
Guide to the James Ridgeway Files on Southeast Asian Refugees

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Descriptive Summary

Title: James Ridgeway files on Southeast Asian refugees

Date: 1959-1996

Collection Number: MS-SEA007

Creator: Ridgeway, James

Extent: 3.8 linear feet (5 boxes)

Languages: The collection is in English and Vietnamese.

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Abstract: This collection is comprised of materials collected by James Ridgeway that document refugee social services and educational organizations. The materials focus on organizations in Texas, the second most populous state after California for Southeast Asian refugees. An extensive list of evacuees from Southeast Asia is also included, which contains information on gender, age and occupation of refugees who arrived in 1975 at Camp Pendleton, California, a United States processing center for refugees. James Ridgeway served as a missionary and United Press International reporter in Vietnam from 1966 to the fall of Vietnam in 1975.

Access

The collection is open for research. Access to lists of refugee evacuees who arrived at Camp Pendleton, California, is restricted until 2025. Restrictions are noted at the first level.

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For the benefit of current and future researchers, please cite any additional information about sources consulted in this collection, including permanent URLs, item or folder descriptions, and box/folder locations.

Acquisition Information

Gift of James Ridgeway, 2001.

Processing History

Processed by Julia Stringfellow, 2005. Processing was supported by a National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) grant.

Historical Background

James Ridgeway served as a missionary and United Press International reporter in Vietnam from 1966 to the fall of Vietnam in 1975. Ridgeway is the president of the Silver Dragons Corporation.

Collection Scope and Content Summary

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Collection Arrangement

This collection is arranged topically.

Indexing Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

Refugees -- Southeast Asia -- Archives.

Refugees -- Services for -- Texas -- Archives.

Refugees -- Texas -- Archives.

Refugees -- California -- Archives.

Southeast Asians -- Texas -- Archives.

Southeast Asians -- California -- Archives.

Evacuation of civilians -- Southeast Asia -- History -- Sources.

Genres and Forms of Materials

Letters -- 20th century.

Photographic prints -- 20th century.

Reports -- 20th century.

Other Index Terms Related to this Collection

Online Archive of California

Southeast Asian Archive.

- Box : Folder 1 : 1 **Asian-American Alliance, information packet 1984**
- Box : Folder 1 : 2 **Asian American festival program 1981**
- Box : Folder 1 : 3 **Asia Society, newsletter 1985**
- Box : Folder 1 : 4 **Association of Former Members of the Armed Forces of the Republic of Vietnam (ARVN),
correspondence and program materials 1981-1984**
- Box : Folder 1 : 5 **Association of Vietnamese of Houston, Texas, annual Tet publication 1986**
- Box : Folder 1 : 6 **Cambodian refugees, correspondence and refugee assistance materials 1977-1980**
- Box : Folder 1 : 7 **Foreign Claims Settlement Commission, correspondence and legislation information
1984**
- Box : Folder 1 : 8 **Government publications on refugee assistance 1975**
- Box : Folder 1 :
9-10 **Harris County Refugee Council, correspondence, meeting agendas, and program
materials 1975-1986**
- Physical Description:** 2 folders.
- Box : Folder 1 : 11 **Health, Education and Welfare (HEW) Department, correspondence, organizational
information, and directory 1975-1976**
- Box : Folder 1 : 12 **Houston community college system, English as a Second Language (ESL) program for
Vietnamese informational booklet and program 1976**
- Box : Folder 1 : 13 **Houston job training partnership council, annual report 1985**
- Box : Folder 1 : 14 **Houston police department, program materials, reports, and photographs 1987**
- Box : Folder 1 : 15 **Indochinese culture center, program materials 1987**
- Box : Folder 1 : 16 **Indochinese Mutual Program Action Center for Training (IMPACT), correspondence and
publications 1985**
- Box : Folder 3 : 1 -
5 : 3 **List of refugee evacuees who arrived at Camp Pendleton, California 1975**
- Physical Description:** 10 folders.
- Access Information**
- Access is restricted until 2025-01-01.
- Box : Folder 1 : 17 **List of refugees who left Vietnam after May 5, 1975 1975-1976**
- Scope and Content Note**
- The list was created for refugees hoping to find their families who had gone to the United
States or Canada.
- Box : Folder 1 : 18 **National Association for Vietnamese American Education (NAVAE), conference materials
and correspondence 1981-1982**
- Box : Folder 1 : 19 **Newsletter materials and mailing lists 1973-1974**
- Box : Folder 1 :
20-21 **Newspaper clippings 1974-1994**
- Physical Description:** 2 folders.
- Box : Folder 1 : 22 **Ngay Nay Newspaper, correspondence 1987-1988**
- Box : Folder 1 : 23 **Personal Evangelism teaching materials 1959-1966**
- Box : Folder 1 : 24 **Project AID (American and Indochina Development Corporation), progress report and
meeting minutes 1975-1976**
- Box : Folder 1 : 25 **Refugee assistance programs, reports and proposal request 1975-1986**
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Box : Folder 1 : 26	Refugee crisis intervention and mental health workshop, reports and correspondence 1976-1985
Box : Folder 1 : 27	Refugee medically needy program, program materials 1985
Box : Folder 1 : 28	Refugee resettlement information, refugee assistance materials, correspondence and photographs 1975-1986
Box : Folder 1 : 29	Refugees in Thailand information, reports 1975-1977
Box : Folder 1 : 30	Refugees publication that provides information on refugee assistance worldwide 1976
Box : Folder 1 : 31	Resignation letters, correspondence and reports 1980-1981
Box : Folder 1 : 32	Resource directory of community youth services for Harris County 1986
Box : Folder 1 : 33	Sixteen to Twenty-five Program, project materials 1980
Box : Folder 1 : 34	Sponsorship of Vietnamese refugees, program materials 1975
Box : Folder 1 : 35	Tet festival program 1980
Box : Folder 1 : 36	Texas Asian Republican caucus and Asian American Voters Coalition, correspondence and program materials 1984-1986
Box : Folder 1 : 37	Texas training and employment center, personnel handbook and newsletter 1986-1987
Box : Folder 1 : 38	Vietnamese American Association of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, program materials 1983
Box : Folder 1 : 39	Vietnamese American Association of Wisconsin, newsletters, correspondence, and program materials 1971-1976
Box : Folder 2 : 1	Vietnamese business directories for Texas 1986-1991
Box : Folder 2 : 2	Vietnamese refugees education guides, correspondence and guides 1975
Box : Folder 2 : 3	Vietnamese Student Association of Struggle for Human Rights in Vietnam, informational booklet 1980
Box : Folder 2 : 4	Vietnam Refugees' Relief Foundation International, correspondence 1975
Box : Folder 2 : 5	Vietnam Tai Texas, mailing lists 1985
Box : Folder 2 : 6	Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) Indochina Refugee Services, reports, correspondence, and program materials 1979-1980