Title: Ludmila A. Foster papers  

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Contributing Institution: Hoover Institution Archives  

Language of Material: Russian  

Physical Description: 5 manuscript boxes, 1 oversize box (4.1 linear feet)  

Abstract: Writings, printed matter, video tapes and audio tapes, relating to Russian émigré literature, Russian émigré affairs and the Congress of Russian-Americans.  

Language of the Materials: Russian and English  

Location note: Hoover Institution Archives.  

Creator: Foster, Ludmila A.,  

Scope and Contents of the Collection  

Ludmila A. Foster papers consist primarily of chronological files reflecting both her scholarly and journalistic activity. They contain published and unpublished writings, as well as some of the interviews she conducted for the Voice of America, notably with Harvard historian Richard Pipes, Senator Gordon Humphrey, and Vladislav Naumov, a Soviet soldier who defected to the Afghan Mujahedeen in 1983. 

Among the more significant correspondents found in the collection is Russian academician Dmitrii Likhachev, who describes in a letter dated 14 January 1991, his participation in the first official Soviet publication of Boris Pasternak's prose in 1982. The collection also includes two boxes of audio cassettes and one box of video tapes containing Foster's interviews, Mikhail Leon't'ev's Bol'shaia igra (The Big Game), and various other recordings. 

In addition to Ludmila Foster's own papers, the collection contains a set of sketches of the First World War and later life in the Soviet Union by an unidentified individual.  

Access  

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Biographical note  

Ludmila Foster, born in 1931, was a Russian émigré journalist and scholar. She received her Ph.D. in Russian Literature from Harvard University in 1970 and subsequently worked for the Voice of America and the United States Information Agency. She later headed the Washington Office of the Congress of Russian Americans. Foster died in 2014.  

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