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LOUIS XHIGNESSE

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Biographical Sketch: Louis Xhignesse was born in Belgium. Xhignesse worked as a volunteer intelligence agent in occupied Belgium for the Belgian High Command in exile during the Second World War. Around 1951 Xhignesse moved to the United States and in 1963 he came to the University of Regina as a Special Lecturer, where he remained as Assistant and then Associate Professor of Social Studies until his retirement in 1987.

From 1951 to 1955 Xhignesse studied Aeronautical Engineering and Aeronautical Maintenance and then completed a Bachelor of Science in Mathematical-Engineering at the University of Illinois, Urbana. He began graduate work in Engineering Psychology but became interested in the communications program at the University of Illinois' Institute of Communications. In 1961, he began his doctorate in the study of communications and engineering psychology and by 1963 had completed his course work and examinations.

In 1963, Xhignesse came to the University of Regina, following Dallas Smythe, under whom he had studied at the University of Illinois. He continued work on his thesis but never completed it. From 1963 to 1987, Xhignesse taught, primarily, for the Department of Social Studies, as well as for the Canadian Plains Studies Program, Engineering, Psychology, and Religious Studies. Many of Xhignesse's classes were interdisciplinary in nature, and usually fell outside the core of required classes. In Social Studies he lectured on such topics as: the Symbolic Basis of Behavior, Communication and Social Reality, Man and Time, Time and Change, Propaganda, and Ecological Perspectives. Xhignesse worked on developing an undergraduate Human Information and Ecology Program, and a Social Studies (Human Ecology) Laboratory.

The following lists Xhignesse's terms of appointments:

- 1963 - Special Lecturer in the Division of Social Sciences
- 1972 - Assistant Professor of Social Studies, Division of Social Sciences
- 1974 - Associate Professor of Social Studies, Division of Social Sciences
- 1977 - Department of Social Studies becomes the Department of Sociology and Social Studies

Scope and Content:

This collection covers primarily 1986 and 1987 and consists of correspondence, notes, and reports regarding French education in Canada and Saskatchewan in particular. The majority of this collection focuses on the development and completion of the Réseau Télématicque et Adaptation Professionnelle, or R.T.A.P. I and II, a project which involved distance education with a focus on French classes and the francophone population.

*Note on arrangement: Files reorganized and some file titles altered - original order not useable.

Box 1	Correspondence	
1.	Association Canadienne D'Education de Langue Française (ACELF)	1986
2.	Geoffrey Gurd, Department of Communications, CCRIT	1987
3.	Gustave Dubois includes information re: L'Enseignement postsecondaire a distance pour les francophones du Canada	1986
4.	Henri Golczyk re: rapport (report)	June – July 1986
5.	Saskatchewan Deputy Minister of Education – re: University of Regina Bilingual Centre	1987
6.	University of Regina – Mr. P. Van Vliet	November 1986
7.	University of Regina re: Réseau Provincial (includes notes)	1987
	Miscellaneous	
8.	Information re: education and educational development in Canada (French)	1986
	Notes and Correspondence	
9.	University of Regina – Re: Réseau Télématique et les Besoins Éducatifs de la Population Francophone en Saskatchewan; U of R Bilingual Studies Centre	1986
	Notes and Information	
10.	re: distance education in Canada: A Saskatchewan Perspective, U of R Bilingual Studies Centre	1986
	R.T.A.P. I (Réseau Télématique et Adaptation Professionnelle I)	
11.	Notes, information, correspondence – re: Téléuniversité Montréal	1986
	R.T.A.P. II (Réseau Télématique et Adaptation Professionnelle II)	
12.	Correspondence and Information (French) – re: Logiciels et Services (Software and Services)	n.d.
13.	Contract, includes notes and information	1986 – 1987
14.	Correspondence	1986
15.	Finances	1986 – 1987
16.	Notes	November – December 1986
17.	Notes	1986 – 1987
18.	Phase II report and notes (French)	1986 – 1987
19.	Rapport Final (Final Report)	1986 – 1987
20.	Re: ressources locales	1986 – 1987
	Writing by Louis	
21.	Re: Rapport intérimaire (Interim report), includes correspondence	January 1986
Box 2	Writing and Correspondence (French)	
22.	Louis and Carol Léonard (French)	1987 – 1988
23.	Louis and Carol Léonard – re: relève	