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Collection Summary

Title: Malcolm Toon Papers
Span Dates: 1946-1998
Bulk Dates: (bulk 1992-1998)
ID No.: MSS84829
Creator: Toon, Malcolm, 1916-
Extent: 350 items ; 32 containers plus 1 oversize and 1 classified ; 13 linear feet
Language: Collection material in English and Russian
Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
Summary: Diplomat. Briefing books, correspondence, photographs, printed matter, proceedings, and reports regarding Toon's service on the United States-Russia Joint Commission on POW/MIA Affairs.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

People
Peterson, Douglas Brian.
Toon, Malcolm, 1916-
Volkogonov, Dmitriĭ Antonovich.

Organizations
U.S.-Russia Joint Commission on POW/MIAs.

Subjects
Cold War--Missing in action.
Cold War--Prisoners and prisons.
Korean War, 1950-1953--Prisoners and prisons.
Prisoners of war.
World War, 1939-1945--Missing in action.
World War, 1939-1945--Prisoners and prisons.

Places

Occupations
Diplomats.

Administrative Information

Provenance
The papers of Malcolm Toon, diplomat, were given to the Library of Congress by Toon in 2001.

Copyright Status
Copyright in the unpublished writings of Malcolm Toon in these papers and in other collections of papers in the custody of the Library of Congress has been dedicated to the public.
Access and Restrictions

The papers of Malcolm Toon are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

Security Classified Documents

Government regulations control the use of security classified items in this collection. Manuscript Division staff can furnish information concerning access to and use of classified material.

Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Malcolm Toon Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

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<th>Event</th>
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<tr>
<td>1916, July 4</td>
<td>Born, Troy, N.Y.</td>
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<td>1937</td>
<td>B.A., Tufts University, Medford, Mass.</td>
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<td>1939</td>
<td>M.A., Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University, Medford, Mass.</td>
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<td>1942-1946</td>
<td>Ensign and lieutenant commander, U. S. Naval Reserves</td>
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<td>1943</td>
<td>Married Elizabeth Jane Taylor</td>
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<td>1946-1960</td>
<td>Foreign service officer</td>
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<td>1969-1971</td>
<td>Ambassador to Czechoslovakia</td>
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<td>Ambassador to Yugoslavia</td>
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<td>1976-1979</td>
<td>Ambassador to USSR</td>
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<td>1980</td>
<td>Received Distinguished Honor Award, State Department</td>
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<td>1992-1998</td>
<td>Cochair, United States-Russia Joint Commission on POW/MIA Affairs</td>
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Scope and Content Note

The papers of Malcolm Toon (1916- ) span the years 1946-1998, with the bulk of the material dating from 1992 to 1998. The papers are in English and Russian and are organized in the following series: Scrapbooks, Miscellany, Oversize, and Classified.

The scrapbooks include correspondence, ephemera, photographs, printed matter, and reports regarding the work of the United States-Russia Joint Commission on POW/MIA Affairs. The commission tracked military personnel missing from World War II, the Cold War, and the Korean, Vietnam, and Afghanistan conflicts. Prominent members of the commission included the Russian cochair Dmitrii Antonovich Volkogonov and United States Senator Pete Peterson. Social activities of the commissioners are also documented.
Unbound items in the *Miscellany* series also pertain to the POW/MIA commission. Included are briefing books, printed matter, and reports regarding the commission's plenary sessions, supplementary meetings, and working groups.

**Organization of the Papers**

The collection is arranged in four series:

- **Scrapbooks, 1992-1998**
- **Miscellany, 1946-1998**
- **Oversize, 1993-1998**
- **Classified, 1992-1998**
### Description of Series

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<td>Miscellany, 1946-1998</td>
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<td>BOX OV 1</td>
<td>Oversize, 1993-1998</td>
<td>Press booklet. Arranged and described according to the series, container, and folder from which it was removed.</td>
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Scrapbooks containing correspondence, photographs, printed ephemera, printed material, and reports regarding the work of the United States-Russia Joint Commission on POW/MIA Affairs.  
Arranged chronologically. |
| BOX 1     | 1992  
June-July *See also Classified* |
| BOX 2     | June-Sept. *See also Classified* |
| BOX 3     | Sept.-Dec. *See also Classified* |
| BOX 4     | 1992, Dec.-1993, Mar. *See also Classified* |
| BOX 5     | 1993  
Mar.-Apr. *See also Classified* |
| BOX 6     | Apr.-Aug. *See also Classified* |
| BOX 7     | Sept.-Nov. *See also Classified* |
| BOX 8     | 1993, Nov.-1994, Jan. *See also Classified* |
| BOX 9     | 1994  
Feb.-Apr. *See also Classified* |
| BOX 10    | Apr.-July *See also Classified* |
| BOX 11    | Aug. *See also Classified* |
| BOX 12    | Aug.-Oct. *See also Classified* |
| BOX 13    | 1994, Oct.-1995, Jan. *See also Classified* |
| BOX 14    | 1995  
Feb.-Mar. *See also Classified* |
| BOX 15    | Apr.-Aug. *See also Classified* |
| BOX 16    | Aug.-Sept.  
Aug.-Nov.  
BOX 17    |
| BOX 18    | 1995, Nov.-1996, May *See also Classified* |
| BOX 19    | 1996  
May-June *See also Classified* |
| BOX 20    | June-Sept. *See also Classified* |
| BOX 22    | 1997, May-1998, Nov. *See also Classified* |
| BOX 23-32 | **Miscellany, 1946-1998**  
Briefing books, printed matter, and reports pertaining to plenary sessions, supplemental meetings, and working groups of the United States-Russia Joint Commission on POW/MIA Affairs.  
Arranged alphabetically by topic and therein chronologically. |
(2 folders) |

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|           | General correspondence, 1989-1993, undated *See also Classified*  
(2 folders) |
| Meetings  | Moscow, Russia  
1992 *See also Classified* |
| BOX 24    | Moscow, Russia  
1995  
Prague, Czechoslovakia, 1992  
Tallinn, Estonia, 1993  
Washington, D.C.  
1995-1997  
(2 folders)  
1998  
May |
|           | June-Sept. *See also Classified*  
(2 folders) |
| Plenary sessions | Sixth, 1993  
Proceedings  
Russian-language documents  
Seventh, 1993  
Briefing book and talking points  
Printed matter |
| BOX 25    | Eighth, 1994  
Briefing book and talking points  
Proceedings  
Russian-language documents  
Supplementary material  
Tenth, 1994  
Briefing book and talking points  
Proceedings |
| BOX 26    | Eleventh, 1994  
Thirteenth, 1996  
Printed matter  
1946, 1990-1991  
1992  
Apr.-June  
(2 folders) |
| BOX 27    | July-Dec.  
(2 folders)  
1993-1997, undated *See also Classified* |
| SOVET DOCUMENTS | circa 1945  
(4 folders) |
(3 folders) |
### Task Force Russia

- **Analytical reports, 1992, undated**
- **General reports**
  - 1992 (2 folders)
  - 1993
    - Jan.-Feb.
  - **Mar.-July (2 folders)**
    - “Questions Requiring Further Clarification,” undated

### Working groups
- **Afghanistan, 1992-1994**
- **Cold War**
  - Status report, 1995
  - Supplementary material, 1992-1998, undated See also Oversize

### Korean War

- **Russian-language documents, undated**
- **Summary report, 1995**
- **Supplementary material, 1992-1998, undated**
- **Update, 1998**
- **Vietnam, 1992-1995**
- **World War II**
  - Report, 1995

### Over-size, 1993-1998

- **Press booklet.**
  - Arranged and described according to the series, container, and folder from which it was removed.

### Miscellany

- **Working groups**
  - **Cold War**
    - Supplementary material
    - Press coverage booklet, 1993-1998 (Container 30)

### Classified, 1992-1998

- **Correspondence and reports.**
  - Arranged and described according to the series, containers, and folders from which the items were removed.

### Scrapbooks

- **1992**
  - June-July (Container 1)
  - June-Sept. (Container 2)
  - Sept.-Dec. (Container 3)
  - 1993
Mar.-Apr. (Container 5)
Apr.-Aug. (Container 6)
Sept.-Nov. (Container 7)
1993, Nov.-1994, Jan. (Container 8)
1994
Feb.-Apr. (Container 9)
Apr.-July (Container 10)
Aug. (Container 11)
Aug.-Oct. (Container 12)
1995
Feb.-Mar. (Container 14)
Apr.-Aug. (Container 15)
1995, Nov.-1996, May (Container 18)
1996
May-June (Container 19)
June-Sept. (Container 20)
1997, May-1998, Nov. (Container 22)
Miscellany
General correspondence, 1989-1993, undated (Container 23)
Meetings
Moscow, Russia
1992 (Container 23)
Washington, D.C.
1998
June-Sept. (Container 25)
Printed matter
1993-1997, undated (Container 28)