

United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Archives
Finding Aid

RG-11.001M

Osobyi Archives (Moscow) Records

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Title: Osobyi Archives (Moscow) Records, 1932-1945

Extent: 981 microfilm reels (16 mm); 1,909,613 digital images (JPEG) [copies of microfilm reels]

Provenance: The records were created by several German occupation agencies including the Reichssicherheitshauptamt, the Zentralbauleitung der Waffen-SS und Polizei in Auschwitz, the Gestapo, and the SS. The Red Army captured them at the end of World War II and later deposited them in the Center for the Preservation of Historical Documentary Collections (formerly the Osobyi Archive) in Moscow, Russia; in 1999, it was merged into RGVA, Russian State Military History Archives. The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Archives selected certain files for filming during 1992 and 1993 and filming continues.

Restrictions on Access: No restrictions on access.

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Organization and Arrangement: Organized in the subgroups: RG-11.001M.01- RG-11.001M.96. Arrangement is thematic.

Note: The folder-level finding aids to the collections also indicate for each folder the Osobyi designator (call number/Signatur) in the form *fond/opis/delo*, or in English, collection number/sub-collection number/folder number. For example, 500/1/286 would denominate folder number 286 of sub-collection 1 of collection 500.

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Scope and Content: In the years immediately following the end of World War II, the Soviet police and security services established a series of secret archival holding facilities to maintain

the millions of pages of documents and files the so-called "Trophy Brigades" confiscated for various reasons in the territories occupied by the Red Army. The records were cataloged and examined by officials involved with collecting evidence to convict individuals and organizations of crimes against humanity and of war crimes. Afterward, the records were sought by officials concerned with gathering evidence to present at a peace conference during which reparation demands would be made against the Germans and their collaborators, and by officials concerned with the possibility of blackmailing prominent individuals with a "Third Reich past." Eventually, the records were placed in various secret archival facilities. Over the years Soviet security officials transferred some of the files to governments in the Warsaw Pact nations, but the great bulk remained in the Soviet Union.

Soviet archival authorities retained the original arrangement of the records in that each collection (called a *fond* in Russian) contains files from a particular German government, Nazi party, or other governments' agencies and non-governmental organizations. Therefore, the microfilmed records at the USHMM follow this arrangement and each of the collections in RG-11 represents a file from a specific organization, the name of which is listed in the collection's title.

In 1990-1991 a reporter for *Investia* discovered the existence of the hitherto secret Special (Osobyi) Archives in Moscow and wrote a series of articles about the history and contents of this facility. Since then, European governments and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) have requested that Russian officials transfer to them either records created by state agencies in those countries or those created by NGOs.

The USHMM began negotiating with archival and other officials in Moscow as soon as news of the Osobyi's existence became public, with a view toward microfilming relevant parts of the collections. For many years, Russian policy would not allow the reproduction of complete collections, thus the Museum's earlier accessions from this source are incomplete (that is, records from the period prior to 1933 have in many cases not been reproduced) or scattered throughout several accessions. More recently, the Museum has been able to reproduce some complete collections.

In several collections, the material appears on non-sequentially numbered microfilm reels due to extremely haphazard reproduction conditions early in the Museum's project in Moscow. This makes access to some of the collections cumbersome, but each folder-level description in the detailed finding aids indicates which roll contains files related to the particular organization whose records make up the collection. For example, the records of the Berlin Gestapo office (RG-11.001M) are mainly on reel 17, but some files appear on reels 26 and 185. Thus, when a certain number of film reels are given for a collection, it is possible that material from other collections also appears on those rolls.

In 1992, the Osobyi was renamed the Center for the Preservation of Historical Documentary Collections (CPHDC) and in 1999 The Russian Archives Committee merged the CPHDC into the Russian State Military Archives (RGVA) located next door. The RGVA contains prewar Soviet military documents. While the Osobyi is now a part of RGVA, the old Osobyi fond numbers for the various collections remain unchanged.

Note: See a separate finding aid for each sub-collection.

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