Transportation Management Research Collection / Karl Ruppenthal (collector)

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Collection Description

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Collector’s Biographical Sketch

Karl M. Ruppenthal was a professor in the UBC Faculty of Commerce and Business Administration and Director of the Centre for Transportation Studies at UBC. He earned his bachelor's and law degrees at the University of Kansas, his MBA at the University of California at Berkeley, and his PhD at Stanford University. For 26 years Professor Ruppenthal was a pilot with Trans World Airlines. He flew regular schedules as a jet pilot for 10 years while teaching at Stanford University, where he was Director of the Transportation Management Program. He served as a consultant to a number of organizations, including the Canadian Ministry of Transport, Boeing, NASA, Peterbilt Motors, and General Electric. He was a national panel member of the American Arbitration Association and served as an arbitrator in a number of matters involving airlines. Ruppenthal was also the author of a number of books and served as editor of the Logistics and Transportation Review. He was an attorney and was admitted to practice in Kansas, the District of Columbia, before the Tax Court, the Circuit Court for the 9th Circuit, and the Supreme Court of the United States.

Scope and Content

The collection consists of materials gathered by Karl Ruppenthal as course aids for subjects taught mainly at Stanford University as part of the Transportation Management Program. The bulk of the collection consists of copies of transportation industry publications, published regulatory decisions and reports and related documents, and transcripts of addresses and speeches by other individuals, along with related correspondence and newspaper and magazine clippings. There are no papers in the collection generated by Ruppenthal himself, apart from copies of letters requesting materials from corporations and regulatory bodies, and some written notes. The collection is organized in series based on the following broad subject areas: Pipelines, Civil Aeronautics Board, Ocean Transportation, Case Leads (case studies for the Stanford course Business 380), "Consulting with Consultants" (conference), Australian Travel Material, Emergency Board Reports, Noise and Environmental Pollution, Transportation Co-ordination and Consolidation, Transportation Economics and Regulations, Rail Mergers, Rail Transportation Labour, "Skyliner" (TWA employee newsletter), Roberts Bank Superport, and Air California.
Notes
File list available.

Donated to the University Archives by Professor Karl M. Ruppenthal in 1983.

Formerly known as the Karl Ruppenthal Research Collection.

Summary box list on-line; detailed file list available in hard copy at the University Archives.
Box List

BOX 1

Pipelines  1962

Civil Aeronautics Board – Interstate and overseas passenger fare increase -- Docket 8613  1957

Civil Aeronautics Board – General passenger fare investigation -- Docket 8008 et al.  1956-60

Civil Aeronautics Board – Domestic cargo-mail service case – Docket 10067 et al.  1960-61

Civil Aeronautics Board – Non priority mail rate case – Docket 10920  1959-61

Civil Aeronautics Board – Application of Slick Airways for exemption... – Docket 12920  1961-62

Civil Aeronautics Board – Miscellaneous  1962

Ocean Transportation  1951-65

Case Leads – Business 380, Graduate School of Business, Stanford University  1960-69

"Consulting with Consultants"  1976

BOX 2

"Consulting with Consultants" (cont.)  1974-76

Australian Travel Material  1971-76

Emergency Board Reports (U.S.)  1946-64

Noise and Environmental Pollution  1968-70
Transportation Co-ordination and Consolidation  1958-70

Transportation -- Economics and regulations  1953-66

Rail Mergers  1960-65

Rail Transportation -- Labour  1950-70

BOX 3

Miscellaneous  1955-68

BOX 4

"Skyliner" -- TWA employee newsletter  1957-70

Roberts Bank Superport  n.d.

Boeing Company  1965-68

Air California  1965-69