Finding aid for the E.O. 9066 Inc. Records

Collection number: 2006.190, 2006.163

Descriptive Summary
Title: E.O. 9066 Inc. records
Dates (bulk): 1974-1976
Collection number: 2006.190, 2006.163
Collection Size: 1 linear foot (1 box)
Repository: Japanese American National Museum (Los Angeles, Calif.)
Los Angeles, California 90012
Creator: E.O. 9066 Inc.
Creator: Tsuneishi, Paul
Abstract: The collection contains surveys, correspondence, administrative papers, and mailing lists created by and related to E.O 9066 Inc. from 1942 to 1994. The materials relate to the push by E.O 9066 Inc. for redress, and include primarily responses to a 1975 survey about redress (some with comments).
Access
By appointment only. Please contact the Collections Management and Access Unit (collections@janm.org). Advanced notice is required.
Publication Rights
All requests for permission to publish, reproduce, or quote from materials in this collection must be submitted to the Collections Management and Access Unit at the Japanese American National Museum (collections@janm.org).
Preferred Citation
Acquisition Information
Acquired in 2006 as a gift of Paul Tsuneishi.
Processing Information
The collection was processed and a finding aid created in 2016 by Jamie Henricks.
Historical Note
E.O. 9066 was formed as an outcome of a reparations panel sponsored by the San Fernando Valley Chapter and the Pacific Southwest District of the Japanese American Citizens League on April 26, 1975. The nonprofit’s purposes were threefold: 1) to educate the public concerning the evacuation of persons of Japanese ancestry at the start of World War II, 2) to formulate and propose legislation to compensate those affected by Executive Order 9066, 3) to seek executive, congressional, or judicial authority for the Supreme Court to review the constitutionality of the evacuation order, including a review of the Korematsu and Hirabayashi cases.
The group was named For American Internment Reparations (FAIR), Inc. before deciding on E.O. 9066 Inc. After conversations between JACL groups and other individuals in the Japanese American community, a survey of the Los Angeles area was circulated in the Rafu Shimpo newspaper (though respondents sent in surveys from around the United States), which indicated general support for redress efforts. E.O. 9066 Inc. continued its educational mission until 1979, when it merged its programming into the JACL and the corporate entity was dissolved.
(Information taken from the E.O. 9066 Inc. Position Paper and from an introduction in an informational binder in the collection.)
Scope and Content
The collection contains surveys, correspondence, administrative papers, and mailing lists created by and related to E.O 9066 Inc. from 1942 to 1994. The materials relate to the push by E.O 9066 Inc. for redress. The bulk of the collection is responses to a 1975 survey about redress that was published in Rafu Shimpo, handed out by the JACL, and distributed in other ways. The survey asks for details about the respondents’ internment, and their opinions on what and how reparations
should be paid. Many of the surveys include handwritten or typed notes from respondents to explain their reasoning. Most of the correspondence is to or from (or collected by) Paul Tsuneishi, the organizer of E.O. 9066, Inc.

**Arrangement**

The collection is arranged by type of material, and the original grouping of materials is preserved. Some answers to the redressment questionnaire were grouped by generation (Issei, Nisei, etc.) or by type of response (cynical, citizenship as an issue, etc.), and these groupings were preserved during processing. Existing folder titles were used when possible.

**Indexing Terms**

E.O. 9066 Inc.

Japanese Americans--Evacuation and relocation, 1942-1945

Reparations for historical injustices

FAIR, Inc.

   Folder list for the E.O. 9066 Inc., records.