

RICHARD M. BISSELL JR. PAPERS
COSMOPOLITAN SHIPPING COMPANY CONSULTING SERIES
1936 – 1948; Box 1

SERIES DESCRIPTION

Richard M. Bissell served as a business consultant for a wide variety of concerns over the course of his career. He served as a consultant for the Cosmopolitan Shipping Company between September and November of 1946. He prepared a report on the prospects for a new foreign flag shipping service between U.S. ports and Venezuela and Columbia.

There is a wide range of dates for the material in this series. The materials dated prior to 1946 are primarily background materials gathered in support of the aforementioned Cosmopolitan Shipping report. The materials postdating 1946 are also to and from officials of the Cosmopolitan Shipping Company (among others) but appear to refer to another consulting position held by Bissell in 1947 that related to the company.

From June to July of 1947, Bissell served as a consultant to the “Coordinator of Exports.” In his own words (located in the folder entitled “RMB – Personal Information” in the Personal Information and Biographical Series of this collection), Bissell “reported on the desirability of the continued operations of tankers by the U.S. Maritime Commission for government account and the sale of additional T-2 tankers to non-citizens for foreign flag operations.”

The “Coordinator of Exports” to whom Bissell refers was likely Captain Granville Conway, president of the Cosmopolitan Shipping Company and Coordinator of the Emergency Export Program under the Truman Administration. Correspondence between Conway and Bissell appears in this series for both consulting projects.

Bissell’s papers documenting these two consulting jobs seem to have been deliberately filed together given the extremely close relationship of the topics. They both pertain to shipping and both were apparently facilitated by Conway in his dual capacities of president of the Cosmopolitan Shipping Company and as “Coordinator of Exports”. Whether the collocation of these records was done while the records were still in active use or at some later date is unknown. The series is arranged primarily in reverse chronological order underneath subheadings. The “Cosmopolitan Shipping – 1946 – 1947 Background data – reports, schedules, etc. on South America” folders appear unarranged.

Some draft report pages appeared to have been pieced together from individual paragraphs cut out and then stapled and taped back together using pressure sensitive tape. As this presented a preservation problem those pages were photocopied for preservation and removed from the collection.

CONTAINER LIST

<u>Box No.</u>	<u>Contents</u>
1	Cosmopolitan Shipping – 1946 – 1947 Background data – reports, schedules, etc. on South America (1) – (2)
	Cosmopolitan Shipping – 1946 & 1947 Study “The Prospects for Shipping Operations -- U.S. to Venezuela & Columbia” (1) – (2)
	<i>[The Prospects for Shipping Operations -- U.S. to Venezuela & Colombia]</i>

END OF CONTAINER LIST