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Introduction

On the single roll of this microfilm publication, M2032, are reproduced passenger lists of European immigrants arriving at Vera Cruz, Mexico, 1921-1923, and related correspondence, 1921-1931. These records are part of the Records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), Record Group 85.

Background

Between 1882 and 1891 the Secretary of the Treasury had general supervision over immigration. The Office of Superintendent of Immigration of the Department of the Treasury was established under an act of March 3, 1891, and was designated a bureau in 1895 with responsibility for administering the alien contract-labor laws. In 1900 administration of the Chinese-exclusion laws was added. In 1903, the Bureau became part of the Department of Commerce and Labor. Functions relating to naturalization were assigned to the Bureau in 1906 and its name was changed to the Bureau of Immigration and Naturalization. It was transferred to the Department of Labor by an act of March 4 1913, as the Bureau of Immigration and the Bureau of Naturalization. Executive Order 6166 of June 10, 1933, reunited those Bureaus to form the Immigration and Naturalization Service, which was transferred in 1940 to the Department of Justice.

Records Description

The records of the INS Central Office, Washington, DC, include subject correspondence files, 1906-1932, which are arranged according to a numerical filing scheme.

The subject correspondence files, 1906-1932, include File No. 55079/290, which contains lists of European steamship passengers arriving at Vera Cruz, Mexico, from ca. June 1921 to ca. January 1923, and related correspondence from March 1921 through February 1931. The records are arranged in reverse chronological order.

These lists were typewritten by U.S. Consular officers at Vera Cruz, Mexico, which forwarded the lists to the U.S. State Department, which forwarded them to the INS. Some of the passenger lists are carbon copies of the original typewritten copy, and, as a result, are difficult to read.

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