
Inventory of the Lietuvos TSR Valstybės Saugumo Komitetas [Lithuanian KGB] selected records

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Abstract: Reports, memoranda, correspondence, lists, directives, and other documents relating to secret police, intelligence and counter-intelligence activities, dissident and anti-Soviet activities, and repatriation and nationalism issues, in Lithuania.

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Acquisition Information

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Location of Originals

Lietuvos Ypatingasis Archyvas, Vilnius, Lithuania.

Related Collections

Dauzvardis (Petras Paulius) papers, Hoover Institution Archives

Gudelis (Petras) typescript, Hoover Institution Archives

Hertmanowicz (Joseph John) papers, Hoover Institution Archives

Lithuanian subject collection, Hoover Institution Archives

Terleckas (Antanas) papers, Hoover Institution Archives

Turauskas (Edvardas) papers, Hoover Institution Archives

Zukatskas (V. P.) collection, Hoover Institution Archives

Historical Note

Lithuanian branch of the Soviet secret police organization Komitet gosudarstvennoï bezopasnosti.

Scope and Content of Collection

This collection consists of selected *opisi* (records series) from what were the fifty-four *opisi* in Fond No. K-1, Lietuvos SSR Valstybės Saugumo Komitetas (Committee of State Security of the Lithuanian Soviet Socialist Republic, LSSR KGB), 1940-1991, held at the Lietuvos Ypatingasis Archyvas (Lithuanian special archives).

Over the years that Hoover acquired these materials, the Lithuanian special archives renamed many of the *opisi* in Fond K-1 and assigned them new *fond* and *opis* numbers. As a result, the materials at Hoover are described in three categories: (1) Fond No. K-1 *opisi* that are unchanged; (2) Fond No. K-1 *opisi* that Hoover received before new numbers were assigned; and (3) Fond No. K-1 *opisi* that Hoover received after new numbers were assigned. The numbering used at Hoover is outlined below. In all cases, the alternate numbers and titles are provided parenthetically in the series descriptions.

CATEGORY	NUMBERS USED AT HOOVER	ACTIONS TAKEN BY LIETUVOS YPATINGASIS ARCHYVAS
1	Fond K-1, opisi 10	<i>Fond</i> and <i>opisi</i> numbers unchanged
2	Fond K-1, opisi 2, 3, 14, 45	Renumbered as new <i>fondy</i> after Hoover received materials
3	Fond K-15 through K-42 (with gaps)	Renumbered as new <i>fondy</i> before Hoover received materials

The collection contains reports, memoranda, correspondence, lists, directives, and other documents related to intelligence and counter-intelligence activities of the secret police against dissident and anti-Soviet movements and to problems with repatriation and nationalism in Lithuania.

Nearly two decades after the collapse of the Soviet Union the Lithuanian KGB-MVD archives are the largest accessible holdings of the Soviet political police (Russian holdings are for all practical purposes closed, and Ukraine just started the process of opening their KGB archives), which were left almost intact in Vilnius, Lithuania, after the disintegration of the Soviet Union. The materials document the establishment and operation of the Soviet punitive organizations from 1940 to 1991 in a key Soviet republic that was both a frontier region and a bridge to the West. They cover key subjects such as the initial annexation of the Baltic republics; World War II; the post-war struggle against anti-Soviet nationalist guerillas; collectivization of the countryside; reform of the Soviet system after Stalin's death; reactions to upheaval in Hungary in 1956, Czechoslovakia in 1968, Poland in 1980-1981, and the 1989 revolutions in Eastern Europe; reactions to increasing exposure to the West; and the final collapse of the Soviet power.

The *fonds* cover different aspects of the establishment, operation, and demise of the KGB in Lithuania: operational material on the struggle against individual and collective political dissent, anti-Soviet guerrillas, foreign intelligence and radio broadcasts (Fond K-1, opisi 3); the NKVD-NKGB-MGB-KGB secretariat, which gathered information on political community spirit and activities from local organizations and transferred them to Moscow (Fond K-1, opisi 10); political information gathered by the local NKGB-KGB departments, chiefly in Vilnius and Kaunas (Fond K-1, opisi 14); a vast collection of material on dissidents, their investigation, interrogation, and trials (Fond K-1, opisi 2); files pertaining to 784 convicts and listing more than 700 of those shot during 1944-1947 in the inner prison of the NKGB-MGB of the Lithuanian SSR (Fond K-15, opisi 2); documents relating to inspection of surveillance-operative, counterintelligence, and investigatory work of MGB-KGB agencies of the LSSR; materials concerning inspection of punishment administration (Fond K-16, opisi 1); documents relating to inspection of internal cells of the LSSR MGB and pretrial detention wards of the LSSR KGB in *uezds* and cities (Fond K-17, opisi 1 and 2); directives for struggle against the Lithuanian armed underground issued by the oblast level MGB directorates (Fond K-19, opisi 1); directives from the SSSR NKGB-MGB-MVD relating to search of state criminals (Fond K-20, opisi 1); directives of the SSSR NKVD representative for the Lithuanian SSR relating to the struggle against the armed underground (Fond K-21, opisi 1); materials of special SSSR NKVD departments of the 29th territorial Red Army corps, reflecting NKVD efforts of "purging" the 29th corps (former Lithuanian army) of the "hostile and untrustworthy elements" (Fond K-22, opisi 1); minutes of the Republican Commission for revision of criminal cases of persons convicted of "counterrevolutionary crimes" (Fond K-23, opisi 1); reports to the Main Transport Directorate of the SSSR NKGB-KGB and correspondence with communist party institutions and Soviet authorities (Fond K-26, opisi 1); orders of the director of the Lithuanian school for training operative personnel and other documents of the school (Fond K-27, opisi 1); orders of the NKGB-KGB of the LSSR, its General Service Department, and the Construction Department of the LSSR MGB (Fond K-31, opisi 1); working plans, memoranda, and reports prepared by MGB-KGB of the Lithuanian SSR and subdivisions of the NKVD-MVD of the Lithuanian SSR and lists of individuals arrested in Lithuania (mostly in Vilnius and Kaunas) in 1940-1941, memorandum on the activities of individuals suspected of war crimes and residing outside the Soviet Union, and other documents; (Fond K-40, opisi 1 and 2); and correspondence of USSR KGB divisions with KGB divisions in Lithuanian SSR concerning methodological literature and work with KGB cadres and plans, reports, and informational statements of the LSSR KGB subdivisions (Fond K-42, opisi 1 and 2).

In the case of the microfilm, the *opisi* were chosen by the Hoover Institution from records already microfilmed by the Lithuanian special archives. Before sending the microfilm to Hoover the Lithuanian special archives removed some files and pages from the microfilm. Deleted files and pages contained personal names that could not be released due to personal privacy concerns. Entire files removed from the microfilm are indicated in the reel contents list on the microfilm at the beginning of each *opisi*. Pages removed from files on the microfilm are indicated by a splice on the microfilm, but splices can also occur for technical microfilming reasons. In many cases gaps in the sequential pagination in the original file indicate where pages were deleted, as well as how many were deleted. Pages removed from the digitized files, also due to privacy concerns, are indicated by a note in their place within the file.

Russian-language finding aids created by the Lithuanian special archives are included in the microfilm at the beginning of each *opisi*, in the Hoover Archives reading room, and within this file. The finding aids are arranged by file number and

provide a description, number of pages, and the inclusive dates of each file.

The microfilm reel numbers used are those originally assigned by the Lithuanian special archives. They do not always run in a continuous, logical sequence, but they contain the entire *opis*. In addition, the microfilm often refers to the original *fond* and *opis* numbers, before the Lithuanian special archives renamed and renumbered much of the collection.

GO

Gorodskie otdeley (Municipal departments)

GUGB

Glavnoe upravlenie gosudarstvennoi bezopasnosti Main Directorate of State Security

KGB

Komitet gosudarstvennoi bezopasnosti (State Security Committee)

KGB LSSR

Komitet gosudarstvennoi bezopasnosti Litovskoi sovetskoi sotsialisticheskoi respubliki (State Security Committee of the Lithuanian Soviet Socialist Republic)

MGB

Ministerstvo gosudarstvennoi bezopasnosti (Ministry of State Security)

MVD

Ministerstvo vnutrennikh del (Ministry of Internal Affairs)

NKGB

Narodnyi kommissariat gosudarstvennoi bezopasnosti (People's Commissariat of State Security)

NKGD

Narodnyi kommissariat gosudarstvennykh del (People's Commissariat of State Affairs)

NKVD

Narodnyi kommissariat vnutrennikh del (People's Commissariat of Internal Affairs)

OGPU

Ob"edinennoe glavnoe politicheskoe upravlenie United Main Political Directorate

SSSR

Soiuz Sovetskikh sotsialisticheskikh respublik (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics)

Subjects and Indexing Terms

Secret service--Soviet Union.

Police--Soviet Union.

Police--Lithuania.

Lithuania--History--Soviet occupation, 1940-1941.

Lithuania--Politics and government--1945-1991.

Nationalism--Lithuania.

Dissenters--Lithuania.

Fond No. K-1, Lietuvos SSR Valstybės Saugumo Komitetas (Committee of State Security of the Lithuanian Soviet Socialist Republic, LSSR KGB) records, 1926-1991

Physical Description: 1077 microfilm reels

Reels 980-987

Opis 2, Records of the Counterintelligence Department of the NKVD-MGB-KGB of the LSSR, 1941-1955

Physical Description: 8 microfilm reels

Scope and Contents note

Documents of the 3rd Department of the Directorate of State Security of the LSSR NKVD, 2nd Department of LSSR MGB, 1st Department of the LSSR MVD, and 2nd Department of the LSSR KGB relating to work with repatriates; exposure of Lithuanian, Polish, and Jewish anti-Soviet organizations; agents of foreign intelligence; the so-called "traitors to the Motherland;" and correspondence of citizens with persons abroad. Statements reflecting acceptance, transfers, and destruction of documents. Lists of repatriates, re-émigrés, and persons without citizenship. Lists of Polish refugees of 1939 who in 1940-1941 refused to accept Soviet citizenship. Accounts and special reports on subdivision of local LSSR NKVD-MGB-KGB agencies. Reports of special agents. Minutes of interrogation of arrested persons and witnesses. Reports to the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Lithuania regarding counterintelligence operations. Personal data on students of the SSSR MGB school in Lithuania.

(Now Fond K-43, Records of the Counterintelligence Department of the NKVD-MGB-KGB of the LSSR)

[Fond K-1, opis 2 Content List](#)

[Fond K-1, opis 2 Reel Guide](#)

Reels 605-960

Opis 3, Records of the Structural Divisions for Struggle against Lithuanian Nationalistic Underground and Counterintelligence Divisions of the NKVD-KGB of the LSSR, 1940-1985

Physical Description: 356 microfilm reels

Scope and Contents note

Directives relating to the struggle against the armed underground. Documents concerning connection channels between Lithuanian emigration centers and the Lithuanian armed underground and radio games of the LSSR MGB with American, English, and Swedish intelligence services. Lists of combat units of the Lithuanian underground and documents relating to their investigation. Plans for cover intelligence and combat operations. Reports on elimination of the Lithuanian and Polish armed underground. Captured documents. Records of ideological counterintelligence units of the LSSR MGB-KGB concerning disclosure, interception, and prevention of anti-Soviet activities among the intelligentsia, youth, and clergy. Files of reconnaissance and sabotage groups of the NKVD that had led guerilla fighting in the rear of Nazi German troops in 1941-1944.

(Now Fond K-41, Second Directorate of the Committee of State Security (KGB) of the Lithuanian SSR; Opis 1, Files relating to the activities [of the Second Directorate])

[Fond K-1, opis 3 Content List](#)

[Fond K-1, opis 3 Reel Guide](#)

Reels 32-221,
P216-P226

Opis 10, Records of the Secretariat of the NKGB-MGB-KGB of the LSSR, 1940-1991

Physical Description: 201 microfilm reels

Scope and Contents note

Correspondence with the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Lithuania, Council of People's Commissars, SSSR NKGB-KGB, and other institutions; memoranda, accounts, and other documents relating to counterintelligence and the struggle with nationalistic underground organizations led by local NKGB-KGB departments. Statements reflecting acceptance and transfer of files within the LSSR NKGB. Registers of SSSR KGB orders, resolutions, instructions and other directive documents of the LSSR KGB. Grievances and petitions from local residents. Reports submitted by the LSSR NKVD-KGB to leaders of the SSSR NKVD-KGB. Operational plans and reports of subdivisions of the LSSR NKVD-KGB. Instructions from the LSSR KGB to local KGB agencies. Orders for LSSR KGB personnel. Complaints and petitions submitted by citizens. Material on SSSR population census. Registration books for orders, directives, and instructions issued by the SSSR KGB and LSSR KGB.

[Fond K-1, opis 10 Content List](#)

[Fond K-1, opis 10 Reel Guide](#)

[Fond K-1, opis 10 Missing Files List](#)

Reels 511-603,
1000

Opis 14, Records of City Departments of the NKGB-KGB of the LSSR, 1944-1987

Physical Description: 94 microfilm reels

Scope and Contents note

Working plans of city departments of the LSSR NKVD-KGB in Vilnius, Kaunas, Klaipėda, Šiauliai, and Panevėžys. Reports to the leadership of the LSSR NKGB-KGB. Correspondence of city departments with LSSR NKGB-KGB agencies and local party authorities. Complaints and petitions submitted by citizens, with related materials. Records on economical-financial activities of city departments of the LSSR NKGB-KGB. Registration books, statements reflecting acceptance and transfer of files within departments and destruction of documents.

(Now Fond K-18, Records of city departments of the Committee of State Security (KGB) of the Lithuanian SSR; Opis 1, Files relating to the activities [of the city departments])

[Fond K-1, opis 14 Content List](#)

[Fond K-1, opis 14 Reel Guide](#)

[Fond K-1, opis 14 Missing Files List](#)

Reels 1081-1495,
1498, A-139,
A-140

Opis 45, Permanent records management files, NKVD-NKGB-MGB-KGB of the LSSR, 1926-1991

Physical Description: 418 microfilm reels

Scope and Contents note

Permanent record management files of the LSSR NKVD-NKGB-MGB-KGB and local agencies of the SSSR OGPU-GUGB-NKVD-MGB-KGB concerning cultural, political, and public figures of the First Lithuanian Republic, leaders of the Lithuanian Catholic Church, "white insurgents" of 1941, post-war Lithuanian guerilla fighters, residents of Lithuania, suspected of collaboration with German occupation authorities or special services of Nazi Germany, fighters of Armia Krajowa, participants in Lithuanian and Polish anti-Soviet organization, refugees who tried to flee abroad, and other so-called state criminals.

(Now Fond K-30, Permanent records management files of the Committee of State Security (KGB) of the Lithuanian SSR, Opis 1, Permanent records management files)

[Fond K-1, opis 45 Content List](#)

[Fond K-1, opis 45 Reel Guide](#)

[Fond K-1, opis 45 Missing Files List](#)

Reading room
workstation

Fond No. K-15, Records of the 10th Department of the Committee of State Security (KGB) of the Lithuanian SSR, 1940-1991

Physical Description: 24 digital files

Opis 2, Copies of documents on execution of death penalties, 1944-1947

Physical Description: 24 digital files

Historical note

The files in this *opis* pertain to 784 convicts and list more than 700 of those shot from 1944 to 1947 in the inner prison of the NKGB-MGB of the Lithuanian SSR. Most of the people executed were participants in the June 1941 uprising, policemen, and soldiers in Lithuanian self-defense battalions from 1941 to 1944. Others shot in the inner prison of the NKVD-MGB, though fewer in number, were soldiers of former Lithuanian battalions fighting with German troops, agents of special troops in Germany, participants in the extermination of Jews, Lithuanian and Polish postwar guerilla fighters, and other convicts. The majority of those executed were Lithuanian; others included Byelorussians, Poles, Germans, Russians, Ukrainians, and Latvians. Access to the documents is limited in accordance with the laws of the Lithuanian Republic.

Scope and Contents note

This *opis* includes twenty files, arranged chronologically by the earliest dated record in the original file, consisting of copies of the following records:

- Correspondence of department A of the NKGB-MGB of the Lithuanian SSR, mainly concerning reports of Department A to Soviet military tribunals on carrying out death penalties
- Records containing information on executions (in many cases with the name and occupation of the executioner)
- Memos from chairs of military tribunals to Department A requesting directives to carry out the death penalty
- Memos to chiefs of prisons requesting transfer of convicts to the commandant of the NKVD-MVD of the Lithuanian SSR
- Directives from the chief of the Military Collegium of the USSR Supreme Court to the chair of the Military Tribunal of the troops of the NKVD-MVD of the Lithuanian SSR regarding the death penalty, along with copies of cover letters.

Also included in this *opis* are four files consisting of a card catalog listing individuals convicted by the military tribunal.

(Formerly Fond K-1, Opis 6)

[Fond K-15, opis 2 Content List](#)

Fond No. K-16, Records of the Inspectorate under the Chair of the Committee of State Security (KGB) of the Lithuanian SSR

Physical Description: 12 microfilm reels

Reels 988-999

Opis 1, Files relating to the activities [of the Inspectorate] 1946-1958

Physical Description: 12 microfilm reels

Scope and Contents note

Documents relating to inspection of surveillance-operative, counterintelligence, and investigatory work of MGB-KGB agencies of the LSSR. Materials concerning inspection of punishment administration.

(Formerly Fond K-1, Opis 11, Records of the Inspectorate under the Chair of the KGB of the LSSR)

[Fond K-16, opis 1 Content List](#)

[Fond K-16, opis 1 Reel Guide](#)

Fond No. K-17, Records of the Pretrial Detention Center of the Committee of State Security (KGB) of the Lithuanian SSR

Physical Description: 23 microfilm reels

Reels 276-278,
279A, 961-967,
969, 970 (part)

Opis 1, Office records 1944-1991

Physical Description: 13 microfilm reels

Scope and Contents note

Records of the Prison Department and Internal Prison of the LSSR MGB and Pretrial Detention Ward of the LSSR KGB. Documents relating to inspection of internal cells of the LSSR MGB and pretrial detention wards of the LSSR KGB in *uezds* and cities.

Correspondence relating to prisoners and operative work. Lists of prisoners and investigatory files. Various informational statements.

(Formerly Fond K-1, Opis 13, Pretrial Detention Center of the KGB of the LSSR: Office records; Prisoners' personal files)

[Fond K-17, opis 1 Content List](#)

[Fond K-17, opis 1-2 Reel Guide](#)

Reels 970 (part),
971-979

Opis 2, Prisoners' personal files 1944-1990

Physical Description: 10 microfilm reels

Scope and Contents note

Prisoners' personal files. Records of valuables seized from prisoners.

(Formerly Fond K-1, Opis 13, Pretrial Detention Center of the KGB of the LSSR: Office records; Prisoners' personal files)

[Fond K-17, opis 2 Content List](#)

[Fond K-17, opis 1-2 Reel Guide](#)

Fond No. K-19, Records of oblast level Directorates of the Ministry of State Security (MGB) of the Lithuanian SSR

Physical Description: 212 microfilm reels

Reels 279-487,
604, 1001-1002

Opis 1, Files relating to the activities [of the oblast level directorates] 1949-1953

Physical Description: 212 microfilm reels

Scope and Contents note

Directives for struggle against the Lithuanian armed underground issued by the LSSR MGB directorates in Vilnius, Kaunas, Klaipėda, and Šiauliai to LSSR MGB departments in *raions*. Correspondence. Reports from MGB departments in *raions* relating to elimination of the armed underground and counterintelligence work and operations concerning search for state criminals. Lists of Lithuanian guerilla fighters and personnel of MGB directorates in oblasts.

(Formerly Fond K-1, Opis 16, Records of the oblast level directorates of the MGB-MVD of the LSSR)

[Fond K-19, opis 1 Content List](#)

[Fond K-19, opis 1 Reel Guide](#)

[Fond K-19, opis 1 Missing Files List](#)

Fond No. K-20, Records of the Fourth Department of the Ministry of State Security (MGB) of the Lithuanian SS

Physical Description: 31 microfilm reels

Reels 241-271

Opis 1, Files relating to the activities [of the Fourth Department] 1943-1953

Physical Description: 31 microfilm reels

Scope and Contents note

Directives from the SSSR NKGB-MGB-MVD relating to search of state criminals. Reports, correspondence statements lists of prisoners, and other office documents of the LSSR NKGB-MVD reflecting their work in the search of state criminals (mostly residents of Lithuania under suspicion of collaborating with German authorities or intelligence services of Nazi Germany).

(Formerly Fond K-1, Opis 17, Records of the Second Department of the NKGB-MGB of the LSSR; Records of the Fourth Department of the NKGB-MGB of the LSSR)

[Fond K-20, opis 1 Content List](#)

[Fond K-20, opis 1 Reel Guide](#)

Fond No. K-21, Records of the Operative Departments of the SSSR Ministry of Internal Affairs (MVD) and the Ministry of State Security (MGB)

Physical Description: 20 microfilm reels

Reels 221-240

Opis 1, Files relating to the activities [of the Operative Departments] 1943-1953

Physical Description: 20 microfilm reels

Scope and Contents note

Directives of the SSSR NKVD representative for the Lithuanian SSR relating to the struggle against the armed underground. Directives to the LSSR NKVD-NKGB departments in *uezds* from heads of operative departments of the NKVD-NKGB. Reports reflecting the struggle of LSSR NKVD-NKGB departments in *uezds*, NKVD troops, and operative departments of the NKVD-NKGB against the Lithuanian/Polish armed underground. Captured documents.

(Formerly Fond K-1, Opis 18, Records of the Operative Departments of the SSSR NKVD-NKGB in Lithuania)

[Fond K-21, opis 1 Content List](#)

[Fond K-21, opis 1 Reel Guide](#)

Fond No. K-22, Records of the Special Department of the SSSR People's Commissariat of Internal Affairs (NKVD) of the 29th Rifle Corps of the Baltic Military District (Okrug)

Physical Description: 1 microfilm reel

Reel 488

Opis 1, Files relating to the activities [of the Special Department] 1940-1941

Physical Description: 1 microfilm reel

Scope and Contents note

Documents of special SSSR NKVD departments of the 29th territorial Red Army corps, reflecting NKVD efforts of "purging" the 29th corps (former Lithuanian army) of the "hostile and untrustworthy elements."

(Formerly Fond K-1, Opis 19, Special Records of the NKVD Department of the Baltic Military Okrug)

[Fond K-22, opis 1 Content List](#)

[Fond K-22, opis 1 Reel Guide](#)

Fond No. K-23, Records of the Republican Commission of the Committee of State Security (KGB) of the Lithuanian SSR for Revision of Criminal Cases of Persons Kept in Camps, Colonies, and Prisons of the SSSR MVD or in Exile in Special Settlements for Counterrevolutionary Crime

Physical Description: 26 microfilm reels

Reels 1-26

Opis 1, Files relating to the activities [of the Republican Commission] 1949-1953

Physical Description: 26 microfilm reels

Scope and Contents note

Minutes of the Republican Commission. Correspondence with the SSSR Procurator's Office. Statements and statistical surveys concerning revision of cases and rulings on reviewed sentences. Appeal of the LSSR Procurator's Office as an act of supervision. Memorandum from the Commission to the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Lithuania. Cover letters to cases and documents.

(Formerly Fond K-1, Opis 20, Records of the Republican Commission for revision of criminal cases of persons convicted of "counterrevolutionary crimes.")

[Fond K-23, opis 1 Content List](#)

[Fond K-23, opis 1 Reel Guide](#)

Fond No. K-26, Records of the KGB (Committee of State Security) Department under the SSSR Council of Ministers on the Lithuanian Railway

Physical Description: 25 microfilm reels

Reels 488A,
489-511, 1003

Opis 1, Files relating to the activities [of the Department] 1944-1960

Physical Description: 25 microfilm reels

Scope and Contents note

Reports to the Main Transport Directorate of the SSSR NKGB-KGB. Correspondence with communist party institutions and Soviet authorities. Orders relating to personnel. Directives to NKGB-KGB departments on the Lithuanian Railway, their working plans and accounts. Documents and assets acceptance and transfer statements. Sabotage on the railway cases.

(Formerly Fond K-1, Opis 28, Records of the Department of the SSSR NKGB-MGB-MVD-KGB on the Lithuanian Railway)

[Fond K-26, opis 1 Content List](#)

[Fond K-26, opis 1 Reel Guide](#)

Fond No. K-27, Records of School Number 303 of the Committee of State Security (KGB) under the SSSR Council of Ministers

Physical Description: 12 microfilm reels

Reels 27-31,
1004-1010

Opis 1, Files relating to the activities [of the School] 1946-1960

Physical Description: 12 microfilm reels

Scope and Contents note

Orders of the director of the Lithuanian school for training operative personnel, school No. 303 of the SSSR NKGB-KGB. Correspondence. Financial documents. Acceptance-transfer statements; materials relating to inspection of existing and destroyed records and discarded documents and written-off assets. Students' grade books.

(Formerly Fond K-1, Opis 29, Records of School No. 303 of the SSSR Committee of State Security (KGB))

[Fond K-27, opis 1 Content List](#)

[Fond K-27, opis 1 Reel Guide](#)

[Fond K-27, opis 1 Missing Files List](#)

Fond No. K-31, Records of the General Service Department of the Committee of State Security (KGB) of the Lithuanian SSR

Physical Description: 6 microfilm reels

Reels 271A,
272-276

Opis 1, Files relating to the activities [of the General Service Department] 1945-1959

Physical Description: 6 microfilm reels

Scope and Contents note

Orders of the NKGB-KGB of the LSSR, its General Service Department, and the Construction Department of the LSSR MGB. Economic and financial papers. Documents relating to financial support rendered to so-called people's defense units. Orders of the LSSR MGB-KGB on job placement of former "people's defense fighters."

(Formerly Fond K-1, Opis 30, Records of the Construction Department of the NKGB-MGB-MVD-KGB of the LSSR)

[Fond K-31, opis 1 Content List](#)

[Fond K-31, opis 1 Reel Guide](#)

Reading room
workstation

Fond No. K-40, Records of the Investigative Department of the Committee of State Security (KGB) of the Lithuanian SSR, 1944-1991

Physical Description: 260 digital files

Historical note

The Investigative Department of the Committee of State Security (KGB) of the Lithuanian SSR operated under various names in 1940-1941 and 1944-1991. This *fond* includes files of the First Special Department of the NKVD of the Lithuanian SSR that operated from 1940-1941, the Investigative Department of the NKVD of the Lithuanian SSR that operated from 1944-1953, and the Operative Group of the KGB of the Lithuanian SSR that operated from 1959-1965.

The department investigated individuals and groups charged with insurgent and anti-Soviet activities. It also investigated criminal cases of special importance, the so-called state prisoners. Beginning in the spring of 1945 the NKVD spent most of its time investigating guerrilla fighters and their accomplices.

From 1944 to 1953 those charged with anti-Soviet activities were sentenced by extrajudicial institutions (e.g., military tribunals or the Special Council). After 1954 these individuals or their family members were allowed to submit to the KGB of the Lithuanian SSR requests to commute the penalties or annul the sentences imposed on them by the extrajudicial institutions. Thus, beginning in 1955, one responsibility of the Investigative Department was reviewing and revising criminal cases.

After 1959 KGB and MVD troops liquidated the remnants of the Lithuanian underground. This reduced the number of individuals detained for anti-Soviet crimes and decreased the workload of the Investigative Department.

The First Division of the Department investigated "traitors of the Motherland," those who helped foreign countries in activities against the Soviet Union and those involved in anti-Soviet agitation, propaganda, and contraband. This division was also responsible for reviewing archived criminal cases.

Beginning in the 1980s the Second Division investigated criminal cases of espionage, divulgence of military secrets, sedition, violation of rules for currency handling, and economic crimes

In the 1980s and 1990s heads of divisions investigated the most important cases and took part in reeducating convicted Lithuanian dissidents.

The activities of the USSR KGB in Lithuania were officially stopped on 22 August 1991 by the resolution of the Supreme Soviet of the Republic of Lithuania. In October-November of the same year the Investigative Department of the Lithuanian SSR was closed down. Access to its documents is limited in accordance with the laws of the Lithuanian Republic.

Fond no. K-40 also includes materials selected by the Operative Team of the LSSR KGB in 1959-1965. Two retired KGB officers operated as a part of the Editorial Board for Documents Publication of the Institute of History of the Academy of Science of the Lithuanian SSR. The board published archival records held in various archival, governmental, and party institutions that supposedly "exposed anti-public policy of Lithuanian and Polish bourgeois nationalists, evil intents and violence that took place in the bourgeois Lithuania." The documents were used for propaganda by the Communist Party of Lithuania. The two officers, along with staff members of the KGB, searched, selected, arranged, and prepared for publication archival documents about the so-called atrocities of bourgeois nationalists on the territory of the Lithuanian SSR.

Opis 1, Files Relating to the Activities of the Department, 1944-1985

Physical Description: 247 digital files

Scope and Contents note

Files in this *opis* include working plans, memoranda, and reports prepared by the MGB-KGB of the Lithuanian SSR and subdivisions of the NKVD-MVD of the Lithuanian SSR; the files also contain memoranda regarding investigative activities of the NKVD-KGB institutions; memoranda concerning anti-Soviet activities of individuals or groups; lists of detained persons; criminal proceedings initiated in connection with anti-Soviet activities; interrogation records and witnesses' testimony records (sometimes copies); correspondence relating to anti-Soviet and other offenses; correspondence concerning rehabilitation of exiled individuals; and records regarding other issues.

The *opis* also includes files compiled by the two officers of the Operative Team of the LSSR KGB. They contain memoranda, reports, and correspondence of institutions of the NKGB-KGB of the Lithuanian SSR regarding political figures of pre-war Lithuania, public and political organizations acting in Lithuania during the pre-war and later periods, participants in the 1941 uprising, Lithuanian self-defense battalions, military crimes committed during World War II, Lithuanian guerrilla fighters, and the Polish anti-Soviet underground. The files also contain interrogation and witness testimony records, photographs of individuals charged with anti-Soviet activities, documents (mostly copies) relating to Lithuanian guerrilla fighters and various political organizations (e.g., Union of Nationalists of Lithuania, Geležinis Vilkas, and others), and publications.

247 files, arranged by the year the file was closed.

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Opis 2, Files Relating to the Activities of the Department, 1940-1989 (bulk, 1980-1987)

Physical Description: 13 digital files

Scope and Contents note

Opis 2 consists of thirteen files. Two of these files were compiled in 1940-1941 by the First Special Department of the NKVD LSSR and the NKGB Directorate of the Lithuanian SSR in Vilnius. They contain lists of individuals arrested in Lithuania (mostly in Vilnius and Kaunas) in 1940-1941 and interrogated by the NKVD-NKGB, with cover letters. Other files include memoranda on the activities of individuals suspected of war crimes and residing outside the Soviet Union; notes by KGB employees studying at the KGB Higher Educational Institution in Minsk; and evaluations of crime prevention work by the KGB of the Lithuanian SSR.

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Fond No. K-42, Records of the Personnel Department of the Committee of State Security (KGB) of the Lithuanian SSR 1941-1990 (bulk, 1963-1988)

Physical Description: 98 digital files

Historical note

The Personnel Department of the Committee of State Security of the Lithuanian SSR was first established in 1944 as the Personnel Department of the People's Commissariat of the Lithuanian SSR (NKGB). In 1946 the NKGB became the Ministry of State Security (MGB), and the Personnel Department was renamed accordingly. It should be noted that not many documents relating to the activities of the department from 1944 to 1953 have survived.

When in 1953 the MGB LSSR was superseded by the Ministry of Internal Affairs (MVD) of the LSSR, its Personnel Department became a structural unit of the MVD. In 1954 the Committee for State Security of LSSR was restored, and its Personnel Department was established. It reported to the USSR KGB Personnel Directorate.

From 1953 through 1954 it was called the Personnel Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs (MGB), then from 1954 through 1978, the Personnel Department of the Committee of State Security attached to the Council of Ministers of the Lithuanian SSR. From 1978 through 1991 the Department was called the Personnel Department of the KGB of the Lithuanian SSR. Activities of the Personnel Department were governed by resolutions and instructions of the USSR KGB and recommendations of the USSR KGB Personnel Directorate. De jure the chief of the Personnel Department had always been Deputy Chair for Cadres of the LSSR KGB while de facto the Personnel Department was run by the deputy chief of the Personnel Department.

In 1954-1955 the Personnel Department consisted of the following divisions: 1st Division, which organized and managed selection, assignment and education of employees; 2nd Division, or special inspectorate, which investigated crime and misdemeanor committed by employees; 3rd Division, or personnel registration office, which was reorganized into a section for registration of the Personnel Department in May 1955; and 4th Division, which handled mobilization; it was later reorganized into a section for mobilization of the Personnel Departments.

At the end of the 1960s the Personnel Department started selecting candidates from Lithuania for KGB schools in Moscow, Minsk, Tashkent, and other cities of the USSR and for KGB higher educational institutions in Lithuania, where future KGB employees studied law, foreign languages, journalism, radio electronics, and other subjects.

From the 1970s through the 1990s one of the responsibilities of the LSSR KGB Personnel Department was distribution of KGB textbooks, curricula, methodological recommendations, etc., supplied by USSR KGB higher educational institutions.

In the 1980s-1990s the Personnel Department was mainly engaged in: (1) Selecting and hiring personnel of the LSSR KGB. New KGB employees were recruited from large industrial enterprises in Lithuania; (2) Forming reservists for intelligence and counterintelligence subdivisions of the LSSR KGB. Candidates were mostly selected by operative divisions, but the final decision on each candidate was made after a complete background check was conducted by the Personnel Department; (3) Training of operatives and LSSR KGB staff development; (4) Working with young employees; (5) Establishing special training and military and physical education for LSSR KGB personnel. From 1976 seminars were organized in Vilnius, Kaunas, Klaipėda, Šiauliai and other cities to train employees of raion level divisions of the LSSR KGB; (6) Strengthening discipline and performing ideological education of LSSR KGB employees; (7) Maintaining personnel files of KGB employees; (8) Planning holiday celebrations for personnel.

The Personnel Department also compiled annual evaluation plans for KGB officers, and managed and analyzed evaluation results. Evaluation was performed in close cooperation with the Committee of the Lithuanian Communist Party at the LSSR KGB.

In 1974 the Personnel Department established courts of honor at the LSSR KGB. In the second half of the 1980s the Personnel Department started paying special attention to "international education of the KGB cadres." At the beginning of 1987 there were 14 employees in the Personnel Department.

On 22 August 1991 the Supreme Soviet (the Seim of the Lithuanian Republic) stopped the activities of the USSR KGB in Lithuania, and in October-November the Personnel Department of the LSS KGB ended its operations.

Opis 1, Files relating to the activities [of the Personnel Department Of the KGB of the Lithuanian SSR] 1962-1988

Physical Description: 60 digital files

Scope and Contents note

This *opis* consists of 60 digital PDF files, including correspondence among USSR KGB divisions with KGB divisions in the Lithuanian SSR concerning methodological literature; plans, reports, and informational statements of the LSSR KGB subdivisions regarding work with KGB cadres.

(Formerly Fond K-1, Opis 9)

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Opis 2, Files relating to the activities [of the Personnel Department Of the KGB of the Lithuanian SSR] 1941-1990 (bulk, 1963-1988)

Physical Description: 38 digital files

Scope and Contents note

This *opis* consists of 38 digital PDF files, including correspondence with KGB divisions concerning work with cadres; documents relating to work of NKVD-NKGB groups involved in gathering intelligence and committing acts of sabotage in Lithuania during the German occupation, 1941-1944; materials relating to education of students at KGB higher educational institutions; and documents concerning NKVD-NKGB officers who perished during the war with Lithuanian guerillas, 1944-1953.

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