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Biographical Note
Czech historian and political dissident.

Scope and Content of Collection
This collection includes more than two hundred letters between Prečan and Václav Havel. The letters, from the late 1970s through 1989, are an interesting mixture of personal news and commentary with reflections on society, theater and philosophy. Although the first letter is from 1978, the bulk of the correspondence dates from 1984 to 1989, after Havel was released from prison for illegal political activities. Havel's contact with Prečan in the Federal Republic of Germany was by mail, with the help of Western diplomats. In addition to this correspondence are Havel's video and voice recordings.

Subjects and Indexing Terms
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