

THE NORBERT WIENER COLLECTION

Papers, 1949-1952

1 folder

Accession Number 1168

L.C. Number MS

The Norbert Wiener Collection consisting of photocopies of correspondence from the Institute Archives at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology was placed in the Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs at the suggestion of Professor Charles Weiner of MIT and was opened for research in April of 1984.

Norbert Wiener was a Professor of Mathematics at MIT who pioneered in the development of automation and who was the author of Cybernetics. This correspondence with Walter Reuther was initiated by him in 1949 because he wished to stimulate consideration of the long-range effect on labor implicit in the trend toward automated manufacturing.

The correspondence extends through 1952 and such matters are discussed as a plan to call together a Council of Labor and Science made up of leading figures in various fields to study the ramifications of advanced technology, and Wiener's reactions to an article written by Reuther on peace.

This correspondence, with the exception of Wiener's letter of July 26, 1950, is not contained in the UAW President's Office - Walter P. Reuther Collection.