Register of the David Spencer collection

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Abstract: Salvadoran military interrogation and other reports, transcripts of interrogations, Salvadoran government press releases, captured guerrilla documents, guerrilla warfare manuals, leaflets, flyers, and photographs relating to guerrilla activities of the Farabundo Martí National Liberation Front in El Salvador and to allegations of human rights abuses in El Salvador. Includes a summary study with selected translations by David Spencer.
Physical Location: Hoover Institution Archives
Creator: Spencer, David, collector.
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1974 Received PhD in economics from Texas A&M University
1974-1975 Visiting professor at Michigan State University
1975-1979 Taught at Illinois State University
1975-1986 Taught at Washington State University
1981 Received tenure at Washington State University
1988-1989 Visiting professor at Massachusetts Institute of Technology
1990 Received the Best Article Award from the peer-reviewed academic journal Economic Inquiry
1991 Moved to Brigham Young University and taught as full professor
1996 Published From Vietnam to El Salvador: The Saga of the FMLN Sappers and Other Guerrilla Special Forces in Latin America
1997 Received a Fulbright Scholarship to Vietnam
1998-2001 Chair of Graduate Record Examination Committee
2005 Received the Alcuin Fellowship Award at Brigham Young University
2007-2008 Visiting professor at University of Michigan
Scope and Content of Collection
The David Spencer collection includes Salvadoran press bulletins, military interrogation transcripts, and captured guerrilla manuals and documents relating to guerrilla group activities of the Frente Farabundo Martí para la Liberación Nacional (FMLN) during the Salvadoran Civil War. Additional materials include captured correspondence, diaries, memoranda, pamphlets, photographs, battle reports, and a few printed materials pertaining to FMLN activities while at war with the Salvadoran military. There are also two drafts by Spencer on the FMLN Special Forces and the Cold War in Latin America, as well as photographs taken by Spencer while in El Salvador during the Civil War. Note that the majority of the collection is photocopies made by Spencer of materials from the Salvadoran Archives.
Subjects and Indexing Terms
Guerrillas--El Salvador.
Frente Farabundo Martí para la Liberación Nacional.
Civil rights--El Salvador.

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**Speeches and Writings, 1992**

- Box/Folder 1 : 1  *FES: The Special Forces of the FMLN, 1992*
- Box/Folder 1 : 2  *The External War: The Argentine Dirty War in Central America, 1992*
- Box/Folder 1 : 3  *Research File, 1971-1995*

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**General, circa 1980-1990**

- Box/Folder 1 : 3  *Historia del FMLN, 1989*
- Box/Folder 1 : 4  *El Proceso de Paz en El Salvador, circa 1980-1990*

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**Press bulletins, 1989-1992**

Scope and Contents note
Published by the Salvadoran government related to events occurring during the Civil War.

- Box/Folder 1 : 5-7  1989
- Box/Folder 1 : 8, 2 : 1-2  1990
- Box/Folder 2 : 3-6  1991
- Box/Folder 3 : 1  1992

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**Correspondence, 1980, 1983**

Scope and Contents note
Captured correspondence between FMLN guerrillas and a letter from Archbishop Leonidas Proano of Riobamba, Ecuador to the FMLN.

- Box/Folder 3 : 2  General, 1980
- Box/Folder 3 : 3  Letter from Proano, Leonidas Archbishop of Riobamba, Ecuador, 1980
- Box/Folder 3 : 4  Letter to Javier, 1983

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**Manuals, 1971-1988**

Scope and Contents note
Manuals confiscated from the FMLN covering guerrilla military strategy and tactics, political and policy guidelines, and how to create and run a political party. The manuals originate either from Cuba or the Soviet Union and borrow military and political knowledge from other Cold War conflicts in Vietnam and Latin America.

- Box/Folder 3 : 5  General, 1980s
- Box/Folder 3 : 6  1971
- Box/Folder 3 : 7  1979
- Box/Folder 3 : 8  1981
- Box/Folder 3 : 9  1985
- Box/Folder 3 : 10  1986
- Box/Folder 3 : 11  1987
- Box/Folder 3 : 12  1988

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**Memoranda, 1980-1995**
### Box/Folder 4: 1-4
**General, 1980s**

- Box/Folder 4: 5: 1986-1987
- Box/Folder 4: 7: 1988-1989
- Box/Folder 4: 8: 1990-1991
- Box/Folder 4: 9: 1992-1993
- Box/Folder 4: 10: 1994-1995
- Box/Folder 4: 11: Microfilm duplicates, circa 1980-1990

### Box/Folder 4: 12
**Pamphlets, 1986-1991**

- Box/Folder 4: 12: Photocopies, circa 1980-1990

### Box/Folder 5: 1-60
**Reports, 1978-1992**

- Box/Folder 6: 1: General, 1980s
- Box/Folder 6: 2: 1978-1979
- Box/Folder 6: 3-4: 1980-1981
- Box/Folder 6: 5: 1982-1983
- Box/Folder 6: 6: 1984-1985
- Box/Folder 6: 7: 1986-1987
- Box/Folder 6: 8: 1988-1989
- Box/Folder 6: 9: 1992

### Box/Folder 6: 10
**Transcripts, 1980-1990**

- Box/Folder 6: 10: General, circa 1980-1981
- Box/Folder 6: 11: 1980-1990

**Interrogations, 1981-1990**

- Box/Folder 7: 1: Alvila-Rodriguez, Milton Sifredo, 1987
- Box/Folder 7: 2: Caceres-Galindo, Jose Antonio, 1982
- Box/Folder 7: 3: Castillo-Morales, Juan Jose, 1986
- Box/Folder 7: 4: Diaz-Umana, T. Gilberto, 1984
- Box/Folder 7: 5: Hernandez-Hespinosa, Ricardo de Jesus, 1989
Box/Folder 7 : 6  Hernandez-Portillo, Jose Justiniano, 1985
Box/Folder 7 : 7  Mijango-Flores, Jose Humberto, 1985
Box/Folder 7 : 8  Morales-Galvez, Santos Salome, circa 1980-1990
Box/Folder 7 : 9  Rivas-Melendez, Jose Herminio, 1987
Box/Folder 7 : 10 Romero-Tavaver, Julio Santiago, 1981
Box/Folder 7 : 11 Torrez-Richards, Federico Ruben, 1985
Box/Folder 7 : 12 Valle-Hernandez, Cesar Alberto, 1985
Box/Folder 7 : 13 Zepeda-Gonzalez, Carlos Rolando, 1990

Printed matter, 1983, 1992

Box/Folder 7 : 14 General, 1983
    Scope and Contents note
    Contains radio bulletins, leaflets, political flyers, and other ephemera. Note that this
    appears to be original material.

Box/Folder 7 : 15 Diario Latino, 1992
    Scope and Contents note
    Contains photocopies of four issues of the newspaper Diario Latino.