Overview of the Vladimir Konstantinovich Bukovskii papers

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Biographical Note
Soviet dissident; subsequently émigré in the United States and Great Britain.
Vladimir Konstantinovich Bukovskii (Bukovsky) (b. 1942) was prominent in the Soviet dissident movement of the 1960s and 1970s; he spent a total of twelve years in psychiatric prison-hospitals, labor camps, and prisons in the Soviet Union. After being expelled from the country in late 1976, he continued his active and vocal opposition to the Soviet system and the shortcomings of its successor regimes. A writer, neurophysiologist, and activist, he is celebrated for his part in the campaign to expose and halt the political abuse in the Soviet Union.
Scope and Content of Collection
The papers of Vladimir Konstantinovich Bukovskii document his activities from 1983 to 2004 and include biographical material; correspondence; materials of the National Endowment for Democracy, Center for Democracy and Freedom of Communication, and Komitet soldatskikh materei (Committee of Soldiers’ Mothers); election papers; writings by Bukovskii, including his conference papers; writings by others; materials concerning publication of books by Bukovskii with related correspondence; and photographs, depicting Bukovskii with other dissidents, political figures, family, and friends.
The correspondence is mostly legal, relating to Bukovskii's legal cases and in defense of other human rights activists (not only Russian/Soviet), and includes letters from Margaret Thatcher, Winston Churchill, Zbigniew Brzezinski, and others, and Bukovskii's letters to Boris Yeltsin.
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