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Scope and Content
The documents of this collection were selected by JOHN BARRON (b. 1930), American journalist and author, to be used as research material for his book *Operation SOLO: The FBI Man in the Kremlin* (Washington, D.C.: Regnery Pub., 1996). The book describes an operation (later called SOLO) conducted by the FBI in 1954-1982. The main character in the operation was Morris Childs (1902-1991), a prominent member of the Communist Party USA (CPUSA), who enjoyed absolute trust of communist leaders both in the United States and the Soviet Union.
Morris Childs, along with his brother Jack Childs and wife Eva Childs, made fifty-seven trips (called by the FBI "missions") to the Soviet Union and other countries of the socialist camp. Morris Childs often accompanied Gus Hall, General Secretary of the CPUSA; sometimes he traveled alone or with his wife. Morris had conferences with party leaders in the countries he visited and was shown confidential and secret documents.
Within Operation SOLO the FBI supported a clandestine communication system designed and built by the Soviet KGB (Committee for State Security). Through this system the FBI regularly received messages from the Kremlin and, in the name of Jack or Morris, sent back information the United States wanted the Soviets to get. The FBI also handled millions of dollars smuggled from the Soviet Union to New York, either by Jack or Morris or by KGB agents, for the CPUSA.
The collection is divided into four series. Of most interest is the SUBJECT FILE series, which reflects the activities of Gus Hall, General Secretary of the CPUSA, and gives an insight into Operation SOLO and how it was handled by the KGB. It also includes descriptions of communication devices, decoding tables, pictures of KGB agents in New-York, etc. The WRITINGS and CORRESPONDENCE series document John Barron's work on the book.
Subjects and Indexing Terms
Childs, Morris, 1902-1991
Communist Party of the United States of America.
Kommunisticheskā partii Sovetskogo Soiūza.
Communism--United States.
Communism.
Internal security--United States.
Russia (Federation)
Soviet Union.
Writings, 1995
Scope and Contents note
John Barron's notes, and reviews of his book Operation SOLO: The FBI Man in the Kremlin, arranged alphabetically by physical form

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Notes, holograph and typescripts, undated

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Reviews, 1995

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Scope and Contents note
Correspondence, essays, pamphlets, clippings, bulletins, appeals, instructions, leaflets, minutes, lists, memoranda, prospectus, press interview, radio address, outlines, reports, notes, press releases, speeches, and questionnaire, arranged alphabetically by subject

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Twenty-First Congress, Includes speeches of A. N. Shelepin, N. S. Khrushchev, Chou En-lai, and Leonid I. Brezhnev, 1959

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