

MIGRATORY LABOR

U.S. President's Committee on Migratory Labor: (Record Group 220), Records, 1938-66

On August 26, 1954, President Eisenhower appointed this interdepartmental committee to investigate problems of migrant farm workers and recommend programs and legislation for improvement of their living and working conditions. The collection consists of 103 boxes, or approximately 82,400 pages.

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 [background information on Mexico; Mexican Farm Labor Program; insurance coverage of Mexican workers]

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[minority group workers]

- Box 86 1959 - Administrative - Consultants (January-August) [Mexican farm labor program; address by Mitchell, "The Farm Worker in America"]
- 1959 - Administrative - Consultants (September-December) [Mexican farm labor program]
- Box 102 1954 - Mexican Farm Labor [Congressional Hearings]
- 1955 - Mexican Labor Program (January-June)
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- Box 103 1960 - Mexican Farm Program - Migratory Station and Reception Center (1) (2) [A Management Survey]
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- 1960 - Industrial Labor Importation [Immigration and Nationality Act]
- Box 131 1956 - President's Committee on Migratory Labor ["Solid Gains"]
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- Box 132 1959 - President's Committee on Migratory Labor (May-December) [working paper, Financing Migrant Health Services; Mid-American Conference on Migratory Labor]
- 1959 - Intra-departmental Committee on Migratory Labor - Department of Labor [Millard Cass, Chairman]
- 1960 - President's Committee on Migratory Labor (January-October) (1)(2) [Report of the President on Domestic Farm Labor; Report of the Ad Hoc Committee of the President's Committee on Migratory Labor on Disaster Programs for Migratory Farm Workers; executive order establishing the

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1960 - President's Committee on Migratory Labor (November-December 15) [CBS television documentary, "Harvest of Shame"]

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Box 139 1955- Labor Advisory Committee on Farm Labor - Department of Labor

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- Box 1a Hagerty Diary March, 1955 [March 11-Mexico]

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- Box 17 Asst. Secy. for Program Analysis - Migratory Labor
- Box 40 May 17, 1954 - East Coast Migrant Conference, DHEW auditorium, Washington, D.C. - 10:00 to 10:15 a.m.
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- Box 126 NCCC: General Correspondence [1961] [Migratory farm workers]
- Box 132 NCCC: Meeting: December 2-3, 1966 - Executive Committee and General Board (1)-(4) [season farm workers]

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Box 135 NCCC: Miscellaneous April 1967 [California farm workers]

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