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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Alaska - E. L. Bartlett
Arkansas - E. C. Gathings
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Arizona - John J. Rhodes
California - Scott M. Hauser
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Florida - Bob Sikes
Florida - William C. Cramer
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Indiana - John V. Beamer
Indiana - Charles B. Brownson
Indiana - Winfield K. Denton
Indiana - Cecil M. Harden
Indiana - Ralph Harvey
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Iowa - Fred Schwengel
Kansas - Frank Carlson
Kansas - Myron V. George
Kentucky - Carl D. Perkins
Kentucky - Frank Chelf
Louisiana - Overton Brooks
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Louisiana - Hale Boggs
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Michigan -August E. Johansen
Minnesota -August H. Andreson
Mississippi -William M. Colmer
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Missouri -W. R. Hull, Jr.
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Nebraska -A. L. Miller
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New Jersey -H. Alexander Smith
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Ohio -A. D. Baumhart, Jr.
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