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MYRON B. KUROPAS FILES, 1976-77

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Biography

Myron B. Kuropas

Nov. 15, 1932 - Born in Chicago, IL

1949-53 - Student, B.S., Loyola University, Chicago, IL

1953-55 - Student, M.A., Roosevelt University, Chicago, IL

1956-71 - Teacher, principal, Chicago Board of Education, Chicago, IL

1963-64 - Student, Ph.D. in education, University of Chicago

1971-75 - Deputy Director, Regional Director, ACTION, Chicago, IL

January 1976 - Special Assistant to the President for Ethnic Affairs, White House Office of Public Liaison

1977 - Staff, Senator Robert Dole, Washington, DC

Scope and Content Note

Myron B. Kuropas joined the White House staff in January 1976 as Special Assistant for Ethnic Affairs. This newly created position was assigned to the Office of Public Liaison (OPL) and reported directly to William J. Baroody, Jr. Kuropas was responsible for White House liaison with leaders of major ethnic organizations, including fraternal, civic, religious and academic associations. He met with representatives of ethnic groups, represented the White House at ethnic functions, advised the President on ethnic concerns and worked with federal agencies on programs regarding ethnic affairs.

Kuropas used OPL's Tuesday and Wednesday Meetings to help accomplish these goals. The most important was the White House Ethnic Community Conference held on March 9, 1976. American ethnic leaders and newspaper editors attended and both domestic and foreign affairs (State Department) briefings were given. The evening concluded with a reception honoring Dr. Kuropas.

The majority of Kuropas' files contain material on specific ethnic groups and on the activities in which he participated. This material is largely routine. It includes requests for presidential meetings, appearances and messages; Kuropas' correspondence with the groups, and occasionally with the National Security Council and State Department asking their evaluation of the requests; drafts of presidential messages and speeches prepared by Kuropas; and agendas, press releases and articles concerning the events. The files also reflect the many bicentennial celebrations held by ethnic communities in 1976.

The general subject file contains primarily routine material, except for information on the presidential repeal of Executive Order 9066 (Japanese American detention camps) and on the pardon of Iva Toguri ("Tokyo Rose"). This file also includes correspondence requesting aid for problems with emigration and citizenship and the resulting memoranda with the National Security Council and the State

Department regarding these matters. Drafts of the pamphlet, "The Ford Presidency from an Ethnic Perspective," prepared before the election, are also in the subject file. In addition, the interviews and questionnaires of VISTA's Project Senior Ethnic Find, 1972-75, from Kuropas' previous position as regional director of ACTION, are assembled here.

Related Materials

Related materials in the files of Theodore Marrs, Special Assistant for Human Resources, Office of Public Liaison, are not open. White House Central File category, Immigration-Naturalization (IM), includes material regarding emigration.

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Ethnic Groups File, 1976-77.

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Correspondence between Kuropas and ethnic groups and their leaders, and memoranda, telegrams, clippings, newsletters and printed material. Materials concern specific groups; requests for presidential meetings and messages; meetings with Kuropas and announcements of his appointment.

Arranged alphabetically by name of group.

Box 1 - Ethnic Groups File

Status	Title
OPEN	Albanian
OPEN	American Indian
OPEN	Arab (1)-(2)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	Armenian
OPEN	Asian-American
OPEN	Black (1)-(2)
OPEN	Bulgarian
OPEN	Byelorussian
OPEN	Capeverdian
OPEN	Chinese (1)

Box 2 - Ethnic Groups File

Status	Title
OPEN	Chinese (2)
OPEN	Cossack
OPEN	Croatian
OPEN	Czechoslovakian
OPEN	Dutch
OPEN	Estonian
OPEN	French
OPEN	Filipino
OPEN	Finnish
OPEN	German (1)-(2)
OPEN	Greek (1)

Box 3 - Ethnic Groups File

Status	Title
OPEN	Greek (2)-(9)
OPEN	Hispanic
OPEN	Hungarian
OPEN	Irish

Box 4 - Ethnic Groups File

Status	Title
OPEN	Italian (1)-(4)
OPEN	Japanese
OPEN	Jewish
OPEN	Korean
OPEN	Latvian
OPEN	Lebanese
OPEN	Lithuanian (1)-(2)
OPEN	Mexican
OPEN	Muslim

Box 5 - Ethnic Groups File

Status	Title
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OPEN	Polish (1)-(7)
OPEN	Romanian
OPEN	Russian
OPEN	Samoan
OPEN	Scottish
OPEN	Slovak

Box 6 - Ethnic Groups File

Status	Title
OPEN	Slovenian
OPEN	Swedish
OPEN	Swiss
OPEN	Ukrainian (1)-(5)

Activities File, 1976-77.

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Correspondence between Kuropas and ethnic groups regarding activities, and memoranda, clippings, press releases, drafts of speeches and presidential messages, agendas, lists of attendees, photographs and printed material. Activities include meetings, conferences, banquets, festivals and Bicentennial celebrations.

Arranged chronologically by date of event.

Box 6 (Continued) - Activities File

Status	Title
OPEN	undated, Hungarian Ethnic Heritage Studies Group
OPEN	1/24/76, Ukrainian Congress Committee
OPEN	2/12/76, Kobelinski, Mitchell: Swearing-in (1)-(2)
OPEN	2/22/76, Estonian Independence Day (1)

Box 7 - Activities File

Status	Title
OPEN	2/22/76, Estonian Independence Day (2)
OPEN	3/5/76, Cincinnati Council on World Affairs
OPEN	3/9/76, Reception Honoring Dr. Kuropas
OPEN	3/12/76, Ethnic Welcome

Status	Title
OPEN	3/14/76, Close-up Government Studies Program
OPEN	3/17/76, Hibernian Society Banquet
OPEN	3/19/76, Chopin Singing Society Tour (1)-(2)
OPEN	3/23-24/76, Rutgers University Bicentennial Symposium
OPEN	4/2/76, Milwaukee Ethnic Organizations Meeting
OPEN	4/3/76, Immigration History Research Center
OPEN	4/5/76, Order of AHEPA Banquet
OPEN	4/24-25/76 Armenian Bicentennial Commemoration
OPEN	4/29/76-5/1/76, National Association of Arab Americans
OPEN	4/30/76, American Latvian Association
OPEN	5/2/76, Polish Home
OPEN	5/8/76, Czechoslovak National Council of America
OPEN	5/12/76, Knox County RSVP
OPEN	5/20-23/76 National Republican Heritage Groups Council
OPEN	5/29/76, Slovak Heritage Festival
OPEN	5/30/76, Polish American Bicentennial Committee of New York
OPEN	6/5/76, Ukrainian Festival
OPEN	6/14-16/76 Kin and Communities
OPEN	6/18/76, Organization of Chinese Americans
OPEN	6/20-26/76 Japanese American Citizens League

Box 8 - Activities File

Status	Title
OPEN	6/23-27/76, Slovak Bicentennial Festival
OPEN	7/9-17/76, Detroit Ethnic Festival
OPEN	7/20-25/76, Nisei Veterans Reunion
OPEN	7/23/76, Tesla, Nikola: Monument Dedication
OPEN	7/23-24/76, Samoan Chiefs Council of California (1)-(2)
OPEN	7/26/76-8/1/76, Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese
OPEN	7/29/76-8/1/76, Finnish American Bicentennial USA
OPEN	7/30/76-8/1/76, Ukrainian Festival

Status	Title
OPEN	8/1/76, President of Finland Visit
OPEN	8/4/76, Coordinating Committee of National American - Italian Organizations
OPEN	8/10/76, Polish International Eucharistic Congress
OPEN	8/17/76, 41st International Eucharistic Congress
OPEN	8/28/76, Croatian Catholic Union
OPEN	8/29/76, Finnish Bicentennial Commemorative Festival
OPEN	9/1/76, Croatian Fraternal Union
OPEN	9/5/76, Lithuanian Folk Dance Festival
OPEN	9/7/76, Ethnic Events Scheduled (list)
OPEN	9/17/76, Fraternal Societies of Greater Pittsburgh
OPEN	9/18/76, Scandinavian American Festival
OPEN	9/18/76, Josef Cardinac Slipyj Visit
OPEN	9/19/76, Bevo Day
OPEN	9/25/76, Steuben Day Celebration
OPEN	10/19/76, American Council for Nationalities Service

Subject File, 1976-77.

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Correspondence, memoranda, clippings, newsletters, printed materials and applications for government positions. Subjects include the administration's position on ethnicity, illegal aliens, the ethnic heritage studies program, repeal of Executive Order 9066, and the pardon of Iva Toguri. Requests for help with emigration and citizenship include memoranda between Kuropas and the National Security Council and State Department.

Arranged alphabetically by subject.

Box 9 - Subject File

Status	Title
OPEN	American Ethnic Foundation
OPEN	Benes, Jan [Citizenship]
OPEN	Biculturalism

Status	Title
OPEN	Bilingual Education
OPEN	Buchbinder, Robert M. [Emigration]
OPEN	Chu, George P. [Foreign Service Determination]
OPEN	Columbus Day Proclamation, 1976
OPEN	Conference on the World's Religions
OPEN	Correspondence - General
OPEN	Darmopray, Walter T. [Common Ground]
OPEN	Defamation
OPEN	Emigrants from the Soviet Union (1)-(3)
OPEN	Ethnic Applicants for Government Positions (1)-(4)
OPEN	Ethnic Heritage Studies Program

Box 10 - Subject File

Status	Title
OPEN	Ethnic Organizations - Mailing Lists
OPEN	Ethnic Perspective of Ford Presidency
OPEN	"Ethnic Purity"
OPEN	Ethnics Recommended & Appointed to Honorary Boards & Commissions
OPEN	Executive Order 9066 (Japanese American Detention Camps) - Repeal, 2/19/76 (1)-(2)
OPEN	Helsinki Accords Violations by Czechoslovakia
OPEN	Housing and Urban Development, Department of
OPEN	Human Rights
OPEN	Illegal Aliens (1)-(2)
OPEN	Illinois Humanities Council
OPEN	Institute on Pluralism and Group Identity
OPEN	International Women's Year, 1975
OPEN	Kuzma, Elga [Citizenship]
OPEN	Loe, Barbara [EEO Case]
OPEN	Moroz, Valentyn - Defense Committee for
OPEN	National Center for Urban Ethnic Affairs

Status	Title
OPEN	National Heritage Week
OPEN	National People's Action - Survey of Mortgage Lending Policies
OPEN	National Republican Heritage Groups Council
OPEN	Oskoui, M. [EEO Case]

Box 11 - Subject File

Status	Title
OPEN	Photographic Requests
OPEN	Restore Ellis Island Committee
OPEN	St. Boniface Church, Pittsburgh
OPEN	Special Assistant for Ethnic Affairs
OPEN	State Dinners
OPEN	Thank You Letters
OPEN	Toguri, Iva ("Tokyo Rose") - Pardon (1)-(2)
OPEN	Travel - Kuropas
OPEN	U.S. Information Agency
OPEN	Urban Development and Neighborhood Revitalization Committee
OPEN	White House Memoranda

VISTA Project Senior Ethnic Find, 1972-75.

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Questionnaires, interviews, correspondence, reports and clippings concerning a program using VISTA volunteers to locate ethnic senior citizens who had difficulty with English and enlist them in federal programs.

Arranged alphabetically by city in which program operated.

Box 11 (Continued) - VISTA Project Senior Ethnic Find Files

Status	Title
OPEN	Announcement of Project Find, 8/2/72
OPEN	Chicago - Correspondence & Memoranda, 1972-74 (1)-(3)

Box 12 - VISTA Project Senior Ethnic Find Files

Status	Title
OPEN	Chicago - Interviews, 10/16/72 - 10/19/73

Box 13 - VISTA Project Senior Ethnic Find Files

Status	Title
OPEN	Cleveland
OPEN	Detroit (1)-(2)
OPEN	Gary
OPEN	Milwaukee
OPEN	Minneapolis
OPEN	New York
OPEN	Toledo
OPEN	Items Transferred