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- Box 1 Files 1-3 *Conversations in Bloomsbury* by Mulkj Raj Anand. The 1997 OUP edition, re-edited by me for Vision Books
- Files 4-5 First proofs of *Conversation in Bloomsbury*.
- Files 6-7 Second proofs of *Conversations in Bloomsbury*.
- File 8 Notes to Editor and corrections to proofs through emails and telephone. See also correspondence with Director/Editor Kapil Malhotra in Box 2, Files 11 & 12.
- File 9 My notes, reading, etc. for writing the Introduction to *Conversations*.
- File 10 Introduction: Draft and final copy. See also my correspondence with Kapil Malhotra in Box 2, Files 11 & 12.
- Box 2 Files 11-12 Correspondence with Director Kapil Malhotra (Vision Books, New Delhi) from April 2009 to December 2010—the completion of *Conversations*. In addition to the present text, the letters deal with the feasibility of publishing other titles as well.
- File 13 Correspondence with publisher V.K. Karthika of HarperCollins, Gary Buckland of the Naval and Military Press (UK) and the Editors of Penguin Books regarding the publication of Frank Richards' *Old Soldier Sahib*, and other matters.
- File 14 Correspondence with Director Priya Kapoor of Roli Books and Professor Kamal Verma (Univ. of Pittsburg) re: editing a selection from Anand's autobiographies. I decline the offer, and suggested Verma for the job.
- File 15 Letter to Prime Minister (India) about preserving Anand's manuscript and other papers; correspondence with S.M. Baqar (Director: National Archives), who has initiated action to acquire Anand papers. Also, correspondence between Anand and the PM, and Kewal Anand and PM.
- File 16-17 Correspondence with Kewal Anand (adopted son of Mulk Raj Anand) on various issues (personal and professional) arising from Anand having died intestate.
- File 18 Correspondence with Anand research scholars in the US and UK (Ms. M Bhagat-Kennedy, George Rosemary, R.S. Ahmed).
- File 19 Correspondence with Professor Shyamala Narayan (re: my visit, invitation, etc., to Jamia Univ.), Dr Shubha Mishra (re: her publication on me; see File 24), and Susan Rao, wife of novelist Raja Rao.
- File 20 Correspondence with Katie Sahiar, Jyothi Chavda and Zarir Karanjia. The first two are contestants to Anand's property and the third, Zarir, is one of the trustees.
- File 21 Correspondence with Prof. A.S. Dasan (Anand biographer), M. Kundari, Rizwan Khan and Vibha Sharma. Among topics discussed is my visit to the universities of Mysore and Aligarh.
- File 22 Invitation, programme, topics of lecture, etc., regarding my visit to the universities of Mysore and Aligarh in February 2009.
- File 23 Brief correspondence with novelists Keki Daruwala and Boman Desai, Professor Victor Ramraj, and Gillian Murad (wife of the late James Minifie). Also with S.K. Singh (Governor of Rajasthan) and his wife. For details, see attached notes.
- File 24 Biographical: (a) Recent entries in Directories, Dictionaries, etc. (b) Interview, and a chapter by Shubha Mishra to be published in *Parsi Voices in Indian Fiction*, Dattasons, India, 2011. Also, an Interview in *Modern Indian English Fiction* (1993).
- File 25-26 Student Attendance and Grades from Sept. 1963 to Dec. 1994. A record of all classes taught from the time I joined University to my retirement in July 1995. [Six books]
- Box 3 File 27 G.V. Desani: *A Consideration of All About H. Hatterr*; Reviews; Biographical Sketch prepared by the author. [See [note attached to file; also previous fonds.]
- File 28 Three books in Russian (one of which is on Anand), inscribed and presented

to me by the author Elena Kalinnokova. She was interpreter when I visited Moscow at the invitation of the Soviet Writers Union. [See my note in the file].

File 29

File 30

A pocket size catalogue listing my early fiction

The Literature of the Raj Series (Arnold Publishers) (5 titles) (Cowasjee was General Editor) [See note attached to the books.]

1. *Confessions of a Thug*, Philip Meadows Taylor
2. *An Indian Day*, Edward Thompson
3. *Durbar*, Dennis Kincaid
4. *On the Face of the Waters*, Flora Annie Steel
5. *Indigo*, Christine Weston

Audio Cassettes (5)

1. Saros Cowasjee interviewed on CBC FM, May 5, 1991
2. Gordon Wish, Saros Cowasjee CBC Stereo Radio Writers and Co. 5 May, 1991
3. "Strangers Meeting" CBC Radio October 4/5, Read by Sujith Varughese
4. The British Council – recorded sound section Tape No. 1996 Interviews with Commonwealth Writers Saros Cowasjee to Alastair Niven. Reading in Singapore

CD (1)

1. "What Price Bread" Written by Saros Cowasjee Read by Colin Vint March 2001 CBC Radio

Reel-to-Reel (1)

1. Reading from *Elsa*, April 26, 27

This material consist of 3 readings of stories on the CBC, 2 readings from Cowasjee's fiction, and 2 interviews.