

Alan Morrison Papers

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Descriptive Summary

Title

Alan Morrison Papers

Collection number

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Collector

Mainly Alan B. Morrison, with photographs taken by project archivist.

Extent

Number of containers: 2 cartons, 1 box (and 2 empty containers)

Cubic feet: approx. 2.3

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Administrative Information

Provenance

The boxes and papers were donated by Alan Morrison in 2001. Photographs were taken by the project archivist in 2001.

Access

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Biography

Alan B. Morrison was born in 1938 and received his B.A. from Yale University in 1959. From there he went into the Navy as a commissioned officer until 1963. In 1966 he received his LL.B. degree from Harvard University and was admitted to the bar in 1967. In 1972, Morrison and consumer advocate Ralph Nader set up the Public Citizen Litigation Group (Washington, D.C., USA), a nonprofit operation dedicated to US constitutional issues. As an attorney with that group, Morrison was asked for advice on some of the legal problems surrounding Merrell Williams following his involvement with Brown and Williamson attorneys. Eventually he became co-counsel with Fox DeMoisey in the litigation that targeted Williams for allegedly photocopying and disseminating internal Brown & Williamson documents. After the end of this litigation, Morrison donated the papers he received on behalf of Williams to the UCSF Tobacco Control Archives.

Scope and Content

The collection consists of two cartons and one box of photocopies, envelopes and photographs, and two

shipping boxes. The two shipping boxes, containing the photocopies and envelopes, were received from attorney Alan B. Morrison, dating from his involvement with Brown & Williamson litigation against Merrell Williams. These boxes and their contents date from around 1993 to 1996, when Morrison was co-counsel with Fox Demoisey in Maddox et al. v Williams and Brown & Williamson v Williams. In that capacity he was the recipient of these two boxes, originally sealed by the court. A series of photographs was taken when the original boxes were opened by an archivist, because the boxes were marked as if still sealed. One box apparently contained photocopies of some or all of the contents of the other, but marked with red lines indicating the recipient and the case and sealed in ten individual manila envelopes. Seals on the envelopes were broken by archivists to examine and rehouse the papers. In addition to the papers, Morrison provided copies of the revised court order regarding the documents, lists of documents claimed to be privileged (attorney-client) communication or attorney work product (or for which such claims were abandoned), and letters from opposing attorneys. The documents (apparently from Brown & Williamson) represented by the photocopies date from approximately 1953 through 1992. These appear to be the same documents as found in other collections such as the Brown & Williamson "Cigarette Papers." For further reference on the history of these documents, see Michael Orey's *Assuming the Risk* (Little, Brown and Company: Boston, 1999), Chapter 16.

Series Description

RECORD GROUP 1, SERIES 1: LOOSE DOCUMENTS

This series may represent an original box of photocopies presented by Merrell Williams in compliance with a court order, then sealed. They were rehoused from a single, originally sealed box received from Morrison. Documents are in order by "DOC" numbers (where these apply) and "BWIC" numbers. Original order has been maintained, but since there were no separators the documents have been broken up conveniently into folders. There is occasional other labeling for particular documents. For the most part, these appear to be photocopies of documents digitized in the Brown & Williamson collection (1994), as well as purportedly the originals of photocopies in Series 2.

RECORD GROUP 1, SERIES 2: DOCUMENTS ORIGINALLY SEALED

The photocopies in this series were originally contained inside sealed manila envelopes in a single sealed box. They apparently represent photocopies of some or all of the documents in Series 1. The documents have been kept in numerical order by "BWIC" numbers and in folders approximating the original envelopes. There is occasional other labeling than that for numerical order and to represent which envelope contained each set of papers.

RECORD GROUP 1, SERIES 3: LEGAL DOCUMENTS

The photocopied papers were accompanied by photocopies of legal documents, including a court order, attorney letters, and several lists, and these are all in this series.

RECORD GROUP 1, SERIES 4: SHIPPING BOXES

The two original shipping boxes apparently received by Morrison from the court, and then shipped again

to the Tobacco Control Archives, are marked with court seals and other information and have been kept for exhibit purposes.

RECORD GROUP 2: PHOTOGRAPHS

This record group consists solely of eight photographs documenting the opening of the shipping boxes and envelopes in the Tobacco Control Archives workroom by the project archivist in the Fall of 2001.

Container List

RECORD GROUP 1, SERIES 1: LOOSE DOCUMENTS

- Doc 1-38, BWIC100008-388 [Carton 1, Folder 1]
- Doc 39-150, BWIC100389-776 [Carton 1, Folder 2]
- Doc 151-231, BWIC100799-1410 [Carton 1, Folder 3]
- Doc 232, BWIC101411-2 (Memorandum from E. Pepples to J. K. Wells, III, re "Procedure for Handling BAT Scientific Documents") [Carton 1, Folder 4]
- Doc 233-332, BWIC101413-1887 [Carton 1, Folder 5]
- Doc 333-413, BWIC101888-2181 [Carton 1, Folder 6]
- Doc 414-432, BWIC102183-2378 [Carton 1, Folder 7]
- Doc 433-479, BWIC out of order [Carton 1, Folder 8]
- Doc 480-552, BWIC100379-833 [Carton 1, Folder 9]
- Doc 553-604, BWIC100857-1172 [Carton 1, Folder 10]
- Doc 605-632, BWIC101173-1402 [Carton 1, Folder 11]
- Doc 633-686, BWIC101406-1598 [Carton 1, Folder 12]
- Doc 687, BWIC101603-1694 (The Tobacco Institute 1987 Budget) [Carton 1, Folder 13]
- Doc 688-749 and other numbers, BWIC101725-2418 [Carton 1, Folder 14]
- BWIC102430-2523 (Chronology of Projects by Name/No., May 27, 1988) [Carton 1, Folder 15]
- BWIC102524-2669 [Carton 1, Folder 16]
- BWIC102670-2695 (Chemical Formula Coding) [Carton 1, Folder 17]
- BWIC102696-2913 [Carton 1, Folder 18]
- BWIC102914-3087 [Carton 1, Folder 19]
- BWIC103088-3229 [Carton 1, Folder 20]

RECORD GROUP 1, SERIES 2: DOCUMENTS ORIGINALLY SEALED

- Envelope 1, BWIC100001-165 [Carton 2, Folder 1]
- Envelope 2, BWIC100166-383 [Carton 2, Folder 2]
- Envelope 3, BWIC100384-451 [Carton 2, Folder 3]
- Envelope 3, BWIC100452-4 (Ad copy for "A Frank Statement") [Carton 2, Folder 4]
- Envelope 3, BWIC100455-605 [Carton 2, Folder 5]
- Envelope 3, BWIC100606-767 [Carton 2, Folder 6]
- Envelope 4, BWIC100768-924 [Carton 2, Folder 7]

- Envelope 4, BWIC100925-1076 [Carton 2, Folder 8]
- Envelope 4, BWIC101077-1160 [Carton 2, Folder 9]
- Envelope 5, BWIC101161-1287 [Carton 2, Folder 10]
- Envelope 5, BWIC101288-1435 [Carton 2, Folder 11]
- Envelope 6, BWIC101436-1487 (Associated Film Promotions audit and related materials, including Stallone letter at 1443)[Carton 2, Folder 12]
- Envelope 7 (not opened) [Carton 2, Folder 13]
- Envelope 8, BWIC101706-1868 [Carton 2, Folder 14]
- Envelope 8, BWIC101869-2076 [Carton 2, Folder 15]
- Envelope 9, BWIC102077-2192 [Carton 2, Folder 16]
- Envelope 10(not opened)[Carton 2, Folder 17]
- Opened Envelopes (empty, as artifacts) [Carton 2, back of box]

RECORD GROUP 1, SERIES 3: LEGAL DOCUMENTS

- Copy of court "Order" from Jefferson Circuit Court in Robert Maddox, et al. vs. Merrell Williams (December 28, 1995) [Box 1, Folder 1]
- Photocopy of letter from attorney firm King & Spalding (January 2, 1996) re transmittal of contents of Carton 2 (Series 2) [Box 1, Folder 2]
- List of documents submitted in Brown & Williamson v. Williams claimed or abandoned as privileged or work product. Documents are described in table form by list number, by "BWIC" page number, date, authors, recipients, document type, title and privilege code (e.g., "WP-LS") [Box 1, Folder 3]
- Photocopy of letter from attorney firm King & Spalding (June 7, 1996) to Judge Wine re court review of documents claimed as "facially privileged," with lists of documents as Exhibits A and B [Box 1, Folder 4]

RECORD GROUP 1, SERIES 4: SHIPPING BOXES

- Original shipping boxes as received from Morrison, except for opening.

RECORD GROUP 2: PHOTOGRAPHS

- Eight photographs taken by project archivist to document the opening of the sealed boxes and the sealed envelopes housed in Carton 2 [Box 1, Folder 5]