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Collection Summary

Title: Jan Krc Papers

Span Dates: 1984-2017

Bulk Dates: (bulk 1984-1994)

ID No.: MSS86195

Creator: Krc, Jan, 1956-

Extent: 2400 items

Extent: 7 containers plus 1 classified

Extent: 2.8 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

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

LC Catalog record: <https://lcn.loc.gov/mm2017086195>

Summary: Foreign Service officer. Court memoranda, depositions, briefs, correspondence, and other material related to Krc's legal case against the United States Information Agency.

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

Krc, Jan, 1956-

Organizations

Gays and Lesbians in Foreign Affairs Agencies.

United States Information Agency.

Subjects

Civil service--United States.

Diplomatic and consular service, American.

Discrimination in employment--United States.

Discrimination--United States

Gay people in the civil service--United States.

Gay people--Employment--United States.

Gay people--Government policy--United States.

Gay people--Legal status, laws, etc.--United States.

Gay people--United States.

Homosexuality--Government policy--United States.

Homosexuality--Law and legislation--United States.

Homosexuality--Societies, etc.

Homosexuality--United States.

National security--United States.

Sexual minorities--Employment--United States.

Sexual minorities--Government policy--United States.

Sexual minorities--Legal status, laws, etc.--United States.

Sexual minorities--United States.

Occupations

Foreign service officers.

Provenance

The papers of Jan Krc were given to the Library of Congress by Krc in 2017.

Related Material

Additional material related to Jan Krc's legal case can be found in the [Frank Kameny papers](#).

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Jan Krc is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The papers of Jan Krc 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 material in this collection. Manuscript Division staff can furnish information concerning access to and use of classified materials.

Preferred Citation

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

Biographical Note

Date	Event
1956, Sept. 12	Born, Prague, Czechoslovakia
1967	Immigrated to the United States
1979	B.A., Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn.
1981	M.A.L.D., Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University, Medford, Mass.
1983-1984	Consular, U.S. Information Agency, Belgrade, Yugoslavia
1984-1993	Program officer, International Visitors Program, Department of State, Washington D.C.
1992	Co-founded, Gays and Lesbians in Foreign Affairs Agencies
1994-1996	Consular, Department of State, Istanbul, Turkey
1996-1998	Consular, Department of State, Frankfurt, Germany
1998-1999	Intelligence and research watch officer, State Department Operations Center, Department of State, Washington, D.C.
2000-2002	Consular, Department of State, St. Petersburg, Russia
2002-2006	Information officer, Department of State, Prague, Czech Republic
2007-2010	Information officer, Department of State, Budapest, Hungary
2010-2014	Public affairs officer, Department of State, Vienna, Austria
2014-2018	Liason officer, International Visitors Program, Department of State, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Jan Krc span the years of 1984-2017, with the bulk of the material between 1984-1994. The collection consists primarily of court memoranda and depositions, correspondence, notes, news clippings, and other related documents

concerning Krc's lawsuit with the United States Information Agency (USIA). The papers are organized into three series: [Chronological File](#), [Miscellany](#), and [Classified](#).

Jan Krc began his career in foreign service in 1982, and served as a consular with the USIA in Belgrade, Yugoslavia from 1983-1984. Upon conclusion of his assignment in Belgrade, Krc returned to Washington D.C. where he received a debriefing and interrogation focusing on his homosexuality. After the questioning, Krc's next overseas assignment was cancelled and the USIA attempted to fire him for misconduct. Though those charges were dropped, Krc was reassigned to a different department and forced to remain in the Washington D.C. area, despite his education and desire to serve as a foreign service officer overseas. Krc viewed this reassignment as a result of the USIA learning of his sexual orientation, and sought to legally dispute this discrimination. Through help from Frank Kameny, he was put in contact with the American Civil Liberties Union, who agreed to represent Krc and began a legal battle that ultimately lasted ten years before ending with a denial for a hearing from the United States Supreme Court. This entire timeline of events is documented within the [Chronological File](#), arranged chronologically by year as received by the donor, and contains depositions, memoranda, briefs, correspondence, and other relevant material, beginning with Krc's return from Belgrade and interrogation through his various appeals and denial of a hearing before the Supreme Court.

Other material outside the scope of Krc's protracted legal case can be found under [Miscellany](#). These include articles written by Krc and others related to homosexuality in government, an oral history interview transcript, information on polygraph testing, and newsletters and other relevant items from Gays and Lesbians in Foreign Affairs Agencies (GLIFFA), of which Krc was a founding member.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged in three series:

- [Chronological File, 1984-2017](#)
- [Miscellany, 1992-2017](#)
- [Classified, 1986-1990](#)

Description of Series

Container	Series
BOX 1-7	<p><u>Chronological File, 1984-1994</u></p> <p>Court memoranda, depositions, briefs, correspondence, and other material related to Krc's legal case against the United States Information Agency.</p> <p>Arranged chronologically by year.</p>
BOX 7	<p><u>Miscellany, 1992-2017</u></p> <p>Articles, transcripts, and printed matter unrelated to Jan Krc's legal case.</p> <p>Arranged alphabetically by type of material or subject.</p>
BOX CL 1	<p><u>Classified, 1986-1990</u></p> <p>Documents containing government-security information.</p> <p>Arranged and described according to the series, containers, and folders from which the items were removed.</p>

Container List

Container	Contents
BOX 1-7	Chronological File, 1984-1994 Court memoranda, depositions, briefs, correspondence, and other material related to Krc's legal case against the United States Information Agency. Arranged chronologically by year.
BOX 1	1984 (2 folders)
BOX 1	1985 (5 folders)
BOX 2	(4 folders)
BOX 2	1986 (2 folders)
BOX 3	1986 <i>See also Classified</i> (7 folders)
BOX 4	1987 <i>See also Classified</i> (5 folders)
BOX 4	1988 (1 folder)
BOX 5	1988 (1 folder)
BOX 5	1989 (3 folders)
BOX 5	1990 <i>See also Classified</i> (3 folders)
BOX 6	1990 (2 folders)
BOX 6	1991 (2 folders)
BOX 6	1992 (2 folders)
BOX 7	1993 (2 folders)
BOX 7	1994
BOX 7	Miscellany, 1992-2017 Articles, transcripts, and printed matter unrelated to Jan Krc's legal case. Arranged alphabetically by type of material or subject.
BOX 7	Articles, 1992-1993, undated
BOX 7	Gays and Lesbians in Foreign Affairs Agencies, 1993-1995, 2002, 2013-2017, undated
BOX 7	Oral History transcript, 2016

Miscellany, 1992-2017

Container	Contents
BOX 7	Polygraph resources, 1985-1990
BOX CL 1	Classified, 1986-1990 Documents containing government-security information. Arranged and described according to the series, containers, and folders from which the items were removed.
	Chronological File
BOX CL 1	1986 (Container 3)
BOX CL 1	1987 (Container 4)
BOX CL 1	1990 (Container 5)