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U.S. PRESIDENT'S COMMITTEE FOR HUNGARIAN REFUGEE RELIEF:  
Records, 1957

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## INTRODUCTION

The President's Committee for Hungarian Refugee Relief was established by the President on December 12, 1956. The need for such a committee came about as a result of the United States' desire to take care of its fair share of the Hungarians who fled their country beginning in October 1956. The Committee operated until May, 1957. During this time, it helped re-settle in the United States approximately 30,000 refugees. The Committee's small staff was funded from the Special Projects Group appropriation.

In its creation, the Committee was assigned the following duties and objectives:

- a. To assist in every way possible the various religious and other voluntary agencies engaged in work for Hungarian Refugees.
- b. To coordinate the efforts of these agencies, with special emphasis on those activities related to resettlement of the refugees. The Committee also served as a focal point to which offers of homes and jobs could be forwarded.
- c. To coordinate the efforts of the voluntary agencies with the work of the interested governmental departments.
- d. It was not the responsibility of the Committee to raise money.

The records of the President's Committee consists of incoming and outgoing correspondence, press releases, speeches, printed materials, memoranda, telegrams, programs, itineraries, statistical materials, air and sea boarding manifests, and progress reports. The subject areas of these documents deal primarily with requests from the public to assist the refugees and the Committee by volunteering homes, employment, adoption of orphans, and even marriage. Also included are the working papers necessary to fulfill the Committee's objectives.

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I.B.M. Procedures in Placing Refugees by Occupational Skills and Housing Requirements

Government Agencies (Divider)

Health, Education and Welfare, U. S. Public Health Service, Office of Education, Social Security

ICA [International Cooperation Administration]

Labor Dept.

National Academy of Science

Public Housing Administration

State Department

USIA [United States Information Agency]

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- Kilmer Conference, April 1-2, 1957, “Governors”
- Congressional Requests for Blue Books and Forms
- Congressional Thank-Yous for Blue Book
- Kilmer Locator Checks
- Kilmer Organization and Operation
- Prospectus for Kilmer Operation
- Kilmer – Manual of Policies and Procedures
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President's Message, January 31, 1957

May 14, 1957 Meeting with the President

Final Report of the Committee to the President

Publicity (Divider)

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Newspaper Clippings

Newspaper Clippings, Dec. 10, 1956

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Editorial from Washington Post, 3/10/57

Speech, Gen. Collins, NSIA, Jan. 17, 1959

Trend of Opinion as to Current Hungarian Refugee Problem in Austria and Yugoslavia 3/5/57

Press Kit

Press Releases – White House

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  - Report on Survey of Hungarian Problems in Austria by Tuck and Hardigg
  - Statistics
  - Resettlement Reports
  - Daily Kilmer Refugee Status
  - Daily Refugee Status-Report (Voluntary Agencies)
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Voluntary Agencies

American Council of Voluntary Agencies for Foreign Services, Inc.

American Friends Service Committee

American Hungarian Federation

Catholic Relief Services, National Catholic Welfare Conference

Communications Counselors

First Aid for Hungary

International Rescue Committee

Lutheran Refugee Service

National Council of Catholic Women

New Jersey Governor's Committee for Refugee Relief

American National Red Cross

Tolstoy Foundation

United Hias [Hebrew Sheltering and Immigrant Aid Society]

United States Austrian Chamber of Commerce, Inc.

Yugoslavia (Divider)

Yugoslavia

12 Adoption (Divider)

A – Z Adoption [offers of] A – D, E (Empty folder), F – H, J (Empty folder), J – M, N, O, P, Q (Empty folder), R –S, T – Z (all Empty folders).

Congressional (Divider)

House of Representatives (Divider)

Alabama -George Huddleston, Jr.

Alabama, -Armistead, I. Selden, Jr.

Alaska -E. L. Bartlett

Arkansas -E. C. Gathings

Arkansas -Brooke Hays

Arkansas -W. F. Norrell

12 Arizona -John J. Rhodes

California -Scott M. Hauser

California -Edgar W. Hiestand

California -Patrick J. Hillings

California -Craig Hosmer

California -Donald L. Jackson

California -Cecil R. King

California -Albert P. Morano

California - John E. Moss

California -Charles M. Teague

California -Robert Wilson

California -J. Arthur Younger

Colorado -William S. Hill [Empty folder]

Connecticut -James T. Patterson

Florida -Charles E. Bennett

Florida -Paul G. Rogers

Florida -Bob Sikes

Florida -William C. Cramer  
Florida -George Smathers  
Georgia -John J. Flynt  
Georgia -Phil M. Landrum [Empty folder]  
Georgia -Carl Vinson  
Idaho -Gracie Pfof  
Illinois -Sid Simpson  
Illinois -Charles W. Vursell  
Indiana -John V. Beamer  
Indiana -Charles B. Brownson  
Indiana -Winfield K. Denton  
Indiana -Cecil M. Harden  
Indiana -Ralph Harvey  
Indiana -Earl Wilson  
Iowa -Fred Schwengel  
Kansas -Frank Carlson  
Kansas -Myron V. George  
Kentucky -Carl D. Perkins  
Kentucky -Frank Chelf  
Louisiana -Overton Brooks  
Louisiana -T. A. Thompson  
Louisiana -Hale Boggs  
Louisiana -Edwin E. Willis [Empty folder]

Massachusetts – Philip J. Philbin

Michigan -August E. Johansen

Minnesota -August H. Andreson

Mississippi -William M. Colmer

Mississippi -Arthur Winstead

Missouri -W. R. Hull, Jr.

Missouri -Frank M. Karsten

Nebraska -A. L. Miller

New Jersey -Gordon Canfield

13 New Jersey -H. Alexander Smith

New York -James C. Healey

New York -John R. Pillion

New York -Edmund P. Radwan

New York -John J. Rooney

New York -Catherine St. George

New York -Stuyvesant Wainwright

North Carolina –Graham A. Barden

North Carolina -Carl T. Durham

North Carolina -Sam J. Ervin, Jr. [Empty folder]

North Carolina -L. H. Fountain

North Carolina -Charles Raper Jonas

Ohio -A. D. Baumhart, Jr.

Ohio -Charles A. Vanik

Ohio -John M. Vorys  
Oklahoma -Page Belcher  
Oklahoma -Ed Edmondson  
Oklahoma -Toby Morris  
Oregon -Charles O. Porter  
Pennsylvania -Thomas E. Morgan  
Pennsylvania -Hugh Scott  
Pennsylvania -Walter  
South Carolina –John L. McMillan  
South Dakota -E. Y. Berry  
South Dakota -George S. McGovern  
Tennessee -Howard H. Baker  
Tennessee -Clifford Davis  
Tennessee -J. L. Evins  
Tennessee -H. R. Loser  
Texas -Lindley Beckworth  
Texas -O. C. Fisher  
Texas -Frank Ikard  
Texas -George Mahon  
Texas -Wright Patman  
Texas -W. R. Peage  
Texas -Jack Brooks  
Texas -Walter Rogers

Texas -Clark W. Thompson

Texas -Martin Dies

Texas -Homer Thornberry

Utah -Arthur V. Watkins

Virginia -Richard H Poff

Virginia -Edward J. Robeson, Jr.

Washington -Walt Horan

Washington -Russell V. Mack

13 West Virginia –Robert C. Byrd

West Virginia -Elizabeth Kee

Wisconsin -Lawrence H. Smith

Wisconsin -Clement S. Zablocki

Office of the Clerk

Senate (Divider)

Alabama -Lister Hill

Arizona -Barry Goldwater

Arizona -Carl Hayden

Arkansas -John L. McClellan

California -Thomas H. Kuchel

Colorado -John A. Carroll

Connecticut - Prescott Bush

Florida -Spessard L. Holland

Idaho -Frank Church

Illinois -Everett McKinley Dirksen

Iowa -Thomas E. Martin

Kansas -Frank Carlson

Kentucky -John Sherman Cooper

Louisiana -Russell Long

Maryland -J. Glenn Beall

Massachusetts –Leverett Saltonstall

Michigan -Patrick McNamara

Michigan -Charles E. Potter

Minnesota -Hubert H. Humphrey

Minnesota - Edward J. Thye

Mississippi -John Stennis

Missouri -Stuart Symington

Montana -Mike Mansfield

Nebraska -Carl T. Curtis

Nevada -George W. Malone

New Jersey -H. Alexander Smith

New Jersey -Peter W. Rodino

New Mexico -Dennis Chavez

North Dakota –William Langer

Ohio -George H. Bender

Ohio -Lausche

Oklahoma -A. S. Mike Monroney  
Oklahoma -Robert S. Kerr  
South Carolina-Strom Thurmond  
South Dakota -Karl E. Mundt  
Tennessee -Albert Gore  
Tennessee -Estes Kafauber  
Texas -Lyndon B. Johnson  
Texas -Price Daniel  
West Virginia -Chapman Revercomb  
Wisconsin -Joseph McCarthy  
Wisconsin -Alexander Wiley  
Wyoming -Joseph C. O'Mahoney

14 Cooperating Agencies (Divider)

American Council of Voluntary Agencies for Foreign Service  
AFL – CIO [American Federation of Labor – Congress of Industrial Organizations]  
Governors' Committees  
International Cooperation Admin.  
International Rescue Committee  
Miscellaneous Refugee Committees  
National Jewish Hospital at Denver  
American Red Cross  
Educational Services (Divider)  
Correspondence, Miscellaneous



- Dictionaries
- Educational Films
  - Film: Life in America
  - Final Arrangements – Disposition of Surplus Material for Closing Out
  - Language Masters (McGraw-Hill) [A Device for Teaching Languages]
  - Language Research Associated Inc. Material
  - Life in America [Booklet]
  - Miscellaneous School Material
  - Correspondence [Offers, Teaching Materials]
  - Pictures [Posted Photos]
  - Teachers [To help teach English at Kilmer]
  - This is Kilmer – Scripts, etc. [Orientation Program]
  - World Literacy - Mrs. E. G. Mitchell
- Educational Brochures
- Educational Services
- Film Scripts
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  - “A – M” Employment [Offers of]
  - “Mac” Employment
  - “Mc” Employment
  - “N” Employment
- 16 “O – T” Employment

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“W” Employment

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“Y” Employment [Empty folder]

“Z”

General Information (Divider)

Government Agencies (Divider)

General Information [Requests for general information]

Dept. of Health, Education and Welfare [materials re health care of refugees]

I N S Procedures [Immigration and Naturalization Service]

National Academy of Sciences

Public Health

U. S. Employment Service

Housing (Divider)

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  - IBM Publications
  - IBM Reports
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  - Immigration Information
  - Military (Divider)
  - Official Daily Bulletin [of the Refugee Reception Center]
  - U.S. Army Refugee Reception Center [Organiz. charts, maps, etc.]
  - Army Circulars
  - Refugee Status Report
  - Official Visitors

The President's Committee for Hungarian Refugee Relief at Joyce Kilmer Reception Center – Kilmer, N. J. –A Manual of the Policies and Procedures Followed in Connection with Hungarian Refugee Resettlement

The President's Comm. (Divider)

Christmas Messages

Hungarian Athletes

Kilmer Staff Meeting Agendas

Legal Assistance

Letters of Welcome

President's Committee Personnel Announcements

Presidential Letter to Refugees

Procedures Manual Distribution

Anticipated Refugee Arrivals

Refugees' Letter to President

U.S. Austrian Chamber of Commerce

Expected Visitors

Voorhees' Statements

20 Public Information Office (Divider)

PIO Resume of Daily Activities [Public Information Officer]

Public Information Publicity Plans

PIO Releases

William Penn Fraternal Assoc.

The President's Committee for Hungarian Refugee Relief – Prospectus for Kilmer Operation (2 copies – loose in box)

- Sponsoring Agencies (Divider)
- Agency Memorandums
- Operation of Agencies at Kilmer
- Agency Releases
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- Third Country Refugees
  
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  - Orphan 25,000 – 25059 [Applications to adopt]
  - Orphan 25060 – 25120 [Applications to adopt]
  - Orphans 25120 – 25196 [Applications to adopt]
  
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- Foster – Miscellaneous [Mark Foster – President’s Committee]
- Governors’ Conference – April 1 –2, 1957
- I B M - Info forms, Cards, Etc. [Occupational break-down of Refugees]
- MacDonald
- Meetings (Agenda, Minutes, etc.) [Staff meetings]
- Memos: Education
- Memos – P I O [Public Information Officer]
- Memos – President’s Committee
- Memos – Stone – ADM [Robert J. Stone, Admin. Services, The President’s Committee]
- Miscellaneous – General
- Miscellaneous – Rosters, Telephone Listings, etc.
- Newspaper “Szabad Magyarsag” Correspondence
- Newspaper Clippings
- 44    Photographs [Empty folder]

President – White House

Press Kit

“Operation Safe Haven” (All papers) Press Kit (1) [Background and work papers used in preparation of Press Kit]

“Operation Safe Haven” (All papers) Press Kit (2) [Background and work papers used in preparation of Press Kit]

“Operation Safe Haven” (All papers) Press Kit (3) [Background and work papers used in preparation of Press Kit]

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Refugees - Miscellaneous [“parole” visas, employment]

Refugees – Movements

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Refugees - Status Reports [Strength]

Releases - Beebe – ADM [Press releases]

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Wooten – Com. General [Brig. Gen. Sidney C. Wooten]

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Refugee Info. [Inquiries about relatives and offers of sponsorship]

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