

These papers come from the archive of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State. The archive is located in the Special Collections section of the University of Arkansas Library, Fayetteville, Arkansas. The papers in the archive as a whole span from the early 1950s to the late 1970s, but this particular sub-set of records covers approximately the period 1950-1970.

The papers consist of annual reports, planning documents, analyses, memoranda and related material concerning the State Department's educational and cultural exchange programmes as authorised by the Smith-Mundt (1948) and Fulbright-Hayes (1963) legislation. US Embassies were required to keep the Department informed of their activities and achievements in this area of activity, and these records give a clear insight into how each embassy sought to use the programmes to develop closer relations with their respective host country.

The papers are divided up per region: Western Europe, Eastern Europe, and Rest of the World. This allows insight into the different ways in which US educational and cultural programmes were used in different contexts during the Cold War. The selection of countries from the Rest of the World was based on putting together a sample of records concerning either close US allies or strategically important countries for US foreign policy. The records for each country are the complete files as available from the University of Arkansas.

These 'public diplomacy' records are an important addition to the RSC's archives on US foreign relations, since they offer insights on another set of cross-border contacts alongside economic, diplomatic, and military negotiations during the Cold War.

As part of the RSC archives, these papers will have a new numbering to accommodate the division in three parts as noted above. However, each country's original designation in the University of Arkansas collection will be referenced.

WESTERN EUROPE

Box 1

Austria, 1953-1969 (316.8): annual and semi-annual reports – 413 pages

Germany, 1950-1961, 1963-70 (317.16): annual educational and cultural exchange reports, operations memoranda, reports on private U.S. organizations, state department press statements, status reports – 625 pages.

Box 2

Germany, 1950-1961, 1963-70 (317.17): annual educational and cultural exchange reports, operations memoranda, reports on private U.S. organizations, state department press statements, status reports – 625 pages.

Finland, 1955-1969 (317.11): annual reports, memoranda, background papers – 157 pages

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France, 1950-1958 (317.12): annual reports, overviews, operations memoranda, overview key personnel – 773 pages (1 of 2)

France, 1958-1969 (317.13): annual reports, program summaries, objectives outline – 773 pages (2 of 2)

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Greece, 1952-1970 (317.20): historical information, professional activities grantees, annual educational exchange reports – 222 pages.

Iceland, 1950-1970 (317.28): international exchange program reports and clippings – 228 pages.

Box 5

Italy, 1953-1971 (318: 12, 13): annual reports

Box 6

Portugal, 1959-1969 (319.31): annual reports – 135 pages

Spain, 1958-1970 (320.5): annual reports – 233 pages

Box 7

Sweden, 1953-1969 (320.8): annual educational and cultural exchange reports, embassy semi-annual evaluation reports, special reports on U.S. grantees, briefing notes U.S. ambassador – 174 pages.

Switzerland, 1953-1969 (320.9): annual educational and cultural exchange reports, general information – 78 pages.

Box 8

United Kingdom, 1954-1964 (320.21-22): annual reports, overviews – 170 pages

United Kingdom, 1964-1970 (320.23): annual reports – 126 pages

EASTERN EUROPE

Box 1

Bulgaria, 1960-1970 (316.15): annual exchange reports, schedules - 63 pages.

Czechoslovakia, 1961-1969 (317.1): annual educational and cultural exchange reports, program plans and priorities, operations memorandum – 27 pages.

German Democratic Republic, 1971 (317.18): “academic Adventures in East Germany” – 9 pages.

Hungary, 1966-1968 (317.27): annual educational and cultural exchange reports – 14 pages.

Poland, 1959-1970 (319.30): annual educational and cultural exchange reports, nuclear science exchange reports – 112 pages.

Box 2

Romania, 1960-1970 (319.34): annual educational and cultural exchange reports, grantee reports, state department press statements – 80 pages.

U.S.S.R., 1958-1964 (320.26): annual educational and cultural exchange reports and surveys, news bulletins, debriefings – 106 pages.

Yugoslavia, 1951-1970 (320.32): annual educational and cultural exchange reports, official exchange of persons program memoranda, political press notes/statements – 247 pages.

REST OF THE WORLD

Chile, 1948-1963 (316.23): exchange students overview, (semi-) annual exchange reports, state dept. press statements, Chilean background information - 338 pages.

Chile, 1964-1969 (316.24): exchange students overview, (semi-) annual exchange reports, state dept. press statements, Chilean background information - 338 pages.

Cuba, 1940-1961 (316.30): annual exchange reports, list of reports and surveys – 143 pages.

India, 1954-1961 (317.29): annual educational and cultural exchange reports, committee and activity reports, paper on cultural exchange with India, congressional debriefing and appendix books, Kenneth Bruce debriefing – 422 pages.

India, 1961 (317.30): annual educational and cultural exchange reports, committee and activity reports, paper on cultural exchange with India, congressional debriefing and appendix books, Kenneth Bruce debriefing – 422 pages.

India, 1963-1964 (318.1): India wheat loan educational program, annual educational and cultural exchange reports – 399 pages.

India, 1965-1970 (318.2): India wheat loan educational program, annual educational and cultural exchange reports – 399 pages.

Indonesia, 1953-1959 (318.3): annual educational and cultural exchange reports, grantee backgrounds, surveys, inventories of educational and technical activities – 247 pages (1 of 2)

Indonesia, 1960-1970 (318.4): annual educational and cultural exchange reports, grantee backgrounds, surveys, inventories of educational and technical activities – 247 pages (2 of 2)

Israel, 1956-1960 (318.10): annual educational and cultural exchange reports, press clippings, reports and recommendations to secretary of state, status reports on grants, office memorandum “mission to Israel” – 322 pages (1 of 2)

Israel, 1960-1970 (318.11): annual educational and cultural exchange reports, press clippings, reports and recommendations to secretary of state, status reports on grants, office memorandum “mission to Israel” – 322 pages (2 of 2)

Japan, 1953-1958 (318.16): annual educational and cultural exchange reports, report on U.S. embassy, consular service and U.S. information agency operations, grantee evaluations, statistical analysis of returned Fulbright grantees 1952-59, Japan-Harvard international seminar report, funding bill, U.S. financial assistance overview, Pacific Bridge magazine articles – 959 pages.

Japan, 1958-1961 (318.17): annual educational and cultural exchange reports, report on U.S. embassy, consular service and U.S. information agency operations, grantee evaluations, statistical analysis of returned Fulbright grantees 1952-59, Japan-Harvard international seminar report, funding bill, U.S. financial assistance overview, Pacific Bridge magazine articles – 959 pages.

Japan, 1961-1964 (318.18): annual educational and cultural exchange reports, report on U.S. embassy, consular service and U.S. information agency operations, grantee evaluations, statistical analysis of returned Fulbright grantees 1952-59, Japan-Harvard international seminar report, funding bill, U.S. financial assistance overview, Pacific Bridge magazine articles – 959 pages.

Japan, 1964-1969 (318.19): annual educational and cultural exchange reports, report on U.S. embassy, consular service and U.S. information agency operations, grantee evaluations, statistical analysis of returned Fulbright grantees 1952-59, Japan-Harvard international seminar report, funding bill, U.S. financial assistance overview, Pacific Bridge magazine articles – 959 pages.

Turkey, 1954-58, 1963-70 (320.17): annual educational and cultural exchange reports, special instructions, highlights of current operations, surveys – 329 pages.

Turkey, 1954-58, 1963-70 (320.18): annual educational and cultural exchange reports, special instructions, highlights of current operations, surveys – 329 pages.

Turkey, 1954-58, 1963-70 (320.19): annual educational and cultural exchange reports, special instructions, highlights of current operations, surveys – 329 pages.

Vietnam, 1852-1970 (320.28): exchange reviews and summaries, office memoranda, East-West exchange program report – 135 pages.