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GRAY, ROBERT K.: Records, 1954-60

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Sept. 2, 1922	Born in Hastings, Nebraska
1943	B.A., Carleton College
1943-46	Active duty with U.S. Navy
1949	M.B.A., Harvard School of Business
1951-54	Manager of Nebraska warehouse organization
1955	Special Assistant for Manpower, Dept. Of Navy
1956	Special Assistant to the President
1958	Secretary to the Cabinet

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The records of Robert K. Gray span the period 1954 to 1960 and focus entirely on the subject of refugees and defectors from communist countries, and programs to deal with the problems they presented. There is no material relevant to Gray's service in the Department of the Navy. Other than Gray, the principal administration figure involved as a writer of these documents is Robert McCollum, Deputy Administrator, Office of Refugee and Migration Affairs, Department of State.

The letters, memos, and reports reflect two principal concerns of the administration. The first was that some immigrants might be subversives or be attempting to enter the country under false pretenses. The second was the assumption that refugee programs were tangible means of promoting continued faith in Western nations on the part of people "enslaved" in communist countries. On the first concern, several documents indicate the nature of visa disputes. Of more significance is correspondence at the ambassadorial level on international travel and pre-flight inspection of individuals in foreign airports. These documents also reflect diplomatic problems encountered in attempts to implement the inspection program.

Several aspects of the second concern--that American refugee policy was a significant ingredient in America's cold war posture--are documented by the collection. The records include letters from the President and White House staff on the need to revise immigration laws and to make necessary appropriations for the care of refugees. Drafts of proposed legislation are also included. Another aspect of the problem is revealed in high-level papers from the National Security Council which outline American policy towards defectors from communist nations. The treatment of refugees in European camps and in the United States is also documented. On this subject, the most interesting material concerns attempts to close Camp Volka, Germany. A revealing series of documents reflects problems in the adoption of foreign orphans by Americans. There are also government studies on the welfare needs of refugees in the United States.

Also included in the collection are studies of various refugee problems by both governmental and private committees. The Zellerbach Commission was perhaps the most prominent private group dealing with this matter.

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1	<p>Administration Record re Immigration and Refugee Legislation Proposals [Expenditures for refugees; DDE letter to Sen. Watkins on need for revision of immigration laws; press releases; President's budget message for 1957 and 1961]</p> <p>Council of Europe Resettlement Fund [Reports and regulations]</p> <p>Re Educational Exchange Act</p> <p>Hungarian Refugees [Welfare needs; "The Hungarian Revolution of October 1956" by Society for the Investigation of Human Ecology; "Hungary Under Soviet Rule II" by American Friends of the Captive Nations]</p> <p>Immigration--Misc. [Statistics; First Preference Visa disputes; Korean repatriation]</p> <p>Immigration and Naturalization Service [Miscellaneous correspondence]</p> <p>Intergovernmental Committee for European Migration [Report of Subcommittee on Finance; U.S. contributions]</p> <p>Legislation--Immigration and Refugees [Correspondence between William Rogers and Christian Herter on immigration legislation; proposed legislation]</p> <p>National Security Council--Documents re Refugees [Policy of defectors; assistance to refugees; East-West exchanges]</p>
2	<p>Orphans [Adoption of foreign orphans; statement by Arthur Fleming; proxy adoptions; letters and memos re legislation]</p> <p>Pre-flight Inspection--Nassau, Mexico City, Havana [Memo on international travel in Mexico, Cuba, Bahamas]</p> <p>Pre-flight Inspection--Tokyo [High-level correspondence concerning inspection of individuals at Tokyo airport]</p> <p>Refugee Camps [Closing of Camp Volka, Germany--letters by Ambassador David Bruce and Robert McCollum]</p> <p>Refugees--Misc. (1) [Annual report of American Council for Emigres in the professions; memo on escapees and refugees from communist areas; U.S. expenditures on refugees; report on Italian nationalism in Tunisia and refugee camps in Italy]</p>

Refugees--Misc. (2) [Polish refugees; article by Robert McCollum; speech by Roderick O'Connor; memo on humanitarian assistance; refugee situation in Europe; "Refugee Problems: World Survey" by Dept. of State; memo of conversation between Auguste Lindt, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, and George Meany and Walter Reuther; "Programs for refugees and displaced Peoples through CARE"]

U.S. Committee for Refugees [Report of Executive Director; U.S. policy toward committee]

U.S. Escape Program [Europe and Middle East]

3 World Refugee Year (1) [Cabinet paper on refugee problems; miscellaneous letters and memos on U.S. participation]

World Refugee Year (2) [Memo for the President by Christian Herter; grant programs; publications]

Yugoslav Refugees [High level memoranda on U.S. assistance]

Zellerbach Commission [Study of European refugees; draft of proposed legislation; comments by State Dept]

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