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Summary Information

Repository	Center for Legislative Archives, National Archives and Records Administration
Title	Records of the Committee on Foreign Affairs
Date [inclusive]	1969-1971
Extent	Amount unknown
Language	English

Biographical/Historical note

The Committee on Foreign Affairs gained status as a standing committee of the House of Representatives in 1822, however, its antecedents date as far back as 1775 when the Continental Congress established a committee to correspond with friends abroad. The jurisdiction of the committee includes relations of the United States with foreign nations generally; acquisition of land and buildings for embassies and legations in foreign countries; establishment of boundary lines between the United States and foreign nations; export controls, including nonproliferation of nuclear technology and nuclear hardware; foreign loans; international commodity agreements (other than those involving sugar), including all agreements for cooperation in the export of nuclear technology and nuclear hardware; international conferences and congresses; international education; intervention abroad and declarations of war; diplomatic service; measures to foster commercial intercourse with foreign nations and to safeguard American business interests abroad; international economic policy; neutrality; protection of American citizens abroad and expatriation; the American National Red Cross; trading with the enemy; and United Nations organizations. The committee has oversight over the U.S. Department of State.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Conditions Governing Access note

The records are governed by Rule VII(3)b of the House Rules:

(b) (1) A record shall immediately be made available if it was previously made available for public use by the House or a committee or a subcommittee. (2) An investigative record that contains personal data relating to a specific living person (the disclosure of which would be an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy), an administrative record relating to personnel, or a record relating to a hearing that was closed under clause 2(g)(2) of rule XI shall be made available if it has been in existence for 50 years. (3) A record for which a time, schedule, or condition for availability is specified by order of the House shall be made available in accordance with that order. Except as otherwise provided by order of the House, a record of a committee for which a time, schedule, or condition for availability is specified by order of the committee (entered during the Congress in which the record is made or acquired by the committee) shall be made available in accordance with the order of the committee. (4) A record (other than a record referred to in subparagraph (1), (2), or (3)) shall be made available if it has been in existence for 30 years.

Collection Inventory

Committee on Foreign Affairs 1969-1971

Scope and Contents note

The records of the Committee on Foreign Affairs include minute books, docket books, petitions, memorials, committee papers, hearing transcripts, and bill files. Also included are resumes, reference letters, and accompanying correspondence from applicants who wished to secure staff positions on the committee.

Files of staff member, John Sullivan, contains records relating to committee jurisdiction issues, international food and development aid, chemical and biological warfare, green revolution, and war powers. Files also include documents relating to legislation, committee hearings, and studies.

Also included are reports, correspondence, press releases, and press clippings relating to meetings of the Canada - U.S. Interparliamentary Group.

Subcommittees 1969-1971

Subcommittee on International Organizations and Movements 1969-1971

Scope and Contents note

This file unit consists of correspondence, testimony, copies of bills and resolutions, reports, printed hearings and reports, subcommittee mark-up transcripts, newsletters, and news articles relating to prisoners of war and the missing in action in Southeast Asia.

Subcommittee on National Security Policy and Scientific Developments 1969-1971

Subcommittees

Scope and Contents note

This file unit contains reports, correspondence, and other material pertaining to prisoners of war and those listed as missing in action (MIA) in Vietnam.