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Aid for International Medicine.
Chemical warfare.
1927 August 17 Born, Atlantic City, New Jersey
1945-1947 Served in U.S. Navy
1949 B.S. Lafayette College, Easton, Pennsylvania
1953 M.D. Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia
1963-1983 Made various trips to Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia
1964 Lobbied for Volunteer Physicians for Viet Nam Program
1965 Founded Aid for International Medicine
1967 Became consultant to Edward M. Kennedy's U.S. Senate Subcommittee to Investigate Problems Connected with Refugees and Escapes
1967-1973 Participated in Subcommittee study missions to Vietnam
1967-1976 Served on CARE-MEDICO board of directors
1978 Became consultant to U.S. Veterans Administration
Associate Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia

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General. Includes population statistics, organization charts, glossaries of military terms, personal accounts

Box 14, Folder 7 | Undated
Folder 8 | 1960-1965
Folder 9 | 1966-1984

Clippings

Folder 10 | 1965-1967
Folder 11 | 1968-1973
Folder 12 | 1975 March 30
Folder 13 | 1975 March 31-1978
Box 15, Folder 1 | 1981-1984

Folder 2 | Maps, 1962-1971


Folder 4 | Notes, 1983

Printed Matter

General. Includes booklets published in Hanoi and journal articles

Box 29, Folder 10 | Undated. Xeroxed copy of the nations needing medical aid, published by World Relief, includes Vietnam

Box 15, Folder 5 | 1965
Folder 6 | 1966
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Folder 8 | 1978
Folder 9-10 | 1979
Box 16, Folder 1 | 1980. Includes *Reminiscences of a Vietnamese Surgeon* by Ton That Tung
Folder 2-3 | 1981. Includes the Constitution of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam
Folder 4 | 1982
Folder 5 | 1983

*Hibiscus Series, Hanoi. Vietnamese tales, legends, and stories*

Box 16, Folder 6 | 1981-1982
Folder 7 | 1983-1984
Folder 8 | Vietnamese Experience Series, Hanoi, 1983-1984. Includes topics of education, illiteracy, medicine

Reports

General

Box 17, Folder 1 | 1962. Includes mimeographed copy of "Notes from the Underground: The Mystique of a Viet Cong"
Folder 2 | 1965. Report includes statements by President Lyndon B. Johnson, Dean Rusk, and Robert S. McNamara
Folder 3 | 1969. Includes mimeographed copy of "Findings on Trip to Vietnam" by the U.S. Study Team on Religious and Political Freedom in Vietnam
Box 17, Folder 4  1982
Michigan State University. Viet Nam Advisory Group
Folder 5  1961. Reports relate to Vietnamese government administration
Folder 6  1962
Folder 8  Speeches
General 1966-1981. Includes a mimeographed copy of “Importance and Need of a Special Statute for Minority Groups in the National Community’s Life,” delivered by the Minister for Development of Ethnic Minorities, 1969 August 29, and a printed copy of a speech commemorating the fiftieth anniversary of the Vietnamese Communist Party, delivered by Le Duan, 1980 February 2
Folder 5  Vietnamese Foreign Ministry’s note addressed to Chinese Foreign Ministry 1982 February 5. Typewritten copy
Vietnam Veterans
General
Box 17, Folder 9  General, 1982-1984
Folder 10  Clippings, 1979-1981
Box 30, Folder 6  Correspondence, 1982-1985
Folder 7  Veterans Administration, 1982-1985
Box 17, Folder 11  Vietnam Veterans of America, 1983
Folder 12  Disabled American Veterans
General, 1981?
War Victims in Southeast Asia. See also Refugees in Southeast Asia
General
Box 17, Folder 13  General, 1965-1972. Includes population statistics and a report on refugee resettlement plans
Folder 14  Clippings, 1967-1972
Box 30, Folder 9  Notes, 1972
Folder 10  Printed matter 1982-1983. Includes article by Ginetta Sagan and material published by Oxfam
Box 30, Folder 11  Boat People Project, includes correspondence 1979-1980
Kennedy, Senator Edward M. Includes statements and speeches issued from the Senator’s office
Box 17, Folder 16  1967-1969
Box 18, Folder 1  1970-1972
Folder 2  1973
Folder 3  1974-1978
Box 30, Folder 12  Letters to the Editor, 1982. Typewritten copies
United States. Civil Operations and Rural Development Support (CORDS)
Box 18, Folder 4  General, 1967-1969
Folder 5  Memoranda, 1967. Relates to refugees and civilian war casualties
Reports
Folder 6  1967-1968
Folder 7  1969. Includes different drafts of “Assessment of Refugee Program”
Folder 8  1971. Includes a report on housing, social welfare activities, and the Food for Peace Program in the Vietnamese provinces
| Folder 15 | Correspondence, 1971-1975 |
| Folder 16 | Findings and Recommendations, 1968 May 9 |
| Box 18, Folder 9 | Fragments from the Congressionnal Record, 1967-1973 |
| Box 30, Folder 17 | Hearings |
| Folder 18 | 1967 May 10 and 18; 1967 August 16; 1967 September 21; 1967 October 9, 10, 11, 13, and 16 |
| Folder 19 | 1969 June 24 and 25 |
| Folder 20 | 1972 May 8 and 9; 1972 August 16-17 |
| Folder 21 | 1972 September 28; 1973 April 16; 1973 August 1 |
| Box 19, Folder 1 | 1973 May 11 |
| Box 19, Folder 2 | 1973 July 31 |
| Box 19, Folder 3 | 1974 July 18 |
| Folder 2 | 1967 Study Mission. Includes itinerary for Senator Edward M. Kennedy |
| Folder 3 | 1968 Study Mission |
| Folder 4 | General. Includes typewritten summary of visit by John M. Levinson |
| Folder 5 | Notebook. Includes itineraries, memoranda, typewritten notes, reports |
| Box 20, Folder 1-4 | 1969 Study Mission to South Vietnam. Includes report written by Drs. John M. Levinson and Thomas S. Durant |
| Folder 6 | 1973 Study Mission to North Vietnam |
| Folder 7 | General |
| Folder 8 | Clippings, 1972-1973 |
| Folder 10 | Printed Matter, 1972 |
| Folder 11 | Reports, 1972 |
| Folder 12 | Itinerary |
| Box 21, Folder 1 | Notes |
| Folder 2 | Printed Matter |
| Box 30, Folder 21 | Reports |

### POSTAGE STAMPS, 1889-1979

<p>| Box 21, Folder 3 | Catalogs |
| Folder 4 | 1967-1975 |
| Folder 5 | 1979 |
| Folder 6 | Kampuchea |
| Box 22, Folder 1 | Album |
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| | Stamps, grouped by subject in envelopes |
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**OVERSIZE FILE, 1889-1967**

| Box 25, Folder 1 | Postage Stamps, 1889-1946. Album pages of Indochina stamps |

**Printed Matter**

| Folder 2       | 1965 |
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| Box 31, Folder 1 | Scrapbook, 1963 |
| Folder 2       | Scrapbook, 1966 January-1967 March |

**PHONOTAPE CASSETTE, 1983**

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**AUDIO-VISUAL, 1963-1983.**

Physical Description: (263 prints, 174 negatives, 43 post cards / 14 envelopes; 2 photo albums / 1 album box

Scope and Content Note

Includes photographs and postcards

| Envelope A     | 10 photographs of medical assistance and training given by the Thomas A. Dooley Foundation in Laos. undated |
| Envelope B     | 16 post cards of sculptures in the Tay Phuong pagoda, North Vietnam. undated |
| Envelope C     | 2 miscellaneous post cards and 20 miscellaneous negatives, including views of canoeing and John M. Levinson. undated |
| Envelope D     | 3 photographs and 1 negative of Tu Du Maternity Hospital, Saigon, Vietnam, including view of John M. Levinson. 1963-1975 |
| Envelope E     | 2 photographs of Senator Edward M. Kennedy and John M. Levinson during U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee to Investigate Problems Connected with Refugees and Escapees study mission to Vietnam. 1968 |
| Envelope F     | 1 photograph, 1 contact sheet, and 36 negatives of John M. Levinson talking to U.S. soldiers during U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary, subcommittee to Investigate Problems Connected with Refugees and Escapees study mission to Vietnam. 1969 |
| Envelope G     | 25 post cards of artwork depicting Vietnamese military scenes. 1970 |
| Envelope H     | 9 photographs of death and destruction caused by bombing in Vietnam. 1972 |
| Envelope I     | 29 photographs of U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee to Investigate Problems Connected with Refugees and Escapees study mission to Vietnam, including views of bombed hospitals, war monument, John M. Levinson. 1973 |
| Envelope J     | 25 photographs of hospital conditions, surgery, and patients, Cambodia. 1975 |
| Envelope K     | 14 photographs and 15 negatives of defoliation, surgery, birth defects during study of Agent Orange in Vietnam. 1982 |
| Envelope L     | 100 photographs and 102 negatives of the International Symposium on the Long-Term Ecological and Human Consequences of Chemical Warfare in Vietnam, Ho Chi Minh City, including views of conference, hospital visits, countryside, sightseeing. 1983 |
| Envelope M     | 1 negative of Amerasia children, Saigon, Vietnam. 1983 |
| Envelope N     | 69 prints depicting mainly hospitals in North and South Vietnam during and after the War. undated |

Scope and Content Note

Includes a print of General Giap.
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Box: 26-30

2 albums of prints depicting hospitals and nursing schools in Vietnam. 1968-1971

Incremental materials

Scope and Content Note

This addition to the collection has not yet been described. Please let the Hoover Institution Archives know if you would like to see this material described.