

THE JOE HILL COLLECTION

Papers, 1915-1916
(Predominantly, 1916)

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The Joe Hill Collection was given to the Archives by King Carl XVI Gustav of Sweden when he visited in April of 1976. The collection was opened for research in November of 1983.

The papers consist of copies of letters from Swedish government archives. These letters were written to W. A. F. Ekengren, the Swedish diplomatic representative to the United States, asking him to intervene to secure a postponement of the scheduled execution of Joe Hill since Hill, whose actual name was Joseph Hillstrom, was born in Sweden and was a Swedish subject. There are also letters from Ekengren to the President and other government officials questioning the conduct of Hill's trial and asking that the execution be delayed and the case reexamined. There is also a telegram of thanks from Hill and a Swedish newspaper clipping. The latter and one letter are in Swedish.

Files are arranged chronologically.

Among the important correspondents are:

Joe Hill
Tom Mooney
Frank L. Polk
William Spry
Woodrow Wilson

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 20. Ekengren to Swedish Foreign Minister, 15 Feb 1916
 21. Swedish Press Clippings