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Content Note

The collection of the papers of Hugh Grant, U.S. Minister to Albania from 1935 to 1939 contains letters, memoranda and news releases relating to the invasion by Mussolini and the plight of the Jews in Albania. The collection contains over 200 pages.

Biography

Hugh Gladney Grant was born in Alabama in 1888 and educated at Howard College (now Samford University, Birmingham, Alabama), Harvard University and George Washington University. He worked as a newspaper correspondent and was a professor at Alabama Polytechnic Institute prior to entering government service. After serving as secretary to Alabama Senator Hugo Black, Grant was appointed Minister to Albania. Grant served as Minister to Albania from 1935 to 1939, and then was appointed Minister to Thailand. Grant served in this position from 1940 to 1941. He died in 1972.

Box and Folder Listing

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| Box 1 | FF 1 | No date - Mr. Grant writes The Honorable Robert R. Reynolds, United States Senate, his appreciation for his support during the Albania situation. He refers to the rapidly changing political situation and the difficulty in getting facts. Give a few high points and will supplement this information later. He then describes the landing by Italian troops in Albania and subsequent events. Mentions Mussolini and his plans. (This letter was not sent.) |
| Box 1 | FF 2 | February 16, 1939 - Hugh G. Grant writes The Honorable George S. Messersmith, Assistant Secretary of State in regard to the case of Kol Kugali. Since Kugali's discharge there have been new developments. Informal inquiry through an Albanian private citizen, regarded as a friend of the American Legation, trying to ascertain whether a man who had been recommended was friend or enemy of the King. Discusses Kugali's qualifications as an interpreter and translator. He was an exceptional. After Mrs. Grant's conversation in the department, it was made known that the department felt Kugali should be discharged. He was immediately discharged. |
| Box 1 | FF 3 | March 17, 1939 - Hugh G. Grant would like to discuss the Kol Kugali case when he returns home. He feels that Chiefs of Missions should be given more latitude and discretion in the matter of handling problems of personnel. |
| Box 1 | FF 4 | April 12, 1939 - Mr. Grant addresses this letter to Mr. Hughs, considering information received in talks with colleagues and other sources that the international situation is growing more alarming, although the situation in Albania has been eased. No particular danger to American citizens in Albania, but general situation in Europe points that evacuation of American citizens should be considered. |
| Box 1 | FF 5 | April 14, 1939 - Mr. Grant writes the Reverend Phineas B. Kennedy, The Albanian Evangelical Mission, Kortcha, Albania, that he has requested the Consular officials of the Legation to consider the case of the young man whom you wish to have accompany you to the United States. |
| Box 1 | FF 6 | April 14, 1939 - Mr. Grant informs The Honorable Lincoln MacVeagh, American Minister, Athens, Greece of a request he had to send to Queen Geraldine some papers, which were not political, but personal. He would appreciate it if would place these papers in her hands. Mr. Grant would also suggest the Legation in Athens should be contacted about a young American Lady, Miss Emily Hammond of Baltimore. Her statements and movements be carefully checked. |
| Box 1 | FF 7 | April 16, 1939 - Mr. Grant thanks His Excellency Hulusi Foat Tugay, Minister of Turkey, Tirana, for his cordial note of April 15, 1939, in regard to President Roosevelt's telegrams to Hitler and Mussolini. He agrees that the United efforts to settle through peaceful negotiations. |

- Box 1 FF 8 Tirana, April 18, 1939 - Mr. Grant addresses this letter to the Friends of Albanian Evangelical Mission. He calls their attention to the present acute international situation which may result in war in Europe. No definite information, but uncertain and disturbing. You may give this information discreetly to American citizens who are eligible to return to the U.S.
- Box 1 FF 9 Tirana, April 21, 1939 - Mr. Grant asks pardon for his delay in replying to The Honorable Lincoln MacVeagh, American Minister, Athens, Greece. Mr. Grant thanks him for his courtesy to Ted Smith.
- Box 1 FF 10 Tirana, Albania, April 21, 1939 - Mr. Grant thanks Henry H. Balch, Esquire, American Consul General, Dublin, Ireland for his kind letter of April 12, expressing your interest in our situation following the recent crisis in Albania.
- Box 1 FF 11 Tirana, Albania, April 25, 1939 - Mr. Grant acknowledges receipt of His Excellency, D. Dino, The Minister for Foreign Affairs, Royal Albanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Tirana communication of April 22, 1939, stating that he had been entrusted with the portfolio of Foreign Affairs, and that you would be glad to establish cordial personal and official relations.
- Box 1 FF 12 Tirana, Albania, April 29, 1939 - Mr. Grant acknowledges and thanks Charles H. Guphill, Esquire, for his letters and copies of photographs made in Tirana. Mentions some conversations which he has had with the Albanian Minister of Foreign Affairs. Has received no information concerning credentials and will inform him should he receive any.
- Box 1 FF 13 Tirana, Albania, May 2, 1939 - Mr. Grant thanks Reverend Lemuel Bailey Green, Pastor Methodist Episcopal Church, Whistler, Alabama, for his kind letter. Writes about the firing here although no casualties, took care of some 250 American, British and Albanian citizens during the height of the disturbances in Tirana.
- Box 1 FF 14 Tirana, Albania, May 3, 1939 - Mr. Grant sends a request for the Lord's Prayer in Albanian to Mr. C. Donald Jess.
- Box 1 FF 15 Tirana, May 3, 1939 - Mr. Grant writes Mr. N. M. Lawrence about money for food stuff which he purchased during the crisis in Tirana. Also mentions a hotel bill which Miss Hammond had not paid. Asks Mr. Lawrence to inform her.
- Box 1 FF 16 Tirana, Albania, May 4, 1939 - Mr. Grant answers The Honorable R. Walton Moore, Department of State, concerning the Kuguali matter. Mentions developments of Italian troops coming into this country and apprehension among his Greek and Yugoslav colleagues. Asks Mr. Moore about future place where he can make livelihood should the Legation be closed.
- Box 1 FF 17 Tirana, Albania, May 5, 1939 - Mr. Grant assures Mr. Cyrus L. Sulzberger that he will be happy to discuss matters with him should he make a trip to Sofia and Belgrade.

Box 1	FF 18	Tirana, Albania, May 5, 1939 - Mr. Grant sent reply to Mr. Sotir Kondi's cablegram concerning his family in Albania. Mr. Kondi is Consul General of Albania visiting in New York.
Box 1	FF 19	Tirana, Albania, May 5, 1939 - Mr. Grant informs Rear Admiral H. E. Lackey he has received his letter in which he refers to a copy of the evacuation plan. Mr. Grant is glad to learn the information met your requirements.
Box 1	FF 20	Tirana, Albania, May 6, 1939 - Mr. Grant writes Prof. Kristo Dako, Kambeza, Tirana that he had been requested by Reverend P. B. Kennedy before his departure from Albania to deliver a book entitled, "Captured by Brigands."
Box 1	FF 21	Tirana, Albania, May 6, 1939 - Concerns sums spent for official telegrams to the Department of State during the Albanian Crisis.
Box 1	FF 22	May 13, 1939 - Mr. Grant requests immediate telegraphic instructions as to whether consul of the Legation may authenticate signatures of officials of present Albanian Government, Mr. Gray, Secretary of State.
Box 1	FF 23	Tirana, Albania, May 17, 1939 - Mr. Grant answers Mr. Bill Hoyt request for an outline of the duties and responsibilities in connection with his position of the minister in Albania, by referring him to the Librarian of the Department of State in Washington. He then writes about what he did during the recent crisis.
Box 1	FF 24	Tirana, Albania, May 19, 1939 - Mr. Grant writes Mr. N. M. Lawrence about the 52.40 Gold Francs which was mentioned in the May 3rd letter. He returns the money because the Legation cannot assume bills which people have made.
Box 1	FF 25	Tirana, Albania, June 7, 1939 - Mr. Grant responds to His Excellency Herr Dr. Eberhard von Pannwitz concerning the Jewish refugee problem. Encloses a chart or a summary of those residing temporarily in Albania. Mentions individual groups and the prospect of their securing visas.
Box 1	FF 26	No date - This appears to be a copy of a letter to the Secretary of State concerning the alien employees and what to do for and with them on the closing of the Legation.
Box 1	FF 27	Prague, March 10, 1939 - Bedrich Nechutny and Bosene Nechutne' beg Mr. Minister to accept their greetings and cordial souvenir. They have arrived in Prague without any accident. Recorded at the bottom of this letter, Mr. Grant writes he received this from his former colleague on his return from Prague, the very day of the final conquest of Czechoslovakia.
Box 1	FF 28	Prague, April 3, 1939 - Wilbur J. Carr refers to Mr. Grant's letter of March 24 with pleasure and appreciation. He writes he and his wife will be leaving the Legation. They are distressed over the extinction of the independence of what was formerly the Czechoslovak republic.

- Box 1 FF 29 Whistler, Alabama, April 5, 1939 - Lemuel Bailey Green writes a personal letter of sympathy during the stressful situation in Albania.
- Box 1 FF 30 April 10, 1939 - Office of The Counselor, Department of State, Washington, R. Walton Moore writes that he did get hold of Mr. Grant's two dispatches. He thinks it not desirable for him to bring it to Secretary Hull's attention unless Mr. Grant is of a different opinion. Thinks Mussolini was acting in concert with Hitler. Expresses his idea of the purpose of the act. He also thinks Russia will stand aloof from any conflict.
- Box 1 FF 31 Victoria, April 15, 1939 - Madeline Affougi (?) writes Mrs. Grant about what happened in Albania. The letter was a personal letter.
- Box 1 FF 32 Rome, April 19, 1939 - Charles H. Guptill thanks Mr. Grant for the many things he did to help him in different circumstances. Mentions that he thought of him while the Albanian mission was being feted and what his future status as minister would be. Also mentions prints of the photos he made. There are three copies of this letter.
- Box 1 FF 33 April 22, 1939 - Secretary of State Hull commends the Minister for his keeping the department informed during the recent events in Albania.
- Box 1 FF 34 London, April 18, 1939 - Joseph P. Kennedy refers to a telegram regarding Mr. Grant's conversation with Lady Ryan, wife of the British Minister at Durazzo. Encloses a copy of a letter which he had received from Lord Halifax, copy of Halifax letter attached.
- Box 1 FF 35 Belgrade, April 25, 1939 - Arthur Bliss Save (?) writes Mr. Grant that he understands why it is necessary for him to defer his visit. He and his wife are looking forward to seeing Mrs. Grant and you when you can get away.
- Box 1 FF 36 Rome, April 29, 1939 - Charles H. Guptill writes Mr. Grant that it has occurred to him that the future status of the Tirana Legations and especially theirs might become available there before it is here or in Washington. He would appreciate any information about this. Mentions the procedure of submitting new credentials.
- Box 1 FF 37 Kortcha, Albania, April 27, 1939 - Phineas B. Kennedy reports that he and Mr. Howard had a good trip back. Encloses a book to be delivered to Mr. Dako.
- Box 1 FF 38 Rome, April 30, 1939 - N. M. Lawrence relates his adventures after leaving Tirana. Explains how he helped Miss Hammond to arrive safely in Greece.
- Box 1 FF 39 May 3, 1939 - New Albanian Passports. This note is directed to Mr. Minister. M. N. H. writes regarding the visaing of the new Albanian passports. Suggest we ask for instructions.
- Box 1 FF 40 Athens, May 6, 1939 - Laird Archer, Foreign Director Near East Foundation, Athens, Greece, writes Mr. Grant appreciation through Allec. Admires his spirit.

- Box 1 FF 41 Westville, New Jersey, April 7, 1939 - C. Donald Jess asks for the Lord's prayer in Albanian.
- Box 1 FF 42 Paris, April 22 [1939] and n.d. - Letters from Louise to her father and mother.
- Box 1 FF 43 Tirana, April 24, 1939 - An invitation to the Minister of Spain and his wife from Mr. Grant is refused because of illness.
- Box 1 FF 44 May 23, 1939 - Mr. Hull writes no objection for Consul authentication of documents bearing signatures and seals of Albanian officials if known to him.
- Box 1 FF 45 March 17 - April 5, 1939 - Radio Bulletins, numbers 62-79. These bulletins include press conferences and other sources from State Departments, Congress, Business, White House, and Treasury Department.
- Box 1 FF 46 April 6-17, 1939 - Radio Bulletins, numbers 80-89. These bulletins include press conferences and other sources from White House, State Department, and Miscellaneous. April 6 bulletin includes announcement that NBC to broadcast first "regular television services" of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's opening address at the New York World's Fair.
- Box 1 FF 47 April 18-June 12, 1939 - Radio Bulletins, numbers 90, 96, 102, 128, 130, 136. These bulletins include press conferences and other sources from White House, State Department, Supreme Court, Business, Congress, Germany Refugees, Stock Market, Pulitzer Prizes.
- Box 1 FF 48 Tirana, Albania, May 8, 1939 - Loni Adam on instructions from the Minister called on Mr. Idomen J. Costouri (Kosturi) commission merchant of Durazzo, Albania, to discuss his business relations with the Turner Hasley Export Corporation of New York. Department of State, Division of Current Information, number 73, 74, 76, 78, April 12, 13, 18, 20, 1939, by M. J. McDermott.
- Box 1 FF 49 April 15, 1939 - F. N., Frederik Nosi, Legation Interpreter, reports on a conversation by Mrs. Eleanor Packard in the United States to her husband in Rome. She was speaking by radio telephone. This conversation was heard by accident.
- Box 1 FF 50 June 2, 1939 - F. N. (Frederik Nosi) reports this conversation between Minister Grant and the acting Foreign Minister, Mr. Feizi Alizoti. Mr. Grant asks him to outline the political situation in Albania. Mr. Grant asked many questions. Mr. Alizoti was often vague and embarrassed by the questions.
- Box 1 FF 51 June 5, 1939 - Memorandum of conversation between Minister Grant and the representatives of the Jewish political refugees in Albania. The Minister requested Dr. Hermann and Dr. Francesco Richetti di Terralba to call at the Legation this morning. They said they had been served five days notice to leave the country. This notice involved others.

- Box 1 FF 52 June 6, 1939 - This is a continuation of the conversation between Minister Grant and the representatives of the Jewish political refugees. Mr. Grant suggests a chart or summary indicating the number of persons who applied for visas.
- Box 1 FF 53 June 7, 1939 - The Legation Interpreter Translator, Frederik Nosi, at the request of Minister Grant went to the Albanian Foreign office to obtain an audience with Foreign Minister Xhemil Dino. Mr. Dino was out of town he was told. It seems Mr. Dino was avoiding a meeting with the minister.
- Box 1 FF 54 June 8, 1939 - Minister Grant reports that Dr. Hermann and Dr. Francesco Richetti di Terralba called and submitted a chart of the Jewish political refugees resigning temporarily in Tirana and Durazzo. A request to make a recapitulation of the statistics to show how many people were involved in securing visas. A summary of the recapitulation was forwarded to the British and German Ministers.
- Box 1 FF 55 Tirana, Albania, June 13, 1939 - Memorandum from Loni Adam. Minister Grant informed Prime Minister Shefqet Verlaci that he had received a telegram from his Government which stated that the Albanian Foreign Office would be closed, and that he should inform the proper Albanian authorities.
- Box 1 FF 56 Tirana, Albania, June 13, 1939 - This memorandum concerns the closing of the Legation. Minister Grant decides to deliver the message to the Prime Minister.
- Box 2 FF 1 January 4, 1939 - From *Gazetta Shqiptare*, published in Bari, Italy. Tirana, January 3, 1939. Concerns the creation of a new office which shall be named the Ministry of Popular Culture. Names the ministry's divisions.
- Box 2 FF 2 February 24, 1939 - Source: Drita and Shtypi. This item is concerned with construction of a new Catholic Cathedral by the Queen of Albania.
- Box 2 FF 3 March 17, 1939 - Dispatches forwarded to the department of state from Tirana, Albania. Dates and number of dispatches, some confidential.
- Box 2 FF 4 March 21, 1939 - Dinner at the American Legation, list of guests.
- Box 2 FF 5 Telegram, April 3, 1939 - Zuber Veroni Lawrence (?) regrets unable to come to dinner.
- Box 2 FF 6 April 11, 1939 - This is a four page article which appeared in the *Gazetta del Mezzogiorno* of Bari. American journalist Eleanor Packard gives a full description of the difficulties which had arisen in Italo-Albanian relations. A provisional government was formed by seven Albanians headed by Xheferr Ypi, a former prime minister.
- Box 2 FF 7 April 12, 1939 - Telegram, to Minister Grant from Archer, Foreign Director of the Near East Foundation.
- Box 2 FF 8 April 12 [1939] - News clipping written in Italian by Eleanor Packard, concerning the difficulties which had arisen in Italo-Albanian relations.

Box 2	FF 9	April 15, 1939 - This is a communication addressed to His Excellency, Adolf Hitler, sent by President Franklin D. Roosevelt. The Secretary of State addressed an identical cablegram to Premier Benito Mussolini of Italy.
Box 2	FF 10	April 21, 1939 - Paris. Bullitt sends word to Grant that Louise, his daughter, is here safe and well.
Box 2	FF 11	April 28, 1939 - A list of dispatches forwarded to the Department of State from Tirana, Albania, by date.
Box 2	FF 12	No date - Note to American Consul concerning food. Telegram, no date, signed Neeky.
Box 2	FF 13	No date - Five page draft concerning the departure of the Czechoslovakian Legation in Tirana.
Box 2	FF 14	April 17, 1939 - <i>The Times</i> newspaper with many headlines concerning the war including one entitled "Mr. Roosevelt calls a Halt."
Box 2	FF 15	June 1934 - Department of State Telephone Directory.
Box 2	FF 16	Contains calling cards, envelopes, list of people sleeping at the Legation, names and rooms assigned, Friday, April 7, 1938.
Box 2	FF 17	May 14, 1939 - No names are mentioned in this note which reads as follows: "While you are in Elbasan talk with the greatest reserve and caution to everyone. I would not discuss Legation matters or activities during the crisis or since at all. Destroy this."
Box 2	FF 18	Photograph of Hugh Grant (on far left) and others, c. 1939.

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