# Tad Szulc Collection of Interview Transcripts

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Summary information

Repository: University of Miami Cuban Heritage Collection
Title: Tad Szulc Collection of Interview Transcripts
ID: CHC0189
Date: 1984-1986 (date of creation)
Physical description: Boxes
Language: Spanish
Dates of creation, revision and deletion:

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Journalist and commentator Tad Szulc was born in Warsaw, Poland on July 25, 1926 to Janina Baruch and Seweryn Szulc. In 1947, Szulc immigrated to the United States and became a naturalized citizen in 1954. Based in Spain, Latin America, Eastern Europe, the Middle East, and Southeast Asia, Szulc has had a long and distinguished career as a New York Times reporter and foreign correspondent. Having attended the University of Brazil in Rio de Janeiro from 1943 to 1945, his first of many professional assignments was as a reporter for the Associated Press in Rio. In 1948 he married Marianne Carr, with whom he has two children: Nicole and Anthony. From 1949 to 1953, Szulc moved back to the United States where he served as United Nations correspondent for United Press International (UPI). Between 1953 and 1969, Szulc was a New York Times foreign correspondent throughout Europe, America, the Middle East and Southeast Asia. In 1969 he was assigned to the newspaper's Washington Bureau. Tad Szulc has written several books of fiction and nonfiction, including Twilight of the Tyrants (1959); The Cuban Invasion (with Karl Ernest Meyer, 1962); The Winds of Revolution (1963); Dominican Diary (1965); Latin America (1966); Bombs of Palomares (1967); The United States and the Caribbean (1971); Czechoslovakia since World War II (1971); Portrait of Spain (1972); Compulsive Spy: The Strange Career of E. Howard Hunt (1974); The Energy Crisis (1974); Innocents at Home: America in 1976 (1974); The Invasion of Czechoslovakia, August 1968 (1974); The Illusion of Peace: Foreign Policy in the Nixon Years (1978); Diplomatic Immunity: A Novel (1981); and Fidel: A Critical Portrait (1986). Szulc has lectured on foreign affairs at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University. He has conducted seminars for government agencies such as the Peace Corps, and he has participated in broadcast news in radio and television. Szulc has received numerous awards in recognition for his journalistic work, including the Maria Moors Cabot Gold Medal for the Advancement of International Friendship in the Americas from Columbia University (1959); Overseas Press Club citations and award for best magazine interpretation of foreign affairs (1966, 1974 8); Overseas Press Club award for best book on foreign affairs (1979, 1986); the Sigma Delta Distinguished Service Award (1968); the Knight of

Chronology
1926 July 25 Born in Warsaw, Poland
1943 Emigrated to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
1943-1945 Attended the University of Brazil
1945-1946 Associated Press reporter, Rio de Janeiro
1947 Emigrated to the United States
1949-1953 UPI, United Nations correspondent
1953 New York Times correspondent
1965-1968 New York Times correspondent, Spain and Portugal
1973 Author and foreign policy commentator and visiting professor, Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University (Medford, Mass.)

Scope and content


Notes

Title notes

Immediate source of acquisition

Through the University of Miami's Graduate School for International Studies, Tad Szulc donated these materials to the Otto G. Richter Library in March 1988.

Arrangement

The Tad Szulc Collection is organized into two series.
Please see the Finding Aid/Inventory section of this guide for more detailed information.

Alternative form available

Selected materials from this collection have been digitized.
Restrictions on access

This collection is open for research.

Conditions governing use

Requests to publish or display materials from this collection require written permission from the rights owner. Please, contact chc@miami.edu for more information.

Other notes

- **Publication status**: Published
- **Description identifier**: ArchonInternalCollectionID:101

Access points

- Castro, Fidel, 1926- (subject)
- Transcripts (documentary form)
- Exiles -- Florida -- Miami-Dade County -- Political activity (subject)

Series descriptions

**Series id3685: Interviews**

**Date**: n.d., 1984-1985 (date of creation)

**Scope and content:**

The first series consists of typewritten transcripts of interviews with Fidel Castro and 30 Cubans inside and outside of the Cuban government. These interviews formed the bulk of original research material for his book Fidel: A Critical Portrait (New York: Morrow, 1986). All interviews were conducted and transcribed in Spanish. This series has been further subdivided into three sub-series.

**Physical description**: 48 folders

**Arrangement:**

Alphabetical by the last name of the interviewee in three sub-series

**Publication status**: Published
Subseries id3686: Fidel Castro and Cuban Government Figures

Date: n.d., 1984-1985 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Sub-series 1 contains the transcripts of Szulc's taped interviews with Fidel Castro and 18 of his close associates in the Cuban government held from 1984 to 1985.

Physical description: 31 folders (boxes 1-2)

Arrangement:

Alphabetical by the last name of the interviewee

Publication status:

Published
Subseries id3687: Norberto Fuentes and Sierra Maestra

Date: n.d., 1985 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This sub-series contains the typewritten transcripts of Szulc's interviews with Norberto Fuentes, a Cuban journalist and chronicler of the Cuban Revolution, and with residents of the villages of the Sierra Maestra who played central roles in assuring the survival of Fidel Castro and his companions during the first year of the guerrilla war.

Physical description: Eight folders (box 3)

Arrangement:

Alphabetical by the last name of the interviewee

Publication status:

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Subseries id3688: Cuban Exiles

Date: 1984 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Sub-series 3 contains the typewritten transcripts of Szulc's interviews with Cuban exiles in Miami, touching chiefly on Castro's youth.
Physical description: Nine folders (box 3)

Arrangement:
Alphabetical by the last name of the interviewee

Publication status:
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Series id3741: Miscellaneous Papers
Date: n.d., 1982, 1986 (date of creation)
Scope and content:
This series contains a letter to Tad Szulc from Arthur Schlesinger Jr.; a draft page from Szulc's book, Fidel; a photograph of Tad Szulc from 1982 and a biographical sketch of the author.

Physical description: Three folders (box 3)

Publication status:
Published