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Summary information

Repository:	Simon Fraser University Special Collections and Rare Books
Title:	McDonald Hellenic collection
Reference code:	MsC-54
Date:	1967-2008 (date of creation)
Physical description:	100 m of textual records and sound recordings.
Language:	English
Language:	French
Language:	Greek
Dates of creation, revision and deletion:	Created January 19, 2016. SS

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Robert McDonald is a long-time specialist on Greek Turkish affairs. He was born and raised in British Columbia, and spent many years in Greece, working for CBC, BBC and others as a freelance writer and broadcaster. His books include Pillar and Tinderbox, a study of the Greek press during the dictatorship, and a monograph, The Problem of Cypress. He was a contributor to The Economist's Intelligence Unit's Country Report: Greece from 1986 until his retirement in 2013, and authored the Athens-based quarterly Business File from 1991-2008.

Custodial history

Records were in the custody of Robert and Donna McDonald until their acquisition by Simon Fraser University Library Special Collections and Rare Books in 2003 and 2014.

Scope and content

Collection consists of records collected by Robert McDonald while he was living and working as a journalist in Greece. The bulk of the documents and publications reflect the period from 1967 to 1974, while Robert McDonald was a correspondent for the BBC. The collection also contains background material relating to the war years 1940-45, the civil war period, the invasion of Cyprus, and restoration of Greek Democracy. These historically sensitive items document the political events of Greece in the form of personal notes, manuscripts, newspapers, magazines and interview tapes. Some highlights include: The

resistance organizations' secret circulars; political prisoners' signed documents; and tapes that contain unpublished interviews with Evangelos Averoff - a key figure in the movement to overthrow the military dictatorship. Later materials include research and reports on economic subjects such as the evolution of Greek industry during the period of accession to the Eurozone and first eight years of participation, the competitiveness of the Greek economy, and materials related to Cyprus.

Notes

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Print inventory available.

Other notes

- **Publication status:** published
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Access points

- McDonald, Robert (subject)
- Textual record (documentary form)
- Sound recording (documentary form)
- Politics (subject)
- Government (subject)
- Military (subject)
- Business and commerce (subject)
- Greece (place)
- Cyprus (place)