Overview of the Hugó Sónyi Papers

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### Collection Summary

**Title:** Hugó Sónyi papers  
**Dates:** 1931-1981  
**Collection Number:** 2012C45  
**Creator:** Sónyi, Hugó, 1883-1958.  
**Collection Size:** 10 manuscript boxes, 1 oversize box (4.5 linear feet)  
**Repository:** Hoover Institution Archives  
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**Abstract:** Correspondence, writings, registers, and printed matter, relating mainly to post-World War II Hungarian émigré affairs, and especially to Hungarians in Germany.  
**Physical Location:** Hoover Institution Archives  
**Languages:** Mainly in Hungarian  

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### Biographical Note

A colonel general in the Hungarian army, Sónyi commanded the Hungarian armed forces from September 1936 to March 1940. From 1945 until his death in 1958 he lived in exile in West Germany. The important achievement of Sónyi's exile years was reestablishment in 1953 of the Hungarian order of merit known as Vitéz, or Vitézi Rend in Hungarian. The Order of Vitéz, founded in 1678, revived in 1920, and abolished by the Soviet-imposed Communist government of Hungary in 1946, had been an important symbol of Hungary's historic commitment to independence and territorial integrity.

### Scope and Content of Collection

Sónyi's papers contain materials documenting the Hungarian community in Germany, especially that in the former British Zone. The collection includes material on social and political issues, as well some émigré press titles, but the bulk consists of correspondence, mostly from former officers and soldiers. Among those are letters to and from Admiral Miklos Horthy.
Archduke Joseph August von Habsburg, and other monarchist and legitimist émigrés.

Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library’s online public access catalog.
Hungary—Emigration and immigration.
Hungarians—Germany.
Hungary. Honvédség—Officers.