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In 1995 Loyola University journalism professor Raymond A. Schroth, S.J., published *The American Journey of Eric Sevareid*, the culmination of two years of extensive research into the life of the CBS newsman who, for almost five decades, commented on the American experience.

During a year-long sabbatical beginning in summer 1993, Fr. Schroth lived at Georgetown University in Washington, DC, where he spent countless hours examining the Eric Sevareid Collection at the Library of Congress. Author's inquiries in the book review sections of the *New York Times* and the *Washington Post* yielded responses from friends and colleagues as well as from ordinary fans with memories of Sevareid. Following every lead, Schroth examined the commentator's Norwegian/Upper Midwestern background by visiting North Dakota and Minnesota and contacted and interviewed scores of friends, family members and fellow journalists.

The Schroth/Sevareid research papers feature Schroth's correspondence files and the notes (handwritten and typed) from thorough interviews he conducted with Sevareid acquaintances ranging from a childhood sweetheart to CBS luminaries Walter Cronkite and Dan Rather. Additional materials, Sevareid correspondence, broadcasts, etc. can be found in the Library of Congress and other archives.

Raymond A. Schroth, S.J. was graduated from Fordham University in 1955 and joined the Society of Jesus in 1957. Following his ordination to the priesthood in 1967, he earned his Ph.D. in American Thought and Culture at George Washington University. He taught journalism at Fordham, served as Academic Dean at Rockhurst College in Kansas City and the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Mass, and held the Will and Ariel Durant Chair in the Humanities at St. Peter's College in Jersey City.

He was a member of the Loyola Mass Communications faculty and *Maroon* adviser from 1986 to 1996. He has returned to St. Peter's and is editor of *Conversations on Jesuit Higher Education*. Previous journalistic contributions include articles and reviews on politics, religion, and literature in *Commonweal*, *America*, the *National Catholic Reporter*, the *Los Angeles Times*, *New York Newsday*, the *Kansas City Star*, the *Boston Globe* and others.

*The American Journey of Eric Sevareid*, Schroth's fourth book, is available in the stacks and in Special Collections at the J. Edgar and Louise S. Monroe Library at Loyola.

**THE PAPERS OF AUTHOR RAYMOND A. SCHROTH, S.J.: RESEARCH FOR  
*THE AMERICAN JOURNEY OF ERIC SEVAREID***

Box 1

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1. Grant Proposal
  - The Kaltenborn Foundation 5/20/93
  - Loyola University Faculty Research Grant
2. Search results
  - Arizona State University bibliography 1993
  - *Index to Periodical Literature*
  - *New York Times Index*
  - Journal search
  - ProQuest search
  - Loyola library search
3. Library of Congress information
4. Library of Congress notes
5. Museum of Television and Radio notes
6. Genealogy
7. Eric Sevareid Chronology
8. Velva, North Dakota
  - Schroth notes 16-18 October 1993
  - Maps
  - Velva Association of Commerce agenda 10/18/93
  - Velva: A Community Perspective brochure
  - Miscellaneous brochures
9. *The Valley Star*
10. Canoe trip
  - Schroth notes
  - Reenactment 1993
  - Walter Port obituary 1/30/94
11. Minnesota
  - Schroth notes
  - University publications 1935
  - Excerpt from *The University of Minnesota: 1851-1951* by James Gray
  - *Minnesota: January-February 1985*
  - *Minnesota Daily* October 21, 1993
12. Burgundy Farm Country Day School founding 1946
13. Board meeting minutes 1946-47 Burgundy School
14. Burgundy School 1990s
  - "Voices" (alumni newsletter) interview with Sevareid re school founding
  - 1993 Lois and Eric Sevaried Forum
    - 1) Announcement
    - 2) Program

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15. CBS News
- 1944 newsletter
  - Schroth notes on CBS Bibliography
  - Program: Memorial Service for Richard Salant

Box 2

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1. *New York Times* query responses June 6-7, 1993
  - Jan Saenger
  - Michael Avallone
  - James M. Elwood
  - John DeMetropolis
  - Richard J. Graving
  - Robert Henkel
  - Lewis Turco
  - Helen Johns
  - Peter Reznikoff
  - William M. Murphy
  - Edith Bard Blum
  - Alice B. Colonna
  - Ronald A. May
  - Clem Taylor
  - Ed Apfel
2. *New York Times* query responses June 8-14
  - Pat Munroe
  - Tom Farmer
  - John A. Mann
  - Harold Mayfield
  - Arthur R. Haskins, Sr.
  - Gwen Davis
  - Jim Holsen
  - William P. Schrandt
  - Beth Sweeney
  - J.R. Tucker
  - Benson Bowditch
  - Robert Sherrod
  - Jed Duvall
  - John D. Knowlton
  - Michael A. Hanu
3. *New York Times* query responses June 15-28
  - Jerome L. McLaughlin
  - Susan H. Llewellyn

- S.J. Ronnie
  - Christine D. Kostel
  - Judith A. Fieldstone
  - Stuart D. Cowan
  - Laird B. Anderson
  - Eileen C. Lord
  - Wally Salshutz
  - Mimi Thompson Breed
  - Bill and Geraldine Schofield
4. *New York Times* query responses July 2-15
- Ruth Plymat
  - Irene C. Pichard
  - George J. Doyle
  - Jeff Gralnick
  - Steve Barnes
  - Frank A. Dolan
  - Joseph T. Dembo
  - Janet Sussman Gartner
  - Edgar M Richardson
  - Robert Alexander Marshall
5. *New York Times* query responses July 19-August 26
- James Nelson Goodsell
  - Ruth Cates Baird
  - Paul Hamre
  - Edward C. Brown
  - Remy McBurney
  - Sister Camille D'Arienzo
  - Jennifer A. Sternaman, Gerald R. Ford Library
6. *New York Times* query responses September 4-December 26, 1993 (and without dates)
- Andrea Cohen Bresnick
  - Pat (New Leaf Publishers)
  - Russ Tornabene
  - William D. Dinges
  - Mora Gregg
  - Richard Critchfield
  - John A. Middleton
  - Robert W. Craig
  - J. Dickinson
  - William F. Herrick
  - Robert Freund
  - Margo Howard
  - Ann Guscio
  - Katie Blake

- Paul Colford
- 7. Schroth correspondence—*Washington Post Book World* query and responses
  - *Book World* 5/26/93 and 3/8/94
  - Ronald J. Lefrancois
  - Elaine M. Kunz
  - Kurt Vonnegut
  - Don Sandstrom
  - Gregory Resch
  - John Ayres Armstrong
- 8.. Schroth correspondence--family
  - Tina Savareid Kennedy
  - Suzanne St. Pierre
  - Jeanne Schmidt
  - Celia Sevareid
  - Belen Sevareid
  - Michael Sevareid
  - Peter Sevareid
- 9. Schroth correspondence—archives and libraries
  - University of Minnesota
  - Luther College
  - Seeley G. Mudd Manuscript Library
  - University of Alabama at Huntsville
  - University of Hawaii at Hilo
  - Arizona State University
  - Ronald Reagan Library
- 10. Schroth correspondence 1993
  - D.D. Guttenplan (FOIA)
  - Howard K. Smith
  - Mrs. Edward R. Murrow
  - Joseph Wershba
  - William A. Leonard
  - Jack Schneider
  - Dick Harnett
  - Frank Stanton
  - Richard M. Scammon
  - Irene Jaskoski
  - Jack Jackson
  - Mr. and Mrs. Martin Quigley
  - William J. Small
  - Joseph T. Dembo
  - Michael F. Wiedl III
  - Joan Dickinson
  - London School of Economics

- Mrs. Richard Salant
- 11. Schroth correspondence 1994
  - Howard Stringer
  - Walter Cronkite
  - Tom Bettag
  - Roger Mudd
  - Daniel Schorr
  - Dan Rather
  - George Juergens
  - James Reston
  - John P. Cosgrove
  - Gitta Sereny
  - Eric Bye
  - John Staudenmaier SJ
- 12. Schroth correspondence—responses from readers
  - 1/3/93 signature illegible
  - Bob
  - Douglas Cater
  - JJE, SJ (John Eddy?)
  - Perry Wolff
  - Mike Wilson
  - John Paton Davies
  - Joan Dickinson
  - Larry Padburg (?)
  - Ed Bliss
  - Peter Reichard, Jenny Johnson and Chris Bonura
- 13. Schroth interviews—family
  - Jeanne Schmidt
  - Beth Sevareid, Janet Olson
  - Celia Sevareid
  - Tharsella Sevareid
  - Belen Marshall Sevareid
  - Michael Sevareid
  - Tina Sevareid Kennedy
- 14. Schroth interviews—family
  - Alice Hougen
  - Lee Hougen
  - Jane H. Fast
  - Sherman Finger Jr.
  - Sherman Finger III
  - Eben Finger
- 15. Schroth interviews—Velva/Minnesota
  - Helen Kramer
  - Margaret Loberg

- Jack Jackson
  - Richard Scammon
  - John Lawler
  - Mrs. Richard G. (Nan Scallon) Abell
  - Martin Quigley
  - Arthur Burck
  - Judge Earl Larson
16. Schroth interviews—Minnesota
- Lee Loevinger
  - Al Kosek
  - Frederick Manfred

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1. Schroth interviews—friends
  - Abigail McCarthy
  - Adele Brown
  - Philip Stoddard Brown
  - Kathryn Stone
  - Ruth Woods
  - Rev. William Bason
  - Charles E. Beatley Jr.
2. Schroth interviews—friends
  - Robert Craig
  - Robert Syme Jr., MD
  - Nancy Bean White Hector
  - Miscellaneous
3. Schroth interviews—CBS/professional
  - John Bessor
  - Ed Bliss & wife Lois
  - Francelia Butler
  - Douglas Cater
  - Sir Geoffrey Cox
  - Rita Stearns Delmont
  - Robert Craig
  - William Crawford
  - Walter Cronkite
4. Schroth interviews—CBS/professional
  - John Paton Davies
  - Joan Y. Dickinson
  - Edward M. Fouhy
  - Marion Freedman Goldin
  - Richard C. Hottlelet
  - Ernest Leiser

- Marvin Kalb
- Bill Leonard
- 5. Schroth interviews—CBS/professional
  - Larry LeSueur
  - Dottie Lynch
  - Gordon Manning
  - Robert Manning
  - Sig Mickelson
  - Leslie Midgley
  - Janet Murrow
  - Newbold Noyes
- 6. Schroth interviews—CBS/professional
  - Dan Rather
  - Suzanne Stamps Rheinstein
  - John Sack
  - Ray Scherer
  - Jack Schneider
  - Daniel Schorr
  - William J. (Bill) Small
  - Howard K. Smith
- 7. Schroth interviews—CBS/professional
  - Sandy Socolov
  - Frank Stanton
  - Emerson Stone
  - Arthur Taylor
  - Joseph Wershba
  - Perry Wolff
- 8. Lists of contacts
- 9. Lists of contacts
- 10. Miscellaneous correspondence
- 11. Miscellaneous photographs
- 12. Programs: Severeid appearances
  - “Direction ’72” Tulane University 4/19-23
  - Ceres Williamsburg Conference 1989