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Collection Summary

Title: Whitman Bassow Papers

Span Dates: 1920-1990

ID No.: MSS80832

Creator: Bassow, Whitman

Extent: 250 items

Extent: 4 containers

Extent: 1.6 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

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

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Summary: Journalist and foundation official. Transcripts of interviews conducted by Bassow with journalists who worked in the Soviet Union as foreign correspondents for various news organizations for his book, *The Moscow Correspondents: Reporting on Russia from the Revolution to Glasnost* (1988) and related correspondence, notes, clippings, and photographs.

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

Bassow, Whitman.

Bassow, Whitman. Moscow correspondents: reporting on Russia from the revolution to Glasnost. 1988.

Subjects

Foreign correspondents--Russia (Federation)--Moscow.

Places

Soviet Union--History.

Occupations

Journalists.

Provenance

The papers of Whitman Bassow, journalist and foundation official, were donated to the Library of Congress by Bassow in 1990 and 1992.

Processing History

The papers of Whitman Bassow were arranged and described in 1996. The finding aid was revised in 2007.

Transfers

Sound recordings have been transferred to the Motion Picture, Broadcasting, and Recorded Sound Division where they are identified as part of the Whitman Bassow Papers.

Copyright Status

Copyright in the unpublished writings of Whitman Bassow in these papers and in other collections of papers in the custody of the Library of Congress has been dedicated to the public.

Restrictions

Restrictions apply governing the use, photoduplication, or publication of items in this collection. Consult a reference librarian in the Manuscript Division concerning these restrictions.

Preferred Citation

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

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Whitman Bassow (circa 1921-), a journalist who reported from Moscow as a United Press International correspondent and as *Newsweek's* first bureau chief in the Soviet capital, span the years 1920-1990. They consist of material collected for his book *The Moscow Correspondents: Reporting on Russia from the Revolution to Glasnost* (1988). The bulk of the collection comprises transcripts of interviews Bassow conducted with correspondents who related their experiences working in the Soviet Union for various news organizations. These interview files, arranged alphabetically by name, also contain Bassow's notes, clippings, and occasional correspondence with interview subjects. There is also a file of photographs compiled for this book.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged alphabetically by type of material. Interview files are arranged alphabetically by name.

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| BOX 1 | Daniel, Clifton E., undated |
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| BOX 1 | Dunphy, Harry, 1984 |
| BOX 1 | Ensz, Reinhold G., 1978, 1984-1985 |
| BOX 1 | Ervasti, Roxinne, undated |
| BOX 1 | Fowle, Farnsworth, 1984 |
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| BOX 2 | Gallegher, James, 1984 |
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| BOX 4 | Photographs, 1920-1922, 1942-1943, 1956-1957, 1963-1965, 1973-1977, 1983, 1990, undated |