned to his widow, Sophia Casey.

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Physical Description: 3 cubic ft. 2 films

Scope and Contents

The Nuremberg subseries includes the author's research material, manuscript drafts, correspondence, and promotion for each of the book's editions. Material related to the History Channel documentary *Nuremberg: Tyranny on Trial* and the TNT television miniseries *Nuremberg* is also included in this subseries. Note that material related to Persico's promotion of both TNT's *Nuremberg* and the reissued paperback edition of the book are included in the folder of promotional records for 2000-2001. The Writings subseries includes scripts for the History Channel documentaries "Piercing the Reich: The Deadly Deceivers" and "Nuremberg: Tyranny on Trial" in the "Documentaries, Narration" folder.

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Interview notes, 1991 Digital Object: Online Object Uploaded through Hyrax UI	Box 32 (2.9.1- Nuremberg: Infamy on Trial)	Folder 12
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Sources, ca. 1980s-1990s	Box 32 (2.9.1- Nuremberg: Infamy on Trial)	Folder 20
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Nuremberg Trial Telephone Directory, 1945	Box 32 (2.9.1- Nuremberg: Infamy on Trial)	Folder 23
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Joseph E. Persico on the Liz Bishop Show discussing <i>Nuremberg</i> , VHS, 2000 July 16		

Roosevelt's Secret War: FDR and World War II Espionage, 2001

Physical Description: 0.2 cubic ft.

Scope and Contents

This subseries includes a review of *Roosevelt's Secret War: FDR and World War II Espionage* from *The New York Times Book Review*. Artwork for the review by Thomas Powers was featured on the cover of the issue.

Title/Description	Instances
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Speeches and Writings, 1958-2003

Physical Description: 1.17 cubic ft.

Scope and Contents

The texts, drafts, news clippings, correspondence, and other supporting material is available for speeches and other non-book writings of Persico.

Arrangement

Arranged alphabetically.

Speeches, 1975-2002

Physical Description: 0.17 cubic ft.

Scope and Contents

The texts, drafts, news clippings, correspondence, and other supporting material is available for some of the speeches and lectures given by Persico. Also included in this subseries is material related to panels Persico participated in on topics related to his publications. Note that additional material related to Persico's speeches is available in the Correspondence series as the creator did not always separately file that correspondence.

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Writings, 1958-2003

Physical Description: 1 cubic foot

Scope and Contents

The Writings subseries includes drafts, news clippings, correspondence, and other supporting material available for the non-book writings of Persico. Persico has published many articles on historical topics in publications such as *American Heritage* as well as book reviews and opinion ("op-ed") pieces for newspapers. A few folders of research material are also included in this series. Also included in this subseries is research material assembled for writing projects that did not result in a publication of a book and an unpublished manuscript for a novel, *The Fornix*. The "Documentaries, Narration" folder also includes scripts for the History Channel documentaries "Piercing the Reich: The Deadly Deceivers" and "Nuremberg: Tyranny on Trial".

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Book Review <i>The New York Times Book Review, The Haunted Wood: Soviet Espionage in America- Stalin Era, "The Kremlin Connection", 1998-1999</i>	Box 45 (3-Speeches and Writings)	Folder 5
Book Review <i>The New York Times Book Review, The Sword and the Shield, "Secrets from the Lubyanka", 1999</i>	Box 45 (3-Speeches and Writings)	Folder 6
Book Review <i>The New York Times Book Review, The Private Life of Kim Philby: The Moscow Years, "Out in the Cold", 2000</i>	Box 45 (3-Speeches and Writings)	Folder 7
Book Review <i>The New York Times Book Review, A Convenient Spy: Wen Ho Lee and the Politics of Nuclear Espionage and My Country Versus Me: The First-Hand Account by the Los Alamos Scientist Who was Falsely Accused of Being a Spy, 2002</i>	Box 45 (3-Speeches and Writings)	Folder 8
Book Review <i>The New York Times Book Review, Intelligence in War: Knowledge of the Enemy from Napoleon to Al-Qaeda, 2003</i>	Box 45 (3-Speeches and Writings)	Folder 9
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<i>The Fornix</i> , ca. 1980	Box 45 (3-Speeches and Writings)	Folder 18
"The Great Gun Merchant" <i>American Heritage</i> , 1974 August	Box 45 (3-Speeches and Writings)	Folder 19
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Correspondence, 1960-2002

Physical Description: 1 cubic foot

Scope and Contents

Correspondence to and from Persico can be found throughout the collection. For example, references to Persico's publications will be found in both the general correspondence files and the subseries of specific publications. While some correspondence is clearly personal or professional, there is not always a clear separation between the author's personal and professional correspondents. Persico appears to have retained copies of much of his outgoing correspondence in the form of typed and handwritten letters and email messages. The author's notable correspondents include: director John Huston who Persico interviewed for an article in *American Heritage*; Pulitzer Prize-winning authors Michael Shaara (1983) and William Kennedy (1983); journalist Jim Lehrer (1986); Broadway and television director Edwin Sherin (1985); author Thomas Powers (1993); and Casey Murrow (1995, 1998) among others.

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Biographical, 1958-2001

Physical Description: 0.17 cubic ft. 2 films

Arrangement

Arranged alphabetically.

Processing Information:

Processing Information

Michael Munsey arranged and described this series in December 2025.

Scope and Contents

This series contains materials relating to Joseph E. Persico's time as an employee of the U.S. federal government and life as a private citizen, i.e., not as an employee of the New York State government or

as an author. This series contains extensive correspondence, which Persico divided into general and professional. However, there is overlap between these two categories of correspondence, i.e., Persico often intermingled personal letters with his professional correspondence. In addition, some of the correspondence in this series does relate to his writings. Notable individuals that Persico corresponded with include General Colin Powell, James P. Schaefer, the son of Vincent Schaefer, the family of Edward R. Murrow, author Michael Shaara, author and journalist William Kennedy, journalist Jim Lehrer, and Canadian MP Derek Blackburn. This series also includes correspondence written by Joseph's wife, Sylvia Persico. Some of the emails and letters are in Italian. Finally, a noteworthy example of Persico's correspondence is an email describing his visit to Ground Zero on Monday September 17, 2001.

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