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VALENTINE Y. TALLBERG RECORDS SUBSERIES, 1944-1949
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OVERVIEW

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 480

CREATOR: Ford Motor Company. Engineering Division.

TITLE: Valentine Y. Tallberg records subseries

INCLUSIVE DATES: 1944-1949

QUANTITY: 4.4 cubic ft.

LANGUAGE: The materials are in English

ABSTRACT: Valentine Y. Tallberg worked in multiple positions in Ford Motor Company, including Administrative Engineer and Vice President of Engineering. These records include meeting minutes and agendas, progress reports and program schedules of many of the committees on which Tallberg served.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Valentine Yngve Tallberg was born in Domnarvet, Sweden, and immigrated to the United States in 1922. In 1928, he was hired by Russell I. Roberge and began working in the Foreign Department of the Ford Motor Company. After completing a service training course in various departments at the Rouge River Plant, Tallberg was sent to Germany as a service representative for Ford Werke A.G. in the Berlin assembly plant. By 1931, Tallberg was Chief Inspector and Chief Engineer for Ford Werke A.G. Tallberg returned to the United States after the outbreak of war in Europe and worked in various liaison positions between manufacturing plants, the engineering laboratory in Dearborn, and Ford executives. In 1946, Tallberg was named Administrative Engineer for Ford Motor Company and oversaw the administration of the newly reorganized Engineering Division. Functions of this office included the day-to-day administration of personnel, planning, scheduling, and inter-department communication between various production offices, administrative offices, and senior engineering executives. In 1955, Tallberg was named Executive Assistant to the Vice President of Engineering.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Valentine Y. Tallberg records subseries includes executive committee meeting minutes and supporting documentation, meeting agendas and minutes, department progress reports, and engineering program schedules. Committees Tallberg served on include Automobile Production Committee, Automotive Inter-Department Committee, Central Automotive Staff Committee, Engineering Planning Committee, Engineering Staff Committee, Executive Policy Committee, Production Co-ordination Committee, Products Committee, Scheduling Committee, Special Engineering Committee, Special Inter-Plant Committee, and Special Production Committee. These records, which range in date from 1944 to 1949, date from his time as Administrative Engineer.

ARRANGEMENT

Records are arranged chronologically within folders.

SUBJECT TERMS

Names, Personal and Corporate

Tallberg, Valentine Y. (Valentine Yngve), 1901-1976
Ford Motor Company. Engineering Division

Subjects

Automobiles -- Design and construction
Automobile engineers
Automobile industry and trade
Ford Model A automobile
Ford automobile
Lincoln Continental automobile
Mercury automobile
Production scheduling
Tractor industry
Truck industry

Genre and Form

Corporate minutes
Reports
Schedules (time plans)

CONTAINER LIST

Box no.	Description
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Box 1

Products committee meetings minutes
3-13-1946 to 7-8-1947
Related to Ford face lift, 10-17-1946 to 1-13-1947
Related to Mercury face lift, 12-20-1946 to 1-13-1947
Related to Lincoln face lift, 12-20-1946 to 1-13-1947
1-24-1946 to 10-14-1947 (Binder 2)
1945 to 1947 (Binder 10)
Competitive products
Special reports and data, 12-5-1947 to 10-14-1947

Box 2

Copies, 2-13-1948 to 4-7-1949 (binder 1)
Original signed vellums, 2-13-1948 to 4-7-1949 (binder 9)

Box 3

Binder 3
Product committee meeting minutes
10-17-1946 to 12-20-1946
1-13-1947 to 10-14-1947
Agenda for product meetings, 12-20-1945 to 10-10-1947
Minutes of special meetings, 2-4-1945 to 1-10-1947
Minutes for engineering staff meetings, 10-26-1945 to 6-11-1946
Minutes of automotive inter-departmental meetings, 8-30-1945 to 11-15-1945
Work reports, 11-29-1945

Box 4

Extra copies of minutes
1946
1947
1948
1949

Box 5

Production coordination meetings minutes
Binder 5, 2-22-1947 to 12-30-1947
Binder 6, 1-6-1948 to 7-6-1948
Transcript of special production meeting of January 16, 1948; discussion of status of releases for the 1949 Ford.

Box 6

Engineering planning meetings
5-29-1944 to 3-14-1946 (envelope E-2-M)
10-26-1945 to 4-23-1946
7-12-1944 to 1-25-1945 (including work reports)

Box 7

Binder 11
Minutes of engineering planning meetings, 9-27-1945 to 3-14-1946
Engineering work reports, 9-20-1945 to 3-14-1946
Engineering planning committee agenda, 6-23-1949
Engineering planning committee history and meeting minutes, 11-8-1949
Tallberg, V.Y.- engineering planning meetings, notes, parts list, Tallberg employment records

Box 8

Miscellaneous
Envelope E-2-M - special meetings, inter-departmental automobile production meetings, 1944-1946
Binder 4- special engineering meetings, 6-14-1944 to 10-3-1947

Box 9

Special meetings and special communications with signature listing, 8-25-1945 to 2-27-1946
Work reports, minutes and agendas of product meetings and engineering meetings with authorized signatures of those receiving this material, 3-1-1945 to 11-22-1946
Binder 12
Central automotive staff meetings, 12-17-1945 to 7-23-1946
Special engineering meetings, 2-4-1946 to 12-19-1946

Box 10

Envelope B-10-W - Transmission weight analysis and small Ford car analysis, Photographs of Ford, Lincoln, and Mercury engines, transmissions, and chassis, 1946-1947
Scheduling committee meeting (binder 7), 3-24-1947 to 1-21-1948
General engineering meetings, 4-21-1947, 4-28-1947, 5-5-1947, 6-9-1947
1948 Lincoln Continental Program, 2-3-1947 to 10-1-1947
Lincoln Limousine and Town Car program, 10-7-1947 and 10-13-1947
Engineering memoranda (cost analysis of 6 and 8 cylinder engines, manifold systems on 1946 Ford, cost proposals for face lifting 1946 Ford), 12-23-1946

Box 11

Miscellaneous

Binder 8

New English car models, 5-20-1948 to 4-1949

Cost figures, 7-7-1948 to 3-31-1948

Ford 8-A engineering schedule, 10-31-1947 to 2-3-1948

Lincoln Cosmopolitan changes, 5-5-1949

Products planning committee, 1949 (2 folders)

Mercury 1950 (face lift) memo, 2-23-1949

Lincoln and Cosmopolitan exterior change proposals and estimated tooling, 1950

Blank ballots for product committee

Cost analysis memoranda, undated