Register of the Wolność i Niezawisłość miscellaneous records

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Abstract: The collection is comprised of newsletters, memoranda, letters, leaflets, and flyers relating to Polish opposition to Soviet and communist forces at the end of World War II.
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Historical note
Wolność i Niezawisłość (WiN) (Freedom and Independence), an underground anti-communist organization, was established on September 2, 1945, in Warsaw, Poland. Its main goal was to fight communism and the Sovietification of Poland through political channels, with minimal military action. However, hostility between WiN and communist organizations, such as the Polish Ministry of Public Security, the Polish Worker’s Party, and the NKVD, often led to provocation, resulting in violence. Realizing that victory through violence was impossible, members of WiN instead chose to focus on fighting the communists through anti-communist propaganda and by providing assistance to all those who opposed the communist government. By 1952, WiN ceased to exist, mainly due to the efforts of the Ministry of Public Security and its leader, Jakub Berman, who assassinated a number of the organization’s prominent members.

Scope and Content of Collection
The collection is comprised of letters, printed matter, reports, personal orders, notices, and orders of promotion, as well as a file regarding Akcja “O” (Operation “O”).

Subjects and Indexing Terms
Anti-communist movements--Poland.
Poland--History--Occupation, 1939-1945.
World War, 1939-1945--Poland.
World War, 1939-1945--Underground movements.
Akcja "O" (Operation "O"), 1946

Scope and Contents
Akcja "O" was a large WiN anti-communist operation conducted through the use of various types of propaganda. Its main purpose was to weaken communist organizations, such as the Ministry of Public Security and the Polish Worker's Party. The operation was also meant to inform the Polish people of the transgressions and injustices committed against them by the communist groups.

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