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Correspondence and miscellaneous papers, circa 1940s-2008, of Sir Lewis Robertson (1922-2008), industrialist and administrator.

Sir Lewis Robertson was born in Dundee into a family of accountants and jute manufacturers. He joined the RAF during WWII, and was posted to Bletchley Park. On demobilization he became director of the family textile business J.F. Robertson Ltd. The company metamorphosed into Scott and Robertson Ltd., of which he became managing director from 1965 to 1970 and chairman from 1968 to 1970. He turned around the fortunes of Grampian Holdings and later became the first Chief Executive of the Scottish Development Agency from 1976 to 1981. Lewis Robertson was linked to other important companies at senior level: Triplex-Lloyd plc, Girobank Scotland, Borthwicks plc, Lilley plc, Havelock Europa plc, Stakis plc, Scottish Financial Enterprise and Postern. He excelled as a corporate recovery specialist and in the 1980s and 1990s led substantial turnarounds as an executive chairman. Between 1991 and 1996, Robertson was Founding Chairman of Postern, the first specialist turnaround consultancy in the UK. He was involved in many government advisory, cultural and charitable bodies serving as Chairman of the Carnegie Trust for the Universities of Scotland, treasurer of the Royal Society of Edinburgh and earlier as Chairman of the Eastern Regional Hospital Board and of the Scottish Arts Council.

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