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Context

Administrative / Biographical history:
Born in New York, USA; author and journalist; chief European correspondent for the Mutual Broadcasting
Publications: Enemy in the shadows: the world of spies and spying (Luscombe, London, 1976); The irresistible impulse: an
evocative study of erotic notions and practices through the ages (Paddington Press, London, 1979); The British: a
portrait of an indomitable island people (Everest House, New York, USA, 1982); Less than glory [1984]; Scramble:
a narrative history of the Battle of Britain (Michael Joseph, London, 1986); The Berlin wall: Kennedy, Krushchev,
and a showdown in the heart of Europe (Michael Joseph, London, 1986); Dunkirk: the incredible escape (Michael
Joseph, London, 1990); Desperate venture: the story of Operation TORCH, the Allied invasion of North Africa
(Hodder and Stoughton, London, 1992); editor of Jonathan Carver's travels through America, 1766-1768, an
eighteenth century explorer's account of uncharted America (Wiley, Chichester, New York, USA, 1993); Ike and
Monty, Generals at war (Constable, London, 1994).

Immediate source of acquisition or transfer:
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Monty, Generals at war (Constable, London, 1994).

Presented to the Centre by Gelb in 1997.

Content & structure

Scope and content:
Thirty eight audiotapes of interviews, conducted by Gelb between 1983 and 1984, with veterans of the Battle of
Britain, 1940, used as research material for Gelb's book Scramble: a narrative history of the Battle of Britain
(Michael Joseph, London, 1986), including interviews with ACM Sir Christopher (Neil) Foxley-Norris, AM Sir Denis
Crowley-Milling, AVM Harold Arthur CooperBird-Wilson, AVM George Philip Chamberlain, Maj Gen Basil Perronet
Hughes, AVM Alexander Vallance Riddell Johnstone, Air Cdre Edward Mortlock Donaldson, Air Cdre John

System of arrangement:
Thirty eight audiotapes, two volumes.

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