Granville Klink's Scrapbooks

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Granville Klink was the chief engineer at local radio station WTOP (formerly WJSV) for around 50 years. He compiled several scrapbooks with clippings and other items documenting the station's history and radio broadcasting in the nation's capital in general. They contain a wealth of interesting information. The museum plans to digitize this material and make it available on our members-only website section.

Klink was a key person working with the Defense Department in designing the CONELRAD (CONtrol of ELectromagniet RADiation) system, which, during the Cold War, provided a way for commercial radio stations to be taken off the air in case of a nuclear war with the Soviet Union. (The concern was that Russian bombers coming over the North Pole would use direction finding equipment to zero in on radio station signals to help them find their targets.) WTOP was a key CONELRAD station, close to the White House and the Pentagon.