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Abstract: Correspondence, reports, notes, speeches and writings, and photographs, relating to Morris Childs, Federal Bureau of Investigation informant within the Communist Party of the United States; Federal Bureau of Investigation surveillance of the Communist Party; and the relationship between the Communist Party of the United States and the Soviet communist party and government. Includes some papers of Morris Childs. Used as research material for the book by John Barron, *Operation Solo: The FBI's Man in the Kremlin* (Washington, D.C., 1996).

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Access Points

Communism--United States

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Childs, Morris, 1902-1991

Scope and Content

The documents of this collection were selected by JOHN BARRON (b. 1930), American journalist and author, to be used as research material for his book *Operation SOLO: The FBI Man in the Kremlin* (Washington, D.C.: Regnery Pub., 1996). The book describes an operation (later called SOLO) conducted by the FBI in 1954-1982. The main character in the operation was Morris Childs (1902-1991), a prominent member of the Communist Party USA (CPUSA), who enjoyed absolute trust of communist leaders both in the United States and the Soviet Union.

Morris Childs, along with his brother Jack Childs and wife Eva Childs, made fifty-seven trips (called by the FBI "missions") to the Soviet Union and other countries of the socialist camp. Morris Childs often accompanied Gus Hall, General Secretary of the CPUSA; sometimes he traveled alone or with his wife. Morris had conferences with party leaders in the countries he visited and was shown confidential and secret documents.

Within Operation SOLO the FBI supported a clandestine communication system designed and built by the Soviet KGB (Committee for State Security). Through this system the FBI regularly received messages from the Kremlin and, in the name of Jack or Morris, sent back information the United States wanted the Soviets to get. The FBI also handled millions of dollars smuggled from the Soviet Union to New York, either by Jack or Morris or by KGB agents, for the CPUSA.

The collection is divided into four series. Of most interest is the SUBJECT FILE series, which reflects the activities of Gus Hall, General Secretary of the CPUSA, and gives an insight into Operation SOLO and how it was handled by the KGB. It also includes descriptions of communication devices, decoding tables, pictures of KGB agents in New-York, etc. The WRITINGS and CORRESPONDENCE series document John Barron's work on the book.

Box 1	WRITINGS, 1995. Scope and Content Note John Barron's notes, and reviews of his book <i>Operation SOLO: The FBI Man in the Kremlin</i> , arranged alphabetically by physical form
Box 1., Folder 1	Notes, n.d. Holograph and typescripts
Folder 2	Reviews, 1995
Box 1	CORRESPONDENCE, 1992-1996. Scope and Content Note Arranged alphabetically by name of correspondent
Box 1., Folder 3	Boyle?, Walter, 1994-1995
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Folder 6	Klehr, Harvey, 1992
Folder 7	Langtry?, John, 1994-1995
Folder 8	Sessions, William, 1995
Folder 9	Wannall, W. Raymond, 1996
Boxes 1-2	SUBJECT FILE, 1934-1989. Scope and Content Note Correspondence, essays, pamphlets, clippings, bulletins, appeals, instructions, leaflets, minutes, lists, memoranda, prospectus, press interview, radio address, outlines, reports, notes, press releases, speeches, and questionnaire, arranged alphabetically by subject
Box 1., Folder 10	Carr, Sam, 1938 and 1989
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Folder 13	Twenty-First Congress, 1959. Includes speeches of A. N. Shelepin, N. S. Khrushchev, Chou En-lai, and Leonid I. Brezhnev
Folder 14	Twenty-Fourth Congress, 1971
Folder 15	Communist Party USA
Folder 16	General, 1934 and 1952-1971. Includes CPUSA anti-war leaflets and a list of members of the Central Committee CPUSA in 1934
Folder 17	Campaign of Morris Childs for the US Senate, 1938. Includes Earl Browder's press interview and radio address
Folder 18	Links with foreign communist parties, 1940-1977
Folder 19	General, 1964-1967
Folder 20	Communist Party of the Soviet Union (Kommunisticheskaia partiia Sovetskogo Soiuza), 1940-1977
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Folder 22	Correspondence, 1964-1965.
Folder 23	Brezhnev, Leonid I., n.d.
Folder 24	Castro, Fidel, 1964
Folder 25	Communist Party of Czechoslovakia, Central Committee (Ceskoslovenska Komunisticka Strana, Ustredni Vybor), n.d.
Folder 26	Communist Party of the Soviet Union (Kommunisticheskaia Partiia Sovetskogo Soiuza), n.d.
Box 2., Folder 1	Johnson, Beatrice, 1965
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Folder 28	Undated
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Folder 30	Jews - Soviet Union, n.d.
Folder 31	Operation SOLO, 1952-1976. Includes a letter from J. Edgar Hoover and descriptions of SOLO missions and communications
Folder 32	Soviet-Chinese relations, 1963-1967 (some documents in Russian or Chinese)
Box 2	PHOTOGRAPHS, n.d.
	Scope and Content Note
	108 prints, including of Morris and Eva Childs, Gus Hall, KPSS leaders, and FBI agents
Box 2., Folder 7	29 prints selected by John Barron for his book, n.d.
Folder 33	23 prints depicting Morris Childs and 7 prints depicting Eva Childs alone or with other people, n.d.
Folder 34	20 prints depicting Gus Hall alone or with the leaders of the KPSS and other people, n.d.
Folder 35	19 prints, n.d. Includes prints of KPSS leaders (Khrushchev, Brezhnev, Suslov, etc.)
Folder 36	10 prints, n.d. Includes prints of FBI agents who participated in Operation SOLO, n.d.