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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

Extent: 32 containers plus 1 oversize and 1 classified

Extent: 13 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English and Russian

Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

LC Catalog record: <https://lcn.loc.gov/mm2001084829>

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 LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

People

Peterson, Douglas Brian.

Toon, Malcolm, 1916-2009.

Volkogonov, D. A. (Dmitrii 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--Missing in action.

Korean War, 1950-1953--Prisoners and prisons.

Prisoners of war.

Vietnam War, 1961-1975--Missing in action.

Vietnam War, 1961-1975--Prisoners and prisons.

World War, 1939-1945--Missing in action.

World War, 1939-1945--Prisoners and prisons.

Places

Afghanistan--History--Soviet occupation, 1979-1989--Missing in action.

Afghanistan--History--Soviet occupation, 1979-1989--Prisoners and prisons.

Occupations

Diplomats.

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Copyright in the unpublished writings of Malcolm Toon in these papers and in other collections of papers in the custody of the Library of Congress has been dedicated to the public.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

Date	Event
1916, July 4	Born, Troy, N.Y.
1937	B.A., Tufts University, Medford, Mass.
1939	M.A., Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University, Medford, Mass.
1942-1946	Ensign and lieutenant commander, U. S. Naval Reserves
1943	Married Elizabeth Jane Taylor
1946-1960	Foreign service officer
1969-1971	Ambassador to Czechoslovakia
1971-1975	Ambassador to Yugoslavia
1975-1976	Ambassador to Israel
1976-1979	Ambassador to USSR
1980	Received Distinguished Honor Award, State Department
1992-1998	Cochair, United States-Russia Joint Commission on POW/MIA Affairs

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

Container	Series
BOX 1-22	<p><u>Scrapbooks, 1992-1998</u></p> <p>Scrapbooks containing correspondence, photographs, printed ephemera, printed material, and reports regarding the work of the United States-Russia Joint Commission on POW/MIA Affairs.</p> <p>Arranged chronologically.</p>
BOX 23-32	<p><u>Miscellany, 1946-1998</u></p> <p>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.</p> <p>Arranged alphabetically by topic and therein chronologically.</p>
BOX OV 1	<p><u>Oversize, 1993-1998</u></p> <p>Press booklet.</p> <p>Arranged and described according to the series, container, and folder from which it was removed.</p>
BOX CL 1	<p><u>Classified, 1992-1998</u></p> <p>Correspondence and reports.</p> <p>Arranged and described according to the series, containers, and folders from which the items were removed.</p>

Container List

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BOX 1-22	Scrapbooks, 1992-1998 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 <i>See also Classified</i>
BOX 2	June-Sept. <i>See also Classified</i>
BOX 3	Sept.-Dec. <i>See also Classified</i>
BOX 4	1992, Dec.-1993, Mar. <i>See also Classified</i>
BOX 5	1993 Mar.-Apr. <i>See also Classified</i>
BOX 6	Apr.-Aug. <i>See also Classified</i>
BOX 7	Sept.-Nov. <i>See also Classified</i>
BOX 8	1993, Nov.-1994, Jan. <i>See also Classified</i>
BOX 9	1994 Feb.-Apr. <i>See also Classified</i>
BOX 10	Apr.-July <i>See also Classified</i>
BOX 11	Aug. <i>See also Classified</i>
BOX 12	Aug.-Oct. <i>See also Classified</i>
BOX 13	1994, Oct.-1995, Jan. <i>See also Classified</i>
BOX 14	1995 Feb.-Mar. <i>See also Classified</i>
BOX 15	Apr.-Aug. <i>See also Classified</i>
BOX 16	Aug.-Sept.
BOX 17	Aug.-Nov.
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BOX 19	1996 May-June <i>See also Classified</i>
BOX 20	June-Sept. <i>See also Classified</i>
BOX 21	1996, Oct.-1997, June
BOX 22	1997, May-1998, Nov. <i>See also Classified</i>
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.
BOX 23	“Comprehensive Report of the U.S. Side of the U.S.-Russia Joint Commission on POW/MIAS,” 1996 (2 folders)

Miscellany, 1946-1998

Container

Contents

	General correspondence, 1989-1993, undated <i>See also Classified</i> (2 folders)
	Meetings
	Moscow, Russia
	1992 <i>See also Classified</i>
BOX 24	1995
	Prague, Czechoslovakia, 1992
	Tallinn, Estonia, 1993
	Washington, D.C.
	1995-1997 (2 folders)
	1998
	May
BOX 25	June-Sept. <i>See also Classified</i> (2 folders)
	Plenary sessions
	Sixth, 1993
	Proceedings
	Russian-language documents
	Seventh, 1993
	Briefing book and talking points
	Printed matter
BOX 26	Eighth, 1994
	Briefing book and talking points
	Proceedings
	Russian-language documents
	Supplementary material
	Tenth, 1994
	Briefing book and talking points
	Proceedings
BOX 27	Eleventh, 1994
	Thirteenth, 1996
	“Preliminary Investigation Report and Preliminary Notes to Soviet Government,” 1958
	Printed matter
	1946, 1990-1991
	1992
	Apr.-June (2 folders)
BOX 28	July-Dec. (2 folders)
	1993-1997, undated <i>See also Classified</i>
	Soviet documents
	circa 1945 (4 folders)
BOX 29	(2 folders)
	1951-1959, 1966, 1972, 1983, 1992-1998, undated (3 folders)

Miscellany, 1946-1998

Container

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	Task Force Russia
	Analytical reports, 1992, undated
	General reports
	1992
	(2 folders)
	1993
	Jan.-Feb.
BOX 30	Mar.-July
	(2 folders)
	“Questions Requiring Further Clarification,” undated
	Working groups
	Afghanistan, 1992-1994
	Cold War
	Status report, 1995
	Supplementary material, 1992-1998, undated <i>See also Oversize</i>
BOX 31	Korean War
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	Summary report, 1995
	Supplementary material, 1992, undated
	Update, 1998
	Vietnam, 1992-1995
	World War II
	Report, 1995
BOX 32	Summary, undated
BOX OV 1	Oversize, 1993-1998
	Press booklet.
	Arranged and described according to the series, container, and folder from which it was removed.
BOX OV 1	Miscellany
	Working groups
	Cold War
	Supplementary material
	Press coverage booklet, 1993-1998 (Container 30)
BOX CL 1	Classified, 1992-1998
	Correspondence and reports.
	Arranged and described according to the series, containers, and folders from which the items were removed.
BOX CL 1	Scrapbooks
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	June-July (Container 1)
	June-Sept. (Container 2)
	Sept.-Dec. (Container 3)
	1992, Dec.-1993, Mar. (Container 4)
	1993

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Sept.-Nov. ([Container 7](#))
1993, Nov.-1994, Jan. ([Container 8](#))
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Feb.-Apr. ([Container 9](#))
Apr.-July ([Container 10](#))
Aug. ([Container 11](#))
Aug.-Oct. ([Container 12](#))
1994, Oct.-1995, Jan. ([Container 13](#))
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1995, Nov.-1996, May ([Container 18](#))
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Washington, D.C.
1998
June-Sept. ([Container 25](#))
Printed matter
1993-1997, undated ([Container 28](#))