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## Summary Information

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| <b>Repository</b> | Center for Legislative Archives, National Archives and Records Administration |
| <b>Title</b>      | Records of the Committee on International Relations                           |
| <b>Date</b>       | 1977-1978   |
| <b>Extent</b>     | 218.8 Cubic feet (circa 547 archival boxes)                                   |
| <b>Language</b>   | English   |

## Biographical/Historical note

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The Committee on Foreign Affairs gained status as a standing committee of the House of Representatives in 1822, but its antecedents date as far back as 1775 when the Continental Congress established a committee to correspond with friends abroad. In 1777 that committee changed its name from Committee of Secret Correspondence to Committee for Foreign Affairs. Although in 1781 the Continental Congress established a Department of Foreign Affairs, the legislature retained real power over foreign relations until the inauguration of the new federal government. Under the Constitution the preponderance of control over foreign affairs shifted to the executive branch. Within the legislative branch the Senate's responsibilities both for treaty ratification and for confirmation of presidentially nominated diplomatic agents gave it a measure of pre-eminence in matters of foreign policy.

In 1822 the House established the Committee on Foreign Affairs, with jurisdiction over "matters which concern the relations of the United States with foreign nations." The committee's basic jurisdiction remained unchanged until 1885 when the committee gained power to report germane appropriations measures, a power it lost to the Appropriations Committee in 1920. Nonetheless, the Foreign Affairs Committee maintains primacy in the House in foreign affairs, largely through its power to authorize foreign economic and military assistance.

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## Scope and Contents note

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The records document the work of the Committee on International Relations during the 95th Congress. The records represent both the unpublished and published work product of the committee. There is a significant series of records on the Subcommittee on International Investigations investigation into Korean-American relations; however, the bulk of this material remains classified.

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## Arrangement note

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The records are arranged into full committee and subcommittee files. Full committee series are administrative files, committee files, correspondence files, hearings, investigative files, legislative files, official communications, public laws and reports, minority files, subject files, and transcripts. Subcommittees are arranged by subcommittee name. Any series arrangement is noted therein.

## Administrative Information

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### Publication Information

Center for Legislative Archives, National Archives and Records Administration

### Rule VII/National Security Classification

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.

In addition, classified records generated by Executive Branch agencies remain under the control of the agency that created and classified the information.

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## Controlled Access Headings

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### Subject(s)

- Human rights
- Jonestown Mass Suicide, Jonestown, Guyana, 1978.
- Korean-United States relations
- North Atlantic Assembly
- Ocean mining
- Overseas Private Investment Corporation
- U.S.-Mexico Interparliamentary Group

Administrative files

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## Collection Inventory

### **Administrative files (26 archival boxes)**

#### **Scope and Contents note**

Committee monthly reports to House Administration, travel correspondence and individual reports, vouchers.

### **Committee files (circa 20 archival boxes)**

#### **Scope and Contents note**

Alphabetical files, correspondence, case files, memos, miscellaneous subject files.

### **Correspondence files (30 archival boxes)**

#### **Arrangement note**

Some correspondence arranged by year and alphabetically by correspondent or subject therein; other correspondence arranged alphabetically, chronologically, or by nature of correspondence.

### **Hearings (11 archival boxes)**

#### **Arrangement note**

Arranged chronologically.

**Investigative files**

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**Investigative files (12 archival boxes)****Conditions Governing Access note**

Under Rule VII, investigative records are closed for a total of 50 years from the date of their creation. In addition, records may be subject to national security classifications imposed by the originating Executive Branch agency.

**Scope and Contents note**

Files related to investigation of Jonestown, Guyana, massacre. Material is classified.

**Legislative files (39 archival boxes)****Scope and Contents note**

Committee consideration of International Development and Food Assistance Act of 1978, including transcripts, markup, conference material, floor papers, and reports. Other bills referred to the committee. Meeting files and markup related to legislation.

**Official communications (circa 74 archival boxes)****Scope and Contents note**

Required General Accounting Office (GAO) reports, executive communications, and memorials, unnumbered reports, international agreements. Some material is classified. Final legislative calendar in Box 66-JI.

**Public laws and reports (11 archival boxes)****Scope and Contents note**

## Minority

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Printed public laws, House reports and documents, and committee prints.

### **Arrangement note**

Arranged by publication number.

### **Minority (1953-1978) (5 archival boxes)**

#### **Scope and Contents note**

Miscellaneous subject files, minutes.

### **Subcommittees**

#### **Subcommittee on Asian and Pacific Affairs (3 archival boxes)**

#### **Scope and Contents note**

Correspondence, chronological files, study mission files.

#### **Subcommittee of Europe and the Middle East (1 archival box)**

#### **Scope and Contents note**

Correspondence.

#### **Subcommittee on International Development (circa 20 archival boxes)**

#### **Scope and Contents note**

**Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade**

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Legislative and hearing files, correspondence, and minutes.

**Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade (18 archival boxes)**

**Scope and Contents note**

Correspondence, hearing files, publications, and issue files. Subjects include trade with Vietnam, Hungarian Claims legislation, and Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC) reauthorization.

**Subcommittee on International Operations (20 archival boxes)**

**Scope and Contents note**

Bill files, executive communications, case files, miscellaneous subject files.

**Subcommittee on International Organizations, Investigation of Korean-American Relations (200 archival boxes)**

**Conditions Governing Access note**

Under Rule VII, investigative records are closed for a total of 50 years from the date of their creation. National security classified records remain under the control of the Executive Branch agency that created and classified the records.

**Scope and Contents note**

Investigation of Korean-American relations. Records include correspondence, staff interviews, publications, meeting and hearing transcripts, statements, administrative files, news clippings, subpoenaed material, and background material. Material is largely restricted and/or classified. There are 13 unclassified boxes containing proofs of the final report and hearings.

**Arrangement note**

**Subcommittee on International Security and Scientific Affairs**

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Records are arranged into the following series: Introductory Materials: Publications, Transcripts, Tapes, Miscellaneous, Administrative files, Correspondence Review of Korean-American Relations General Security and Political Affairs ROK Defense Production and Military Self-Sufficiency Intelligence Activities and Plans Executive Branch Awareness of Questionable Korean Activities U.S.-Korean Economic Relations Military Procurement Problems in Korea Problems of Political Funding in U.S. Trade and Investment in Korea (Corporate Payments) Education, Informational, and Cultural Activities: The Moon Organization International Agreements between the U.S. and ROK Immigration and Naturalization Service Issues Special Problems with Tongsun Park, Kim Hyung Moon, and Kim Ki Wan Activities of Influence by Foreign Governments

**Biographical/Historical note**

The investigation of Korean-American relations originated from concern over what the U.S. policy should be in response to reports of human rights violations in South Korea by the government of President Park Chung Hee. Hearings had been held in the early 1970s that made allegations and raised questions that necessitated a comprehensive investigation of the issues.

On February 3, 1977, the Committee on International Relations Subcommittee on International Organizations voted by committee resolution to launch a full-scale investigation into relations between the Republic of Korea and the United States. The subcommittee completed its investigation and issued a report on October 31, 1978.

**Subcommittee on International Security and Scientific Affairs (9 archival boxes)****Scope and Contents note**

Miscellaneous files, including reports, subject files.

**Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere Affairs (2 archival boxes)****Subject files (19 archival boxes)**

**Staff files**

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**Scope and Contents note**

Files related to human rights issues, including correspondence, hearings, statements, individual cases studies, news clippings, press releases, and other material related to human rights abuses and religious persecution in various countries. Meeting files related to North Atlantic Assembly.

**Staff files****John J. Brady, Jr. (6 archival boxes)****Scope and Contents note**

Subject files, travel files.

**Biographical/Historical note**

Chief of staff John J. Brady, Jr. was a retired Army Lieutenant Colonel. He was chief of staff under three chairmen from 1976 to 1994. As chief of staff, he was principal adviser to committee chairmen Dante B. Fascell (D-Florida), Clement J. Zablocki (D-Wisconsin), and Thomas E. "Doc" Morgan (D-Pennsylvania).

**Diane Stoner (10 archival boxes)****Biographical/Historical note**

Senior staff assistant.

**Scope and Contents note**

Legislative files, including transcripts, notes, floor books and other material related to International Economic and Development Assistance, and other miscellaneous subject files.

**Lewis Gulick**

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**Lewis Gulick (17 archival boxes)**

**Biographical/Historical note**

Senior staff consultant.

**Scope and Contents note**

Miscellaneous subject and legislative files. Subjects include Far East Mission files.

**Donald Fortier (1 archival box)**

**Biographical/Historical note**

Senior professional staff.

**Scope and Contents note**

Staff files related to the Turkish Arms Embargo.

**Vance Hyndman (2 archival boxes)**

**Scope and Contents note**

Files related to security assistance legislation and retired uniformed officers foreign employment.

**Biographical/Historical note**

Staff consultant.

**George R. Berdes (2 archival boxes)**

## Transcripts

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### **Biographical/Historical note**

Staff consultant.

### **Scope and Contents note**

Files are executive agreements.

### **Transcripts (4 archival boxes)**

#### **Scope and Contents note**

Printed and unprinted transcripts

#### **Arrangement note**

Arranged chronologically.