



Nettie Lee Benson Latin American Collection Foreign Policy Since 1898

[George Lister Papers](#), 1887-2004 (27.5 ft.)

The personal and professional papers of George Lister (1913-2004), who served for sixty years as Foreign Service Officer and Human Rights Officer with the United States Department of State. Correspondence, reports and other documents detail his human rights work, speaking engagements and other affairs. Includes official U.S. Department of State correspondence and records, Washington Office on Latin America files, and information on related activities and organizations.

[Joyce Horman and Edmund Horman Papers](#), 1973-present (10 linear feet)

Papers of Joyce Horman and Edmund Horman, wife and father of Charles Horman who was abducted and executed during Pinochet's September 1973 coup d'état in Chile. The Hormans sued Henry Kissinger and Nixon Administration officials over Charles Horman's wrongful death and its concealment. Their efforts were popularized by the 1978 book *The Execution of Charles Horman* by Thomas Hauser, and then in 1982 the film *Missing* by director Costa-Gavras publicizing allegations that the United States government had known about, and perhaps been complicit in, the abduction and murder of Horman. In 1999 a previously classified State Department memorandum from 1976 [[published on-line](#) by the National Security Archive at George Washington University] was released. The memo stated that "U.S. Intelligence may have played an unfortunate part in Horman's death. At best, it was limited to providing or confirming information that helped motivate his murder by the GOC [Government of Chile]. At worst, U.S. Intelligence was aware the GOC saw Horman in a rather serious light and U.S. officials did nothing to discourage the logical outcome of GOC paranoia."

[General Claims Commission \(Mexico and United States\)](#) (1917-1926) (2.5 inches)

The General Claims Commission (Mexico and United States) was constituted under the terms of the General Claims Convention signed Sept. 8, 1923, in Washington D.C. by the United States of America and the United Mexican States, intended to improve relations between the countries by forming a commission to settle claims arising after July 4, 1868, "against one government by nationals of the other for losses or damages suffered by such nationals or their properties" and "for losses or damages originating from acts of officials or others acting for either government and resulting in injustice." The Commission was composed of three members, one from the U.S., one from Mexico, and one from a neutral country. This collection contains 46 decisions rendered in 1926, along with a legal brief and a major report, all covering claims for cases such as wrongful killing, denial of justice, breach of contract and tax disputes.

[William F. Buckley, Sr. Papers](#) (1910-1922) (23 linear feet)

Papers of William F. Buckley, Sr., University of Texas law graduate, lawyer and oil business executive, active in business and politics in Mexico from 1908 until 1921. In Mexico Buckley served as advisor to U.S. and European oil companies, operated a law firm, and engaged in real estate and leasing of oil lands. In 1914 he founded the Pantepec Oil Company. Buckley was counsel to the Mexican government's delegation to the Niagara Falls Conference in 1914; in December, 1919 he testified before the U.S. Senate Subcommittee on Foreign Relations as an expert witness on conditions in Mexico. As founder and president of the American Association of Mexico, Buckley worked to remove restrictions on U.S. oil and landed interests in Mexico imposed by the Mexican Constitution of 1917.

[Jennifer Harbury Papers](#) (1992-present) (35 linear feet)

Personal papers of activist and lawyer Jennifer Harbury document her efforts to discover the fate of her husband, Mayan Guatemalan guerrilla leader Efraín Bámaca Velásquez, and to pursue justice for his death in the early 1990s. Harbury engaged the U.S. government and its involvement in the Guatemalan armed struggles to discover the fate of Bámaca, and continues her efforts to pursue justice for his death.

[Committee in Solidarity with the People of El Salvador \(CISPES\), Dallas Office Records](#) (1968-1990) (4 linear feet)

Records of the Committee In Solidarity With the People of El Salvador (CISPES) from Dallas, Texas, resident Jose L. Rinaldi-Jovet. Collection primarily contains documents and news media documenting the Dallas branch of CISPES' work related to the civil war in El Salvador, U.S. government intervention in the war, the sanctuary initiative for Salvadoran refugees and the law suits related to FBI infiltration of the organization.

[Records of the U.S. Embassy, Chile, Office of George Alonzo Stanford](#) (1937-1946) (1.25 linear feet)

Records from the office of George Alonzo Stanford, Assistant Cultural Attaché at the U.S. Embassy in Santiago, Chile, document Stanford's work primarily in 1944-1945 to monitor and report on cultural events, as well as to foster cultural relations between the U.S. and Chile.

[Rodman C. Rockefeller Records of the Mexico-U.S. Business Committee](#) (1977-1999) (7 linear feet)

Chronological records of Rodman C. Rockefeller, co-chairman of the Mexico-U.S. Business Committee, document the Committee's work toward and following the development of the NAFTA free trade agreement between the United States and Mexico. Collection includes correspondence, meeting minutes, press clippings, subject files, and written works by Rockefeller.

[Guy F. Erb Records of the Mexico-U.S. Business Committee and Related Materials](#) (1964-1993) (22.5 linear feet)

The office files of Guy F. Erb include correspondence, publications, written works, meeting agendas and minutes, and other collected materials that document his career and the Mexico-U.S. Business Committee's efforts to build a free trade agreement between the United State and Mexico which eventually led to NAFTA.

[Robert E. Herzstein Records of the Mexico-U.S. Business Committee](#) (1991-1996) (14.5 linear feet)

Press clippings, industry testimony, and government policy advisory reports from the United States document the development and implementation of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) during the years 1991-1996.

[Filemon Bartolome Vela Papers](#) (1952-2004)

Personal archives documenting the life and career of Judge Filemon Bartolome Vela, a long time jurist, civic leader, and education advocate dedicated to serving the people of South Texas. The archive includes correspondence, legal documents, court orders, opinions, clippings, scripts, notes, photographs, and audiovisual recordings. As a federal judge of the Southern Region of Texas, Brownsville Division, Vela held sway over both federal civil and criminal cases in the southernmost parts of Texas. Due to the large number of drug and immigration related cases the Southern District was one of the busiest federal districts in the country, including a 1989 decision in which Vela ordered the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) to lift travel restrictions on asylum seekers entering the United States.

[Brittmarie Janson Pérez Collection on Panama](#) (1968-1994) (35 linear feet)

This collection of documents, clippings, audio recordings and artifacts relate to Panama in the latter half of the 20th century, and among other things document U.S. involvement in Panama and Panamanian reactions to that involvement.

[Roberto Carpio Nicolle Papers](#) (1962-2001) (200+ linear feet)

Personal papers of Guatemalan Vice President Nicolle, including materials that document the history of Guatemala and the Central American region in the 1980s and early 1990s, including materials on US involvement in Central America during that time.