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11.2 Foreign Mission Records, Iraq Mission Records

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Record Group: 11.2 Foreign Mission Records
Name of Collection: Iraq Mission Records
Record Group Number: 11.2 Iraq
Dates of Collection: 1931-2005
Size of Collection: 19 boxes: 14-5" boxes + 5-2.5" boxes = 8.25 Linear feet
Bound volumes, yearbooks = 5 linear feet

Historical Background:

The Baghdad Mission was begun in 1932 in response to a request of bishops in Iraq at the time when the country had just obtained its independence after four centuries of Turkish rule followed by fourteen years of British influence. Catholic bishops in Iraq had made a request to Pope Pius XI for American Jesuits to establish a school in Baghdad. The Pope turned to Rev. Ledochowski, the Jesuit Father General, who then contacted Rev. Edward Phillips, S.J. of the Maryland-New York Province who undertook the planning of a secondary school in Baghdad.

This mission was funded by the Presidents of eight Jesuit colleges and universities in the United States who formed an association, the Iraq-American Educational Association in Baghdad, to assist the educational work in Iraq. The eight institutions were: Boston College, the University of Detroit, Fordham University, Georgetown University, Loyola University in Chicago, Loyola University in New Orleans, St. Louis University, and the University of San Francisco. This agreement was later registered and approved by the Ministry of Interior in Baghdad. Responsibility for the mission was assigned to the New England Province. Over time, the mission consisted of two schools for the general public: Baghdad College and Al Hikma University, an Arabic House of Studies for Jesuits, and a Minor Seminary.

The initial work for the school was done by Rev. Edmund A. Walsh, S.J. of Georgetown University in 1931. In 1932, Rev. William A. Rice, S.J. of the New England Province was named Superior of the Mission and went to Iraq with one other Jesuit, Rev. Edward F. Madaras, S.J. of the Chicago Province. Rev. J. Edward Coffey, S.J. of the New York Province, and Rev. John A. Mifsud, S.J. of the California Province followed soon after. They established Baghdad College, a high school for boys offering a six-year college preparatory science curriculum. Four years of physics, chemistry, biology and six years of mathematics were required, all taught in English, although most other subjects were taught in Arabic.

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In 1956, a second institution named Al Hikma University was opened by the Jesuits. This institution was begun at the urging of parents who were impressed with the education at Baghdad College. In 1956 the Iraqi government granted the Jesuits 170 acres of land to house the school. Al Hikma initially offered two programs of study: business administration and civil engineering. In 1964 a liberal arts program was added. Al Hikma began as an all male institution and became co-educational in 1962. Of its 700 students, one-fifth were women and the enrollment kept increasing despite the fact that the institution charged admission while the University of Baghdad did not. John P. Banks, S.J. was appointed Rector in 1958 and in 1965, Richard J. McCarthy, S.J. served in the position until the Jesuits were expelled in 1968.

From 1932 until 1969, Iraq's population grew from 3.5 million to 8.5 million and the Jesuit population from four to sixty-one. Also during this time, the Jesuit schools' student population rose from 120 students in one building in 1932 to 1,100 students in ten buildings at Baghdad College and to 700 students in five buildings at Al Hikma. Most of those fifteen buildings were constructed by Leo Guay, S.J. The building projects were funded by grants received from the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation, the Ford Foundation, and the Catholic Near East Welfare Association.

A Lay Apostolate program was established during the 1960s. These "lay apostles", "lay missionaries", or "lay volunteers" were mostly American college graduates who volunteered to teach while living at the institutions. Most of them were graduates of Jesuit colleges and universities in the United States. The numbers of lay apostles increased each year and by 1969, sixty lay apostles had participated in the program. They served at both Baghdad College and Al-Hikma University. (*See*: RG 11.1 Missions Offices Records, Personnel Series for information on the Lay Missionary / Apostolate program.)

The government in Iraq was far from stable. There were forty-one changes of government during the thirty-seven years of the Mission to Iraq; with seven coups occurring from 1937-1941. On July 14th 1958, a revolution took place, King Faisal II was assassinated, and the form of government changed from a monarchy to a republic. Two events occurred in 1967 and 1968 that led to the expulsion of the Jesuits: the Six-Day War in June, 1967 and a coup that ushered into power the Baath Socialist Party in July, 1968. "In June 1967, the Israelis took over Arab territories and displaced Arab refugees. The wave of anti-American feeling reached new intensity because of the U.S. stance in the area and it became clear that the continued presence of American Jesuits was more tenuous than ever" writes Rev. Joseph MacDonnell, S.J. in his introduction to *Jesuits Along*

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the Tigris. In July 1968, a coup took place by a moderate political group, but this government was ousted a few weeks later by the Baath Party, a socialist group. The Baath Party promised to rid Iraq of spies and Israeli aggression. In early September 1968 the new government announced that Al Hikma would be “Iraqicized”, meaning that it would take over the school and run it, with no compensation given to the Jesuits. At the time, the student population of Al Hikma had a larger percentage of non-Christians than Christians. On October 30, 1968 the new government stated that eight Jesuits were to be expelled from the country immediately. In retaliation, Al Hikma faculty decided not to teach until the reasons for expulsion were forthcoming. The government responded by ordering the twenty-eight Al Hikma Jesuits to leave the country within five days. An inventory of all equipment, books, and buildings was conducted and the President of Al Hikma University, in the presence of the Apostolic Nuncio, signed the order to make it clear that this property was being taken from the Jesuits. The Al Hikma Jesuits left Baghdad in late November 1968. Nine months later, on August 29, 1969, the thirty-three Baghdad College American Jesuits received notification of dismissal from the country as well. Two Iraqi Jesuits, Clarence J. Burby, S.J. and Yusuf H.R. Seferta, S.J. remained as Prefects of the Students for Baghdad College and taught religion, choosing to leave Iraq in 1970. Fifteen of the expelled American Jesuits continued to work in the Middle East: five in Egypt and ten in Lebanon. Four went into scholarly work in Beirut; the rest of them went to other ministries in the United States and Jamaica.

During the 1970s, the former Al Hikma school buildings were used by the government as a trade school. All equipment and library materials were given to the University of Baghdad. Baghdad College remained a college preparatory school with the University of Baghdad supplying teachers. The church, the Jesuit cemetery, and the Jesuit residence were given to the Chaldean Patriarch who used the residence as an orphanage.

—Much of the Baghdad Mission factual information was taken from a 1974 article by Rev. Joseph MacDonnell, S.J. & from “Al Hikma University, 1968” speech by Richard J. McCarthy, S.J., Rector-President of Al Hikma University.

Scope and Content:

The Records of the Iraq Mission are divided into four series:

- 1) Superior of Iraq Mission Records,
- 2) Baghdad College Records,
- 3) Al Hikma University Records and the
- 4) *Al Baghdadi* newsletters.

Many of these materials were transferred to the New England Province after the expulsion.

This collection does not hold any records of the Arabic House of Studies for Jesuits or the Minor Seminary.

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Also see:

There are complimentary records in

- RG 1 Records of the Provincial, Series 9 Missions
- RG 7 Educations Apostolate Records
- RG 11.1 Missions Offices Records, New England Jesuit Foreign Missions, Iraq Mission
- RG 12 Audiovisual
- RG 13 Blueprints and Architectural Drawings
- MS/Personal Papers Collection.

See each series for more detailed information.

Books in New England Authors Collection:

Jesuits by the Tigris: Men for Others in Baghdad by Joseph F. MacDonell, S.J. Jesuit Mission Press, 1994. A history of the Iraq Mission.

Al Baghdadi: Tales Told by the Tigris, Introduction by Edward F. Madaras, S.J. Jesuit Mission Press, 1936. Reprint of *Al Baghdadi* newsletters 1932-1936, Issues No. 1-17.

Edmund J. Walsh, S.J., A Biography by Louis J. Gallagher, S.J. Benzinger Brothers, Inc., 1962. Chapter X, "Baghdad," describes the foundation of the Iraq Mission.

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Series: Superior of Mission Records
Dates of Collection: 1968-1973
Size of Collection: 2 boxes: 1-5" boxes + 1-2.5" boxes = .75 linear feet

Historical Background:

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Scope and Content:

Only the files of Rev. John J. Donohue, S.J. survive. These papers are related to the expulsion of the Jesuits from Al Hikma in 1968 and Baghdad College in 1969. They include arrangements for various properties of the Iraq Mission, relations between the Vice-Province of Near East, and a study of the Jesuit Mission Secretariat in Rome following the expulsion.

Also see:

- RG 11.1 Missions Offices Records for Superiors' Correspondence sent to Boston.
- Baghdad College Consultants' Diaries for the time when the Rector of Baghdad College was also the Superior of the Iraq Mission.
- Personal Papers of Fr. Joseph L. Ryan, S.J. for additional material about the Mission Secretariat Study. Frs. Ryan and Donohue co-authored this project.

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- RG 12 Audiovisual, Audio Tapes, 3-inch reels for Tape #6, Fr. Donohue relating Fr. Massamiri's report on Baghdad Sept. 14, 1970.

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Superior of Mission, John J. Donohue, S.J.

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Folder Title	Dates	Box	Folder
<i>Superior of Mission, John J. Donohue, S.J.</i>		<i>1967-1970</i>	
Al-Hikma Iraqization, transition documents	1968	1-5" box	1
Al-Hikma Iraqization	1968	1	2
Questionnaire to Expelled AH community	1968	1	3
Memo re: Relations between the V.P. Near East and New England	1968	1	4
[Notes, Material re: Al-Hikma]	1969	1	5
Publicity	1969	1	6
J. Carty, Baghdad College	1969	1	7
Finance [re: expulsion]	1969	1	8
Novitiate correspondence	1969	1	9
Yosuf [Seferta] & Clarence [Burby] letters	1969-1970	1	10
Chaldean Seminary	1970-1973	1	11
BC and Al-Hikma Statistics	1967-1969	1	12
Education Services	1969	1	13
Addresses	1969	1	14
Benefactors	1969	1	15
Islam Talk	n.d.	1	16
University Law	1969	1	17
Personnel Correspondence— RESTRICTED	1969-1970	1	18
Personnel Correspondence— RESTRICTED	1969-1970	1	19
CNEW-Nolan [Catholic Near East Welfare Assoc.]	1969	1	20
Baghdad College Interprovince help	1969	1	21
Mission Secretariat Study [correspondence]	1969	2-2.5" box	1
Mission Secretariat Study [correspondence]	1969	2	2
Mission Secretariat Study [correspondence]	1969	2	3
Mission Secretariat Study [correspondence]	1969	2	4
Mission Secretariat Study [correspondence & notes]	1969	2	5
Mission Secretariat Study, memo to ARPN=MSR	1969	2	6
Mission Secretariat Study	1969	2	7
Mission Secretariat Study [MSR Questionnaire Survey Results]	1969	2	8
“Socialism & Development in Muslim Countries” Conference [in English, Italian]	1969	2	9

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Record Group:	11.2 Iraq Mission Records
Series:	Baghdad College Records
Dates of Collection:	1931-1983
Size of Collection:	9 boxes: 6-5" boxes + 3-2.5" boxes = 3.75 linear feet Bound volumes = 4 linear feet 1 oversize box

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Scope and Content:

The records contain general information: the House Dairies and the Consultors' Diaries, which are restricted, and catalogs, brochures, statistics, commencement material, yearbooks, and various reports. The Report to the United States Information Service, 1946 by Rev. Edward F. Madaras, S.J. is a history of the school, with cumulative statistics. The Diaries were sent to the New England Province when the Jesuits were expelled from Baghdad College in 1969. Some examination results and the Consultors' Diaries are restricted. Other general material was filed here by the archives for access and inventory control.

Also see:

- RG 11.1 Missions Offices Records, New England Jesuit Foreign Missions, Iraq Mission, Baghdad College for the records of the Boston Office.
- RG 13 for Blueprints and Architectural Drawings of Baghdad College.
- RG 7.1 Education Apostolate, Prefect of Studies Files and Fr. Burke Files.
- RG 12 Audiovisual for photographs, MS photographs, scrapbooks, MS photographs, negatives, slides, MS Slides, films, VHS tapes (reformatted films), and reel-to-reel audio tapes. The reel-to-reel tapes are:
 - Audio Tapes, 7-inch reels:
 - #22 Joe's Mass, Baghdad, n.d.
 - Audio Tapes, 5-inch reels:
 - #17 J.A. Carty and H.R. Powers: Closure of Baghdad College, Nov. 5, 1969
 - #20 Yosuf Seferta and Clarence Burby on Baghdad College, Beirut, Lebanon, July 5, 1970
- MS Collections of:
 - Rev. Francis W. Anderson, S.J.
 - Rev. Thomas F. Hussey, S.J.
 - Rev. Charles W. Mahan, S.J.
 - Rev. Joseph P. Merrick, S.J.
 - Rev. Joseph A. "Tony" Paquet, S.J.

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Notes: The Baghdad College school colors were maroon and gold.

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Folder Title	Dates	Box	Folder
Announcements, Brochures and Programs			
Academy in Honor of Saint Ignatius Loyola Program	1940	3-5" box	1
Announcement of Opening of Classes, Sept. 26, 1932	1932	3	2
Annual Retreat Brochures	1933, 1935- 1936	3	3
Closing Exercises Program, Second Annual	1934	3	4
Commencement Program, First	1936	3	5
Commencement Program	1937	3	6
Commencement Program	1939	3	7
Commencement Program	1940		8
N.B.: Commencement and Exams were not held in 1941, due to civil unrest; see MacDonnell, <i>Jesuits by the Tigris</i> , p. 63.			
Commencement Program	1942	3	9
Commencement Program	1943	3	10
Commencement Program	1944	3	11
Commencement Program	1945	3	12
Commencement Program	1946	3	13
Commencement Program	1947	3	14
Commencement Program	1952	3	15
Commencement Program	1953	3	16
Commencement Program	1959	3	17
Commencement Program (English and Arabic)	1960	3	18
Commencement Program	1961	3	19
Commencement Program (English and Arabic)	1963	3	20
Commencement Program	1964	3	21
Commencement Program	1967	3	22
Drama: Play Programs	1968, 1956	3	23
Drama: Play Program for "God's Whirlwind" by Rev. Thomas Kelly, S.J.	1952	3	24
Elocution Contest Announcement	1934	3	25
Lenten Lectures Brochures	1936, 1940- 1941	3	26
May Day Programs	1940, 1942- 1944	3	27
Newspaper Advertisements	1938, 1940	3	28
Newspaper Publicity		OS 1	
Promotional Brochure "An Iraqi School for Iraqi Boys"	1940s	3	29
Sodality: Reception Agenda	1941	3	30
Sodality: World Sodality Day Program	1955	3	31
Sodality: Regional Sodality Conference of Baghdad program	1961	3	32
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Folder Title	Dates	Box	Folder
Statistics			
Grades, Fr. Gibbons Physics Classes— RESTRICTED	1956-1957	3	34
Secondary Exam Results of June, 1956	1956	3	35
Graduating Class of 1958	1958	3	36
Student Statistics – Iraqi Government Exam Grades— RESTRICTED	1947-1948, 1955, 1958- 1961, 1965- 1969	3	37
Student Statistics – Enrollment Statistics [Religion and Rite, Consolidated Report for Fr. Madaras' Report to the United States Information Service, 1946. N.B.: Partial Enrollment Statistics 1932-1945 published in MacDonnell, <i>Jesuits by the Tigris</i> , p. 64.]	1932-1945	3	38
Student Statistics – Religion and Rite [N.B.: Religion and Rite Statistics 1932-1967 published in MacDonnell, <i>Jesuits by the Tigris</i> , p. 69.]	1932-1950, 1937, 1941-42, 1948-1949, 1952-1953, 1955-1968	3	39
Varia			
Academic Schedule	1962, 1937- 1938	3	40
Announcements of Policies for 1960-1961	1960	3	41
The Baghdad Observer, English newspaper	1969	OS 1	
Booklet: Prayers to be said during assistance at Mass [in Arabic]	n.d.	3	42
Catalogue of the Baghdad College Science Library	1950	3	43
"God's Whirlwind", Script to a play by T.J. Kelly, S.J.	1952	3	44
[Foreign Schools in Iraq, after 1936]	1936, after	3	45
Prefects' Schedule	1949-1950	3	46
Report to United States Information Service, Baghdad, Iraq, 1946 by Edward F. Madaras, S.J., President of Baghdad College. Includes: History, Description of Students, Curriculum, Staff, Land and Buildings, Activities, Endowment, Graduates, Relations with Iraq Government, Needs for Buildings and Equipment, and Detailed Appendices, 3 copies. Fragile, please use access photocopy.	1946	3	47
Report to United States Information Service, Baghdad, Iraq, 1946 by Edward F. Madaras, S.J., Bound copy. Fragile, please use access photocopy.	1946	3	48
Report to United States Information Service, Baghdad, Iraq, 1946 by Edward F. Madaras, S.J., <i>Access photocopy</i> .	1946 document	3	49
Varia	1940s	3	50

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Folder Title	Dates	Box	Folder
Arabic Textbooks			
Booklets of work from Arabic writers, poets, and theologians used in schools, published by Catholic Press in Beirut, Lebanon, in Arabic	1950s	4-2.5" box	
House Diaries			
Nov. 1, 1931-Aug. 10, 1933	1931-1933	5-5" box	1
Volume 1: Nov. 8, 1933-Aug. 30, 1937	1933-1937	5	2
Volume 2: Sept. 1, 1937-Aug. 16, 1939	1937-1939	5	3
Volume 3: Aug. 17, 1939-Apr. 1, 1941	1939-1941	5	4
Volume 4: Apr. 2, 1941-Feb. 21, 1943	1941-1943	5	5
Volume 5: Feb. 22, 1943-Apr. 9, 1945	1943-1945	6-5" box	1
Volume 6: Apr. 10, 1945-Feb. 19, 1946	1945-1947	6	2
Volume 7: July 20, 1947-Apr. 30, 1949	1947-1949	6	3
Volume 8: May 1, 1949-Dec. 9, 1951	1947-1951	6	4
Volume 9: Dec. 10, 1951-Mar. 29, 1953	1951-1953	6	5
Volume 10: Mar. 28, 1953-Mar. 15, 1956	1953-1956	7-5" box	1
Volume 11; Mar. 16, 1956-Dec. 31, 1958	1956-1958	7	2
Volume 12: Jan. 1, 1959-Dec. 31, 1960	1959-1960	7	4
Volume 13: Jan. 1, 1961-Oct. 16, 1965	1961-1965	7	5
Volume 14: Oct. 17, 1965-Aug 24, 1969	1965-1969	8-2.5" box	1
Diary of Summer Villa (Inish Villa), kept by W.D. Sheehan, S.J., June-Aug. 1938	1938	9-5" box	1
Consultors' Diaries—<i>RESTRICTED</i>			
Volume 1: Apr. 25, 1933-Mar. 31, 1957	1933-1957	9	2
Volume 2: Apr. 23, 1957-Apr. 30, 1969	1957-1969	9	3
Yearbooks: Al Iraqi			
N.B.: Located on shelves in New England Authors Aisle			
Baghdad College Yearbook [1 st as a bound book, see MacDonnell, <i>Jesuits by the Tigris</i> , p.71 for description]	1940		
Baghdad College Yearbook	1942		
Baghdad College Yearbook	1943		
Baghdad College Yearbook	1945		
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Baghdad College Yearbook	1947-1971		
Baghdad College Yearbook, bound vols. 2 sets	1940-1969		

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Record Group:	11.2 Iraq Mission Records
Series:	Al Hikma University Records
Dates of Collection:	1937-1977
Size of Collection:	8 boxes: 5-5" boxes + 3-2.5" boxes = 3.25 linear feet, Bound volumes: 2 linear feet of yearbooks 1 Oversize box

Historical Background:

On May 5, 1955, the Iraqi Ministry of Education gave permission to open Al Hikma University offering two-four year courses in Engineering and in Business Administration, as the country had need of engineers and administrators. The Government of Iraq gave 170 acres of land in Zafaraniya, a Baghdad suburb, to the Jesuit fathers in order to build the University. The name "Al Hikma" was derived from the Arab phrase "Beit al Hikma" meaning, "the house of wisdom".

Al Hikma's first classes were held in the Cronin Building of Baghdad College from 1956 until 1959 when the new campus was completed. Fr. Leo Guay designed many of the buildings at Al Hikma University. The cost of construction was borne through grants from several foundations including the Ford Foundation, the Catholic Near East Welfare Association, and the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation. In July, 1958 a revolution toppled the monarchy and Iraq became a republic. In June 1960, Al Hikma held its first commencement ceremony.

In 1962 Al Hikma became co-educational. A newly designed Liberal Arts program was added to the curriculum in 1964. Extracurricular activities on the campus included various sports, the Debating Society, the Cinema Club, the Engineering Club, and the Society for the Advancement of Management.

Rev. Joseph L. Ryan, S.J. was named Dean of the University in 1956 and appointed Vice-President in 1966. Rev. John P. Banks, S.J. was appointed Rector and President of Al Hikma from 1959 until 1965 when Rev. Richard J. McCarthy, S.J. served in the offices.

The government in Iraq was far from stable. There were forty-one changes of government during the thirty-seven years of the Mission to Iraq; with seven coups occurring from 1937-1941. On July 14th 1958, a revolution took place, King Faisal II was assassinated, and the form of government changed from a monarchy to a republic. Two events occurred in 1967 and 1968 that led to the expulsion of the Jesuits: the Six-Day War in June, 1967 and a coup that ushered into power the Baath Socialist Party in July, 1968. "In June 1967, the Israelis took over Arab territories and displaced Arab refugees. The wave of anti-American feeling reached new intensity because of the U.S. stance in the area and it became clear that the continued presence of American Jesuits was more tenuous than ever" writes Rev. Joseph MacDonnell, S.J. in his introduction to *Jesuits Along the Tigris*. In July 1968, a coup took place by a moderate political group, but this government was ousted a few weeks later by the Baath Party, a socialist group. The Baath Party promised to rid Iraq of spies and Israeli aggression. In early September 1968 the new government announced that Al Hikma was to be "Iraqicized", meaning that the government would take over the school and run it, with no compensation given to the Jesuits. At the time, the student population of Al Hikma had a larger percentage of non-Christians than Christians. On

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October 30, 1968 the new government stated that eight Jesuits were to be expelled from the country immediately. In retaliation, Al Hikma faculty decided not to teach until the reasons for expulsion were forthcoming. The government responded by ordering the Al Hikma Jesuits to leave the country within five days. An inventory of all equipment, books, and buildings was conducted and the President of Al Hikma University, in the presence of the Apostolic Nuncio, signed the order to make it clear that this property was being taken from the Jesuits. Following negotiations with the Iraqi government, the Al Hikma Jesuits left Baghdad in late November 1968, see Brief Chronology of Expulsion. Nine months later, on August 29, 1969, the American Jesuits at Baghdad College were dismissed from the country as well.

During the 1970s, the former Al Hikma school buildings were used by the government as a trade school. All equipment and library materials were given to the University of Baghdad.

Scope and Content:

The records contain 1) the Consultors' Diaries, which are restricted, and general information, such as, catalogs, brochures, statistics, yearbooks, and commencement material, 2) the records of Rev. Joseph L. Ryan, S.J. who served at the institution from its inception in 1956 until its closure in 1968 as Academic Dean and then Vice-President in 1966, and 3) records of Rev. Richard J. McCarthy, S.J., Rector and President, 1965-1968. Some of these records were sent to the New England Province after the Jesuits were expelled from the school in 1968. Fr. McCarthy's and Fr. Ryan's records also contain material created following the expulsion of the Al Hikma Jesuits from Iraq. Some of the general material, such as, the programs, was filed here by the archives for access and inventory control.

Additional records included in the personal papers of Rev. Joseph Ryan and Rev. Richard J. McCarthy were added to this record group in 2005. Fr. Ryan's papers include correspondence with ex-Baghdad's. Fr. McCarthy's papers contain information about the expulsion and his writings about the University before and after the expulsion.

Series	Pages	Extent
General	17-18	2 boxes: 1-5" box + 1-2.5" box = .75 linear feet
McCarthy	19-21	2 boxes: 1-5" box + 1-2.5" box = .75 linear feet
Ryan	22-23	4 boxes: 3-5" boxes + 1.2.5" box = 1.75 linear feet

See also:

- RG 11.1 Missions Offices > New England Jesuit Foreign Missions, Iraq > Places, Al Hikma
- RG 1 Records of the Provincial, Series 9, Missions
- RG 7 Education Apostolate, Prefect of Education records
- For blueprints and architectural drawings of buildings, see RG 13 Blueprints and Architectural Drawings.
- The MS/Personal Papers collection of Fr. Richard J. McCarthy, S.J. also contains sound recordings made following the expulsion from Iraq of discussions held in 1969 regarding the future of Al Hikma and the Jesuit personnel. These audiocassette tapes have been reformatted as electronic/digital audio files and are located in RG 12: Audiovisual. See the finding aid for Fr. McCarthy for a more detailed description of content.

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- The MS/Personal Papers collection of Fr. Paul A. Nash, S.J. for letters regarding Iraqization of Al Hikma, 1968, and scholarship records, 1967-68.

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Notes: The Al Hikma school colors were blue and gold.

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1956-1969

Folder Title	Dates	Box	Folder
Announcements, Brochures and Programs			
Al-Hikma Brochures	1956-1960s	10-5"box	1
Al-Hikma University Brochure, in English and Arabic	1959	10	2
Bulletin of University Studies	1956-1959	10	3
Campus Map	1960, circa	10	4
Catalog, Spring 1960	1960	10	5
Catalog, Spring 1961 [Typed copy]	1961	10	6
Catalog, 1963	1963	10	7
Catalog, 1965	1965	10	8
Catalog, 1968-1970	1968-1970	10	9
Commencement Program, 1 st Annual, Press Release and Report of Fr. John P. Banks, S.J., President	1960	10	10
Commencement Program, 2 nd , Speech to Graduates by Fr. Richard McCarthy, S.J. in English and Arabic, Press Clippings, and Report of Fr. John P. Banks, S.J., President	1961	10	11
Commencement Program, 3 rd	1962	10	12
Commencement Program, 4 th	1963	10	13
Commencement Program, 5 th , English Translation of Speech of Field Marshal Abdul Salam Muhammad Arif, President of Iraq, Report of Commencement and Graduation Sermon	1964	10	14
Commencement Program, 7 th	1966	10	14a
Debating Society Programs	1960-1963	10	15
Handbooks, 1967-1968 and 1968-1969	1967-1969	10	16
Souvenir of the First Graduating Class of Al-Hikma University	1960	10	17
Souvenir of the Laying of the Cornerstones with Press Release and Speech of Fr. Thomas F. Hussey, S.J., President of Al-Hikma	1958	10	18
Various Programs	1956-1960s	10	19
Statistics			
Statistics on Admissions, 1963-1967	1963-1967	10	20
Student Enrollment, Graduating Classes by Year	1960-1967	10	21
Student Enrollment Graph, 1956-1964	1956-1964	10	22
Student Statistics—Religion, Rite, Course	1956-1965, 1967-1969	10	23
Student Statistics—1) Religion, Rite and Nationality, and 2) Directory, 1968	1968	10	24

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1956-1969

Folder Title	Dates	Box	Folder
Varia			
Al-Jami'i [1 st issue of student magazine]	1961	10	25
Issues of Arabic newspaper	1968	OS 1	
Mass Book in Arabic	1960	10	26
Mass Card	n.d.	10	27
Writing Tablet	n.d.	10	28
Consultors' Diaries—<i>RESTRICTED</i>			
Nov. 22, 1959-Mar. 8, 1969	1959-1968	11-2.5" box	1
Yearbooks: Al Hikma			
N.B.: Located on shelves in New England Authors Aisle			
Yearbooks	1961-1969	on shelf	

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Al Hikma University > McCarthy Files

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1937-1977

Folder Title	Dates	Box	Folder
<i>Rev. Richard J. McCarthy, S.J., Rector and President of Al Hikma University, 1965-1968</i>			
Rector's Stationary		12-5" box	1
Arabic materials, unidentified		12	2
Directorium for Iraq Mission with comments of E. Murphy	n.d.	12	3
[Narrative of Property Dispute, incomplete]	n.d.	12	4
St. Meinrad Canon	n.d.	12	5
Translations of newspaper articles	1937, 1945	12	6
Meeting of Fr. Provincial with the Apostolic Pro-Nuncio	n.d.	12	7
Letter from Iraq Ministry of Education granting Baghdad College permission to open a 4 yr. course of higher education. Trans. By R.J. McCarthy	May, 1955	12	8
[Al-Hikma Graduation Address By Richard McCarthy in Arabic, Also includes English translation by Fr. Charles Crowley, S.J.]	1963	12	9
Statues of Al-Hikma University, Revised issue	1966	12	10
[Open Retreat, November 1965, 1966, to the students at Al Hikma University in Arabic]	1965-66	12	11
[Talks to Al Hikma Students in Arabic]	1965-67	12	12
Elevations Proposed Oriental Institute Ground Floor Plan / Leo J. Guay, SJ	1966	12	13
Comments on Proposed Campus Canter / Leo J. Guay, SJ	1966	12	14
Al-Hikma Faculty and Staff, Information on Return of Al-Hikma Jesuit Faculty to the New England Province	1967	12	15
Al-Hikma Academic Calendar and Second Semester Course Schedule	1967-68	12	16
H.U.T. [Al-Hikma Newsletter/Magazine in Arabic]	1967-68	12	17
Correspondence	1967-69	12	18
Newspaper Articles from Al-Masa	Feb. 1968	12	19
"Political Map of Iraq", [Magazine Article in Arabic]	ca. 1968	12	20
Some Reflections on the Means of Obtaining Gorgis Awad Library / Joseph Ryan, SJ	1968	12	21
Oriental Institute of Al-Hikma University, Report / R.J. McCarthy, SJ	1968	12	22
Al-Hikma University Proposed Campus Center / R.J. McCarthy, SJ	1968	12	23
[Proposed Campus Center, Elevations, Floor Plans, Cross-section]	ca. 1968	12	24
Oriental Institute, Al-Hikma University Progress Report	May 1968	12	25
Al-Hikma University [Position Paper]	May 15, 1968	12	26
Index of Position Paper with Comments and Related papers Meeting with Province Consultation	1968	12	27
Decree Iraqicizing Al-Hikma University	1968	12	28

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Folder Title	Dates	Box	Folder
Al-Hikma and Its Jesuits / R.J. McCarthy, SJ	[Sept. 30, 1968]	12	29
Writings on Ibrahim and Iraqization	Oct. 1968	12	30
[File Folder on W-I case]	n.d.	12	31
Fr. Joseph Ryan's Written Notes	Oct. 1968	12	32
Situation in Al-Hikma University / R.J. McCarthy, SJ	Oct. 24, 1968	12	33
Letter to Papal Ambassador in Baghdad from Minister of Foreign Affairs, Translation Of Arabic Original	Oct. 29, 1968	12	34
Letter from Fr. Joseph Ryan, SJ to Dr. Fachil Hussain	Nov. 1, 1968	12	35
Has Al-Hikma a Future? / R.J. McCarthy, SJ	Nov. 5, 1968	13-2.5" box	1
Suggestions and Community Meeting Notes / R.J. McCarthy, SJ	Nov. 8, 11, 1968	13	2
[Fr. J. Donohue's Written Notes]	Nov. 1968	13	3
[Fr. Joseph Ryan's Written Notes]	Nov. 1968	13	4
[Letter from Jesuit Fathers of Al-Hikma University To Dr. Fadhil Hussain Al-Ansari]	Nov. 21, 1968	13	5
Disposal of Al-Hikma University	Nov. 26, 1968	13	6
Future of Al-Hikma Jesuit Community / Joseph Ryan, SJ	Nov. 28, 1968	13	7
[Notes on Personnel Expelled from Al-Hikma]	Nov.-Dec. 1968	13	8
[Arabic Materials]	1968	13	9
Notes from John Diskin (left Baghdad Dec. 2)	[Dec. 1968]	13	10
Text of Educational Law Governing the New Status of Al-Hikma University, Articles 1-20	Dec. 1968	13	11
From a letter of P. Zemokhol to Fr. Donohue Dec. 7, 1968 [Placements]	Dec. 7, 1968	13	12
Future of Al-Hikma University and its Community R.J. McCarthy, SJ	Dec. 8, 1968	13	13
Sawt Al-Hikma	Dec. 17, 1968	13	14
<i>The Jesuit</i> , New England Edition	Winter 1968	13	15
Newsclipping: "Jesuits in Iraq"	Dec. 29, 1968	13	16
Correspondence from R.J. McCarthy, SJ	Dec. 1968-Jan. 1969	13	17
Others' Correspondence	Dec. 1968-Jan. 1969	13	18
Iraqization of Al-Hikma University / R.J. McCarthy, SJ	Jan. 3, 1969	13	19
Agendas	Jan. 1969	13	20
Notes on Visit of Inquiry to Rome, Beirut, and Cairo, Jan. 15 – Feb. 18, 1969	Jan. – Feb. 1969	13	20a
Al-Hikma 5 year budget [in Arabic]	1969-1974	13	21
Questionnaire on Future Possibilities	1969	13	22

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1937-1977

Folder Title	Dates	Box	Folder
Informations sur la "nationalization" des ecoles des PP Jesuites de Baghdad / R.J. McCarthy, SJ	n.d.	13	23
Wisdom Built Herself a House	n.d.	13	24
Jesuits Assigned to Baghdad 1932-1969	1976	13	25
[Baghdad Reunion Materials]	1977	13	26

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1945-1975

Folder Title	Dates	Box	Folder
<i>Rev. Joseph L. Ryan, S.J., Vice-President and Academic Dean of Al Hikma, 1956-1968</i>			
Report of the Fourth Regional Conference of the International Office Of Catholic Education in the Near & Middle East, July 9-16, 1968 Vol. 1	1968, Aug.	14-2.5" box	1
Documents of the Fourth Regional Conference of the International Office Of Catholic Education in the Near & Middle East, July 9-16, 1968 Vol. 1	1968	14	Bd.Vol.1
Documents of the Fourth Regional Conference of the International Office Of Catholic Education in the Near & Middle East, July 9-16, 1968 Vol. 2		14	Bd.Vol.2
<i>Al Baghdadi</i> articles	1945-1947	15-5" box	1
<i>American Jesuits in Baghdad</i>	1949	15	2
Chemical Plants report	1954	15	3
Early Days ["Choice of College Curricula"]	1955	15	4
Early Days [Curricula Objectives]	1955	15	5
Early Days [Naming of University]	1955-1956	15	6
Early Days [Documents to/from Iraq]	1956-1957	15	7
Early Days [Correspondence/Notes]	1957	15	8
Early Days [Observation of US Ambass. to Ur]	1958	15	9
Land [Correspondence , Maps & Diagrams]	1955-1956	15	10
[Ford Foundation Grant Request]	1955	15	11
Conversations	1955	15	12
Coll. [Jottings, Feb-June]	1955	15	13
Diary 1, Jan-July	1955	15	14
Diary 2: July-Dec.	1955	15	15
"JB" [Fr. James Burke, Province Prefect of Studies Visit, Sept.-Dec.]	1955	15	16
Diary: Sept. '56-May, '57	1956-1957	15	17
Diary: July-August [kept by Fr. Connell while Fr. Ryan on leave]	1958	15	18
Accreditation	1955-1960	15	19
Various	1958-1968	15	20
Various [Budget]	1956-1959	15	21
Various [Report on Higher Ed. in Iraq]	1958	15	22
Various [Student Union History]	1959	15	23
New Loan on Al-Hikma [in Arabic]	1960s	15	24
Meeting-Deans of Engineering, Cairo	1965-1966	15	25
Fulbright Program-Closing of	1966-1967	15	26
SCU [Supreme Council of Universities] Law	1967	15	27
Addresses & Former Faculty	1967	15	28
[Circular Letters of "news"]	1962-1968	15	29

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Folder Title	Dates	Box	Folder
Treasurers, Accounts Payable	1967-1968	16-5" box	1
Budget Projection	1967	16	2
Budget – “May Papers”	1967	16	3
Budget Projection- Dean’s Copy	1967-1968	16	4
Future of Al-Hikma	1968-1969	16	5
Doings re: Ibrahim Khalil/Walid [former unruly students]	1968	16	6
Ibrahim & Walid, Folder 1 of 3	1968	16	7
Ibrahim & Walid, Folder 2 of 3	1968	16	8
Ibrahim & Walid, Folder 3 of 3	1968	16	9
Summary of talk with patriarch (J.J. Donohue,S.J.)	1968, Sept 4.	16	10
Decree of Iraqicization	1968	16	11
SJ Meetings about Iraqicization	1968	16	12
Letter of Iraqicization	1968	16	13
Iraqicization (Varia)	1968	16	14
Articles in Newspapers	1968	16	15
Wilson Ishac [request to US for emigration]	1968	16	16
Meeting: Oct. 14	1968	16	17
Al-Hikma Expulsion	1968, Sept. 9- Nov. 25	16	18
The Expulsion of the Jesuits from Al-Hikma Univ.	n.d.	16	19
Statistical Info-Al-Hikma University	1968	16	20
Statistical Info-Baghdad College	1969	17-5" box	1
Various [includes salary for a student]	1968	17	2
Marks— RESTRICTED	1968	17	3
[Identification, Arabic]	1960s?	17	4
[Student Records after expulsion of Jesuits]	1968-83	17	5
Baghdad College	1969	17	6
[News letters from Fr. Ryan]	1969	17	7
[Circular Letters to Baghdadis]	1969-1975	17	8
[Baghdadi Correspondence]	n.d., 1968	17	9
[Baghdadi Correspondence]	1969	17	10
[Baghdadi Correspondence]	1970	17	11
[Baghdadi Correspondence]	1971	17	12
[Talk at Second Baghdad Alumni Reunion]	1979	17	13
Varia		17	14
Personal Telephone Directory	1965, ca.	17	15
Addresses	1966-68	17	16

New England Jesuit Archives Series Description



Record Group:	11.2 Iraq Mission Records
Series:	<i>Al Baghdadi</i> Newsletters
Dates of Collection:	1932-1966
Size of Collection:	3-5” boxes = 1.5 linear feet

Historical Background:

In February, 1932 two Jesuit priests were en route to Baghdad, Iraq to set up a high school. On board their ship, they composed and mimeographed 150 copies of a two page newsletter which was mailed back home to America when they landed. Two weeks later in Beirut, Syria [now Lebanon] a second, four pages long, issue was mailed. By 1936, this periodic newsletter, *Al Baghdadi*, had a circulation of over four thousand.

“These men were deadly serious about what they were doing” in Iraq, Rev. Edward F. Madaras, S.J. wrote, yet in their newsletter they “did not allow that seriousness to interfere with their sense of humor.” Pen and ink illustrations accompany the articles and the artist used broad caricatures, “the bulbous nose, the receding chin, the storm-tossed hair, the capacious paunch” to poke fun at himself and his fellow Jesuits in Baghdad.

This periodic newsletter was described as “a fitful, desultory journal published by the American Jesuits at Baghdad College as mood and circumstance permit, its purpose being to keep friends and the world in general informed as to our hopes, plans, aspirations, and achievements, and thus to promote and sustain interest in the project entrusted to us by Pius XI.” Soon after *Al Baghdadi* began, subscribers wrote to the Jesuits in Iraq saying “they felt that they knew the Fathers personally, even though they had never met them.”

The *Al Baghdadi* newsletter was published from 1932 until 1966. Publication was suspended after the March 1956 issue until May 1960.

—Information from *Al Baghdadi: Tales Told by the Tigris* by Edward F. Madaras, SJ, This book collected issues #1 through #17, 1932 until 1936 into one book with a preface by Fr. Madaras, one of the first Jesuits in Iraq.

Scope and Content:

The collection contains the 111 issues of *Al Baghdadi* newsletter published from 1932 until 1966. This is a full run.

Also see:

- RG 11.1 Missions Offices Records, Publications, *Al Baghdadi* for some original pen and ink illustrations, copies to the printer, correspondence, and letters from Iraq used in the construction of the newsletter in its later years. Extent: 2-5” boxes.

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- New England Authors Collection: *Al Baghdadi: Tales Told by the Tigris* by Edward F. Madaras, S.J., This book reprinted issues #1 - #17, 1932 -1936, into one volume, with a preface by Fr. Madaras, one of the first Jesuits in Iraq.

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Issue No. and Month	Number of copies	Year	Box	Folder
<i>Newsletters:</i>				
List of issues, 1932-1954		1954		
Preamble to <i>Al Baghdadi</i>	2	1932	1	2
#1 February	3	1932	1	3
#2 March	3	1932	1	4
#3 March	6	1932	1	5
#4 May	6	1932	1	6
#5 June	6	1932	1	7
#6 August	6	1932	1	8
#7 April	4	1933	1	9
#8 July	5	1933	1	10
#9 December	6	1933	1	11
#10 February	4	1934	1	12
#11 July	5	1934	1	13
#12 April	3	1935	1	14
#13 August	2	1935	1	15
#14 November	2	1935	1	16
#15 January	3	1936	1	17
#16 June	3	1936	1	18
#17 September	4	1936	1	19
#18 December	2	1936	1	20
#19 March	3	1937	1	21
#20 Summer	4	1937	1	22
#21 Fall	4	1937	1	23
#22 Winter	4	1938	1	24
#23 July	4	1938	1	25
#24 December	5	1938	1	26
#25 March	2	1939	1	27
#26 May	2	1939	1	28
#27 September	2	1939	1	29
#28 March	2	1940	1	30
#29 June	2	1940	1	31
#30 September	3	1940	1	32
#31 December	2	1940	1	33
#32 March	3	1941	1	34
#33 June	2	1941	1	35
#34 September	2	1941	1	36
#35 December	2	1941	1	37
#36 March	2	1942	1	38
#37 June	2	1942	1	39
#38 September	3	1942	1	40
#39 December	1	1942	1	41

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1932-1966

Issue No. and Month	Number of copies	Year	Box	Folder
#40 March	3	1943	2	1
#41 June	1	1943	2	2
#42 September	1	1943	2	3
#43 December	1	1943	2	4
#44 March	2	1944	2	5
#45 June	3	1944	2	6
#46 September	3	1944	2	7
#47 December	3	1944	2	8
#48 March	2	1945	2	9
#49 June	2	1945	2	10
#50 September	1	1945	2	11
#51 December	1	1945	2	12
#52 March	1	1946	2	13
#53 June	2	1946	2	14
#54 September	3	1946	2	15
#55 December	4	1946	2	16
#56 March	2	1947	2	17
#57 June	3	1947	2	18
#58 September	2	1947	2	19
#59 December	2	1947	2	20
#60 March	1	1948	2	21
#61 June	2	1948	2	22
#62 September	3	1948	2	23
#63 December	4	1948	2	24
#64 March	4	1949	2	25
#65 June	2	1949	2	26
#66 September	1	1949	2	27
#67 December	1	1949	2	28
#68 March	2	1950	2	29
#69 June	2	1950	2	30
#70 [-1] September, see Bound Book, 1936-1954 in Box 3	0 loose copies	1950	2	30a
#70 [-2] December	1	1950	2	31
<i>N.B.: Duplicate issue number, 70, used on September</i>	<i>used on September</i>	<i>and December</i>	<i>1950 issues</i>	
#71 March	2	1951	2	32
#72 June	1	1951	2	33
#73 September	3	1951	2	34
#74 December	2	1951	2	35
#75 March	1	1952	2	36
#76 June	4	1952	2	37
#77 September	3	1952	2	38
#78 December	2	1952	2	39

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Issue No. and Month	Number of copies	Year	Box	Folder
#79 March	5	1953	2	40
#80 June	2	1953	2	41
#81 September	4	1953	2	42
#82 December	3	1953	2	43
#83 March	2	1954	2	44
#84 June	1	1954	2	45
#85 September	1	1954	2	46
#86 December, see Bound Book, 1936-1954 in Box 3	0 loose copies	1954	2	47
#87 March	2	1955	2	48
#88 June	1	1955	2	49
#89 March	3	1956	2	50
<i>Note: Publication was suspended after the March 1956 issue until May 1960.</i>				
#90 May	3	1960	3	1
#91 September	4	1960	3	2
#92 December	3	1960	3	3
#93 March	3	1961	3	4
#94 June	5	1961	3	5
#95 September	4	1961	3	6
#96 December	3	1961	3	7
#97 March	6	1962	3	8
#98 June-Sept.	6	1962	3	9
#99 December	6	1962	3	10
#100 March	6	1963	3	11
#101 May	6	1963	3	12
#102 September	3	1963	3	13
#103 December	5	1963	3	14
#104 March	5	1964	3	15
#105 June	5	1964	3	16
#106 September	5	1964	3	17
#107 December	5	1964	3	18
#108 April	3	1965	3	19
#109 Summer	2	1965	3	20
#110 Fall	3	1965	3	21
#111 Spring	2	1966	3	22
#18-#86, BOUND book, Dec. 1936-Dec. 1954. This volume contains the only issues of #70-1 and #86 in the archives collection.		1936-1954	3	23



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### Superior of Mission

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|---------|------------------------------------|
| 1932    | William A. Rice S.J., Superior     |
| 1939    | Francis B. Sarjeant S.J., Superior |
| 1945    | Edward F. Madaras S.J., Superior   |
| 1952    | Thomas Hussey S.J., Superior       |
| 1961    | John J. Williams S.J., Superior    |
| 1967    | John J. Donohue S.J., Superior     |
| 1968/69 | Jesuits asked to leave Iraq        |

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Prefect of Studies

1933	J. Edward Coffey, S.J., Prefect of Studies
1936	Francis B. Sarjeant S.J., Prefect of Studies
1939	Francis W. Anderson S.J., Prefect of Studies
1940	John J.A. Devenny S.J., Prefect of Studies
1953	Joseph P. Connell S.J., Prefect of Studies
1954	Robert J. Sullivan, S.J., Prefect of Studies

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### Prefects of Alumni for Baghdad College

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| 1969-1970 | Clarence J. Burby, S.J. and Yusuf H.R. Seferta, S.J. |
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## Brief Chronology of Expulsion from Al-Hikma University

### Fall of 1968

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*Information below from Fr. McCarthy's paper "The Iraqicization of Al-Hikma University"*

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| Sept. 12 | Letter presented by Council of Revolution stating the "Iraqicization" of Al-Hikma. This is government control of the school, supposedly an administrative measure, not transfer of ownership from private to public.                                                                                                           |
| Sept. 23 | Academic year begins.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Oct. 28  | Statement by Al-Hikma Jesuit Fathers that they would discontinue administrative and teaching work. They resumed the functions a week later.                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Oct. 30  | A letter is received from the Minister of the Interior ordering 9 SJs to leave Iraq. (Actually this pertained to 8 individuals: one person was listed twice, once by First name, Last name and then again by Last name, First name. At the time, one of the fathers named was actually in the U.S. and another was in Beirut.) |
| Nov. 17  | Expulsion order of 9 Fathers renewed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Nov. 18  | The 6 (all those who were actually in Iraq) of the 9 were given exit visas and ordered to leave by Nov. 25.                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Nov. 21  | The Al-Hikma Jesuits gave notice to the President of Iraq that effective immediately they would suspend academic work because of the order of expulsion.<br>Response: The minister of the interior ordered all of the SJs to leave the country by Nov. 25.                                                                     |

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*Information below from Fr. Joseph MacDonnell's book: Jesuits by the Tigris*

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| Nov. 25, about | In all 31 left. From the final order: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fr. Joseph MacDonnell remained in Iraq because he was also on the faculty of Baghdad College which was not affected at this time.</li><li>• Fr. John J. Donohue was exempted because he was the Superior of the Mission.</li></ul> |
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## Brief Chronology of Expulsion from Baghdad College

1969 – 1970

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*Information below from a series of letters written by Fr. John A. Carty, S.J., Rector of Baghdad College to Fr. General Arrupe, S.J. in Rome between Aug. 27 and Sept. 24, 1969. Copies of these letters were also sent to Fr. Provincial Guindon, S.J. in Boston. The final information, Sept. 30, comes from a letter of Fr. Carty to Fr. John J. Donohue, Superior of the Iraq Mission, on Sept. 21, 1969. These letters were edited to create an article "Baghdad Diary – Last Entries", published in **The Jesuit**, Winter 1969. The article deleted some of the information about the plans for the disposition of the property at Baghdad College.*

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### 1969

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| Aug. 24              | Fr. Yusuf Seferta, S.J., Iraqi Principal of the school, interrogated by Iraq Intelligence Bureau                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Aug. 24              | A large group of security and police officers, sent by Iraqi Minister of the Interior seal the school buildings and take the keys. They also wanted the Jesuits to vacate the residence so that they could seal it but the Fathers were allowed to stay. No official documents were presented and no official explanation given. |
| Aug. 25              | Order sent from Director General of nationality which stated that all the American Jesuits (30 names or 13? sources differ) were to leave the country within 3 days.                                                                                                                                                             |
| Aug. 26              | Appeals made and extension approved allowing American SJs to remain in Iraq until about the 7 <sup>th</sup> of September.                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Sept. 1 thru Sept. 8 | Most of the American SJs leave Iraq: Merrick, Bennett, Quinn, O'Connor, Kelly, McCarthy, Belcher, Shea, Regan, Mulcahy. Fr. Carty (Rector) and Fr. Powers (Principal) receive an extension to remain to the end of the month.                                                                                                    |
| Sept. 30             | Fr. Carty and Powers leave Iraq. Fr. Seferta and Fr. Clarence Burby, both SJs and Iraqi nationals remain. Decision has been made that the two Iraqi fathers will not continue in the school administration. They will teach religion and look out for the Jesuits property rights.                                               |

### 1970

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| June 13, ca. | Frs. Seferta and Burby leave Baghdad College for Beyrouth. |
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