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Original typescripts of several articles, c. 1988-2009, by James Mark Craigen (1938-) and related correspondence, 1973-1980, with three former TUC Secretaries, Lord Shinwell and ex-Prime Minister Harold Macmillan on political and trade union matters.

James Mark Craigen was Head of Organisation and Social Services at the STUC from 1964 until 1968. His responsibilities covered education and training, housing, health, and local government as well as youth affairs. In 1968 he left the STUC to join what later became the Scottish Business Education Council as Assistant Secretary. He also enrolled as part-time student at Heriot-Watt University for a Master's Degree in Business Organisation. In February 1974 he submitted a thesis on 'The Scottish Trade Union Congress, 1897-1973: A Study of a Pressure Group' for which he was awarded the degree of MLitt. in October that year. As a Labour/Co-op MP he held the Glasgow Maryhill seat from 1974 until 1987. From 1974 until 1976 he was Parliamentary Private Secretary to William Ross, Secretary of State for Scotland.

For other material relating to James Craigen see also Acc.10316 and Acc.10476.

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1. Original typescript, 'The Scottish TUC: Tandem Journey, 1897-1979', circa 1988. Subsequently it was published as 'The Scottish TUC: Scotland's Assembly of Labour', chapter 8 of the book edited by Ian Donnachie, Christopher Harvie and Ian S. Wood, *Forward! Labour Politics in Scotland, 1888-1988*, Polygon, 1989.
2. Correspondence, 1973-1980, of James Craigen with former TUC general secretaries and political leaders, mainly concerned with his research for a Masters dissertation on 'The Scottish Trades Union Congress, 1897-1973: a Study of a Pressure Group', February 1974.
 - (i) Correspondence with the Rt. Hon. Lord Shinwell, November 1973.
 - (ii) Correspondence with the Rt. Hon. Harold Macmillan, ex-Prime Minister, November-December 1973.
 - (iii) Correspondence with the Rt. Hon. Lord Citrine, September 1974.
 - (iv) Correspondence with Lord Feather, October 1975.
 - (v) Correspondence with Sir Vincent Tewson, October 1975.
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 - (i) 'The First Co-operative?: Fenwick Weavers Society', 9 May 2007.

- (ii) 'Ross – End of Term: An Aide's Memoire on Working with The Rt. Hon. William Ross MBE MP Secretary of State for Scotland, 1974-76', 15 July 2008.
 - (iii) 'George Middleton CBE STUC General Secretary, 1949-1963: Fragments of Memory', 15 July 2008.
 - (iv) 'Mrs Owen Dandy – *Gud* David Dale', 30 January 2009.
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