Register of the Alexander Liosnoff papers

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Abstract: The papers contain information on the Shanghai American School Association, American psychological warfare activities during the Korean War, and the post-World War II American civil administration of the Ryukyu Islands, based in Okinawa, including reversion to Japan in 1972. The materials were generally kept in the original order and arrangement of the creator.

Physical location: Hoover Institution Archives

Creator: Liosnoff, Alexander, 1920-

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1920, May 7

Born, Harbin, Manchuria

1938

Graduated, Shanghai American School

1941

Graduated, University of Missouri School of Journalism

1941-1943

Radio news reporter and editor, KMOX-CBS St. Louis, Missouri

1943-1946

Drafted; Served in the U.S. Army in World War II

1946-1950

Radio news reporter and editor, KLX-Oakland Tribune, Oakland, California, and KGO-ABC, San Francisco, California

1950-1951

Recalled to serve in the Korean War, GHQ Far East Command, duty with Psychological Warfare Branch G2 and Radio Pusan

1951-1957

United States Army Seventh Psychological Operations Group and First Radio Broadcasting and Leaflet Group

1957-1971

Chief, Information Division, Public Affairs Department, U.S. Civil Administration of the Ryukyu Islands, Okinawa

1971-1972

Director, Public Affairs Department, U.S. Civil Administration of the Ryukyu Islands, Okinawa

1972-1985

Consultant in public affairs, Bank of America Communications Department, San Francisco

1985

Retired

1989-1991

First president, Shanghai American School Association

1989-1998

Newsletter editor, Shanghai American School Association

Scope and Content of Collection

Acquired in 2005, the Alexander Liosnoff Papers contain information about the Shanghai American School Association, American psychological warfare activities during the Korean War, and the post-World War II American civil administration of Okinawa and the Ryukyu Islands, including reversion to Japan in 1972. Materials were kept in the original order and arrangement of the creator.

The Korea Files document the Army's Psychological Operations, focusing on radio broadcasting to South and North Korea via Radio Pusan. Documents collected include information gathered in both Korea and Tokyo on psychological warfare, the management of prisoners of war, and propaganda leaflets. Oversize Materials contains a photograph album about Korea.

The Okinawa Files (U.S. Civil Administration of the Ryukyu Islands) include correspondence, reports, memoranda, press releases, press summaries, radio broadcast scripts, studies, reports, newsletters, clippings, printed materials, and photographs, documenting the administration and local relationships of the public affairs staff of the U.S. Civil Administration of the Ryukyus from 1957 to the reversion of the territory to Japan in 1972. Oversize Materials include...
photographs and photograph albums documenting Okinawa. **Printed Matter** contains numerous secondary sources on Okinawa.

**Shanghai American School Association (SASA) Records** are comprised of materials documenting the activities of Shanghai American School (SAS) alumni. Liosnoff served as the founding president and newsletter editor from 1989-1998. Documents include information about the executive board, correspondence, newsletters, and annual reunions. **Oversize Material** includes a photograph album of SASA activities, while **Printed Matter** contains published works of former SAS students.

The **Oral History Materials** series includes an audio tape and transcript of an oral history interview with Alexander Liosnoff. Conducted by Brad Bauer, Associate Archivist for Collection Development at the Hoover Institution Archives in 2005, the interview connects the materials in the collections with the events in Liosnoff's life.

**Arrangement**

**Subjects and Indexing Terms**
- Shanghai American School Association.
- Shanghai American School.
- United States. Army.
- Americans--China.
- Education--China.
- Okinawa-ken (Japan)
- Prisoners of war.
- Propaganda, American--Korea (North)
- Radio broadcasting--Korea (North)
- Ryukyu Islands (United States Civil Administration, 1945-1972)
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**Scope and Contents note**
Includes audio recording and transcript of a 2005 oral history interview with Alexander Liosnoff conducted by Brad Bauer, the Hoover Institution Archives Associate Archivist for Collection Development.

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**Shanghai American School Association (SASA) Records, 1935-2004**

**General note**
See also Oversize Materials for a Photograph Album.

**Scope and Contents note**
Contains documentation on the school as well as records, correspondence, and newsletters of the association. Documents include materials of the executive board, officers, and information about annual reunions. Arranged into groups by function.

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includes briefings, treaties, agreements, reports, news releases, articles, speeches, surveys, correspondence, photographs, and printed materials on the military, reversion process, politics, economics, history, social conventions, cultural arts, and news media of Okinawa and the Ryukyu Islands. Photographs may be found throughout the series where noted. Arranged into groups by subject.

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Government of the Ryukyu Islands: Biographical Information, U.S. Civil Administration of the Ryukyu Islands, Liaison Department, 1969  
Okinawa, Keystone of the Pacific, circa 1960s  
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