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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Rare Book and Manuscript Library
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<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1977-2009
<b>Physical Description:</b>	31 linear feet 31 record storage cartons
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English .
<b>Abstract:</b>	This collection contains AIUSA country dossiers -- packets of documents mailed weekly by the International Secretariat to every Amnesty International Section office.

### Preferred Citation

Identification of specific item; Date (if known); AIUSA Country Dossier, 1977-2009; Box and Folder; Center for Human Rights Documentation and Research, Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Columbia University Library.

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## Biographical / Historical

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AIUSA country dossiers were packets of documents mailed weekly by the International Secretariat to every Amnesty International Section office. This country-specific material was a resource for staff, members, and the public. The country dossier arrangement began in 1977 and continued for about 30 years, when the physical mailings were phased out as AI began posting external documents online. This collection contains the external documents and annual reports. Documents have an Index number showing the continent (AFR, AMR, ASA, EUR, MDE), the number given to each country, the year issued, and the middle number indicating whether it was the first, or thirtieth, document on that country issued in that year. All documents were written by the researchers at AI's London headquarters.

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## Biographical / Historical

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Filing was done by volunteers, and files were heavily used by asylum seekers, scholars, interns, press, and staff prior to the use of digital files. File names were not always immediately changed when country names changed or borders were altered.

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## Summary

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The collection contains country dossiers arranged by region and then alphabetically by country. There is also a small series of AI publications.

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## Arrangement

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This collection has been arranged into two series.

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## Administrative Information

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### **Revision Description**

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### **Restrictions on Access**

This collection is located off-site. You will need to request this material at least three business days in advance to use the collection in the Rare Book and Manuscript Library reading room.

### **Restrictions on Access**

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### **Terms Governing Use and Reproduction**

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### **Immediate Source of Acquisition**

Source of acquisition--Betsy Ross. Method of acquisition--Deposit; Date of acquisition--06-07/2014.

### **Ownership and Custodial History**

Papers were donated by Betsy Ross in June and July, 2014.

### **Processing Information**

This collection was processed by Carolyn Smith in July-August 2014. Finding aid written by Carolyn Smith in June 2018.

### **Accruals**

Materials may have been added to the collection since this finding aid was prepared. Contact [rbml@columbia.edu](mailto:rbml@columbia.edu) for more information.

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## Related Materials

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### Related Materials

See Center for Human Rights Documentation and Research (CHRDR) page for more information about all AIUSA collections: [https://library.columbia.edu/libraries/chrdr/archive\\_collections/aiusa.html](https://library.columbia.edu/libraries/chrdr/archive_collections/aiusa.html)

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- Human rights
- Amnesty International USA
- Amnesty International

## Collection Inventory

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### Series I: Country Dossiers, 1977-2009

#### Scope and Contents

This series contains country dossiers arranged by region and country.

Title/Description	Instances	
Africa		
General, 1990-2008 <u>Physical Description</u> : 2 folders	box 1	folder 1-2
Angola, 1980-1997 <u>Physical Description</u> : 2 folders	box 1	folder 3-4
Benin, 1978-1989	box 1	folder 5
Botswana, 2001	box 1	folder 6
Burkina Faso, 1981-1991	box 1	folder 7
Burundi, 1984-2007 <u>Physical Description</u> : 5 folders	box 1	folder 8-12
Cameroon, 1978-1997		

<u>Physical Description</u> : 3 folders	box 1	folder 13-15
Cape Verde, 1983-1989	box 1	folder 16
Central African Republic, 1990-1995	box 1	folder 17
Chad, 1985-1997	box 1	folder 18-20
<u>Physical Description</u> : 3 folders		
Comoros, 1985-1998	box 2	folder 1
Djibouti, 1991-1999	box 2	folder 2
Eritrea, 1998-2002	box 2	folder 3
Ethiopia, 1977-2008	box 2	folder 4-7
<u>Physical Description</u> : 4 folders		
Gabon, 1984-2003	box 2	folder 8
Gambia, 1984-2003	box 2	folder 9
Ghana, 1978-2006	box 2	folder 10
Republic of Guinea, 1978-2007	box 2	folder 11-13
<u>Physical Description</u> : 3 folders		
Equatorial Guinea, 1978-2008	box 2	folder 14-15
<u>Physical Description</u> : 2 folders		
Guinea-Bissau, 1981-2007	box 2	folder 16
Ivory Coast, 1992-2007	box 2	folder 17
Kenya, 1977-2008	box 2	folder 18-23
<u>Physical Description</u> : 6 folders		
Lesotho, 1978-1999	box 2	folder 24
Liberia, 1980-2008	box 3	folder 1-4
<u>Physical Description</u> : 4 folders		
Madagascar, 1983-2003	box 3	folder 5
Malawi, 1978-1998	box 3	folder 6-7
<u>Physical Description</u> : 2 folders		
Mali, 1978-1999	box 3	folder 8
Mauritania, 1977-1995	box 3	folder 9-10
<u>Physical Description</u> : 2 folders		
Mauritius, 1979-2001	box 3	folder 11
Mozambique, 1984-2003	box 3	folder 12
Namibia, 1977-1993		

<u>Physical Description</u> : 2 folders	box 3	folder 13-14
Niger, 1986-2008	box 3	folder 15
Nigeria, 1978-2008	box 3	folder 16-21
<u>Physical Description</u> : 6 folders		
Rwanda, 1981-1999	box 4	folder 1-6
<u>Physical Description</u> : 6 folders		
Sao Tome and Principe, 1998	box 4	folder 7
Seychelles, 1992	box 4	folder 8
Senegal, 1989-2006	box 4	folder 9
Sierra Leone, 1978-2007	box 4	folder 10-13
<u>Physical Description</u> : 4 folders		
Somaliland, 2001-2007	box 4	folder 14
Somalia, 1978-1998	box 4	folder 15-17
<u>Physical Description</u> : 3 folders		
South Africa, 1977-1986	box 4	folder 18-22
<u>Physical Description</u> : 5 folders		
South Africa, 1987-2008	box 5	folder 1-5
<u>Physical Description</u> : 5 folders		
Sudan, 1978-2006	box 5	folder 6-12
<u>Physical Description</u> : 7 folders		
Swaziland, 1981-2006	box 5	folder 13
Tanzania, 1978-2001	box 5	folder 14
Togo, 1978-1999	box 5	folder 15-16
<u>Physical Description</u> : 2 folders		
Zaire/Congo, 1977-2006	box 6	folder 1-10
<u>Physical Description</u> : 10 folders		
Uganda, 1977-2007	box 6	folder 11-14
<u>Physical Description</u> : 4 folders		
Zambia, 1978-1987	box 6	folder 15
Zimbabwe, 1977-2005	box 6	folder 16-19
<u>Physical Description</u> : 4 folders		
Americas		
General, 1994-2005	box 7	folder 1



English-speaking Caribbean--General, 1994	box 7	folder 2
Argentina, 1977-2002 <u>Physical Description:</u> 8 folders	box 7	folder 3-10
Bahamas, 1989-2004	box 7	folder 11
Barbados, 1979-2004	box 7	folder 12
Belize, 1986-2000	box 7	folder 13
Bolivia, 1977-1996 <u>Physical Description:</u> 2 folders	box 7	folder 14-15
Brazil, 1977-1998 <u>Physical Description:</u> 5 folders	box 7	folder 16-20
Brazil, 1999-2002	box 8	folder 1
Canada, 1987-1999	box 8	folder 2
Chile, 1977-2006 <u>Physical Description:</u> 10 folders	box 8	folder 3-12
Colombia, 1977-1991 <u>Physical Description:</u> 5 folders	box 8	folder 13-17
Colombia, 1992-2003 <u>Physical Description:</u> 9 folders	box 9	folder 1-9
Costa Rica, 1982-1998	box 9	folder 10
Cuba, 1998-1991 <u>Physical Description:</u> 6 folders	box 9	folder 11-16
Dominica, 1982-1991	box 9	folder 17
Dominican Republic, 2004-2009	box 9	folder 18
Ecuador, 1978-2005 <u>Physical Description:</u> 2 folders	box 9	folder 19-20
Grenada, 2003-2007	box 9	folder 21
El Salvador, 1978-2007 <u>Physical Description:</u> 10 folders	box 10	folder 1-10
Guatemala, 1979-1993 <u>Physical Description:</u> 10 folders	box 10	folder 11-20
Guatemala, 1994-2008 <u>Physical Description:</u> 6 folders	box 11	folder 1-6
Guyana, 1986-2006	box 11	folder 7
Haiti, 1977-2002		

<u>Physical Description</u> : 6 folders	box 11	folder 8-13
Honduras, 1977-2003	box 11	folder 14-16
<u>Physical Description</u> : 3 folders		
Jamaica, 1980-2007	box 11	folder 17-18
<u>Physical Description</u> : 2 folders		
Mexico, 1977-2007	box 12	folder 1-10
<u>Physical Description</u> : 10 folders		
Nicaragua, 1977-1989	box 12	folder 11-13
<u>Physical Description</u> : 3 folders		
Panama, 1994-1998	box 12	folder 14
Paraguay, 1977-1986	box 12	folder 15-19
<u>Physical Description</u> : 5 folders		
Peru, 1977-1989	box 12	folder 20-23
<u>Physical Description</u> : 4 folders		
Peru, 1990-2007	box 13	folder 1-6
<u>Physical Description</u> : 6 folders		
Saint Lucia, 1995-2000	box 13	folder 7
St. Vincent and the Grenadines, 1987-1995	box 13	folder 8-9
<u>Physical Description</u> : 2 folders		
Suriname, 1987-2007	box 13	folder 10
Trinidad and Tobago, 1987-2006	box 13	folder 11
USA, 1977-1995	box 13	folder 12-21
<u>Physical Description</u> : 10 folders		
USA, 1996-2007	box 14	folder 1-12
<u>Physical Description</u> : 12 folders		
Uruguay, 1977-1999	box 14	folder 13-16
<u>Physical Description</u> : 4 folders		
Venezuela, 1978-2008	box 14	folder 17-19
<u>Physical Description</u> : 3 folders		
Asia General, 1992-2007	box 15	folder 1
Afghanistan, 1978-2005	box 15	folder 2-7
<u>Physical Description</u> : 6 folders		
Australia, 1988-1994	box 15	folder 8

Bangladesh, 1977-1997 <u>Physical Description:</u> 4 folders	box 15	folder 9-12
Bhutan, 1990-2000	box 15	folder 13
Brunei, 1978-1993	box 15	folder 14
Myanmar (Burma), 1978-1996 <u>Physical Description:</u> 4 folders	box 15	folder 15-18
Myanmar (Burma), 1997-2008 <u>Physical Description:</u> 5 folders	box 16	folder 1-5
Cambodia, 1977-1998 <u>Physical Description:</u> 4 folders	box 16	folder 6-9
China, 1977-1994 <u>Physical Description:</u> 8 folders	box 16	folder 10-17
China, 1995-2006 <u>Physical Description:</u> 7 folders	box 17	folder 1-7
Fiji, 1991-2007	box 17	folder 8
Hong Kong, 1988-2003	box 17	folder 9
India, 1977-1996 <u>Physical Description:</u> 8 folders	box 17	folder 10-17
India, 1997-2008 <u>Physical Description:</u> 5 folders	box 18	folder 1-5
Indonesia/East Timor, 1977-1999 <u>Physical Description:</u> 14 folders	box 18	folder 6-19
Indonesia/East Timor, 2000-2008 <u>Physical Description:</u> 3 folders	box 19	folder 1-3
Japan, 1978-1999 <u>Physical Description:</u> 2 folders	box 19	folder 4-5
Laos, 1991-2008	box 19	folder 6
Macao, 1991-1999	box 19	folder 7
Malaysia, 1982-2005 <u>Physical Description:</u> 3 folders	box 19	folder 8-10
Maldives, 1981-2006	box 19	folder 11
Mongolia, 1991-2008	box 19	folder 12
Nepal, 1979-2009	box 19	folder 13-18

<u>Physical Description</u> : 6 folders		
North Korea, 1978-2006	box 20	folder 1
Pakistan, 1977-2007	box 20	folder 2-10
<u>Physical Description</u> : 9 folders		
Papua New Guinea, 1995-1999	box 20	folder 11
Philippines, 1977-2004	box 20	folder 12-18
<u>Physical Description</u> : 6 folders		
Singapore, 1978-1997	box 21	folder 1-2
<u>Physical Description</u> : 2 folders		
South Korea, 1977-2004	box 21	folder 3-11
<u>Physical Description</u> : 9 folders		
Solomon Islands, 1999-2005	box 21	folder 12
Taiwan, 1977-2002	box 21	folder 13-15
<u>Physical Description</u> : 3 folders		
Sri Lanka, 1977-1991	box 21	folder 16-19
<u>Physical Description</u> : 4 folders		
Sri Lanka, 1992-2008	box 22	folder 1-4
<u>Physical Description</u> : 4 folders		
Thailand, 1977-2007	box 22	folder 5-6
<u>Physical Description</u> : 2 folders		
Timor-Leste, 2002	box 22	folder 7
<u>Physical Description</u> : 2 folders		
Vanuatu, 1981-1999	box 22	folder 8
Vietnam, 1977-2008	box 22	folder 9-11
<u>Physical Description</u> : 3 folders		
Europe		
General, 1992-1997	box 23	folder 1
Albania, 1990-2008	box 23	folder 2
Armenia, 1994-1998	box 23	folder 3
Austria, 1986-1989	box 23	folder 4
Azerbaijan, 1994-1998	box 23	folder 5
Belarus, 1995-1998	box 23	folder 6
Belgium, 1999-2003	box 23	folder 7
Bulgaria, 1986-2005		

	box 23	folder 8
Croatia, 1995-1999	box 23	folder 9
Cyprus, 1978-2006	box 23	folder 10
Czechoslovakia, 1977-1989 <u>Physical Description:</u> 2 folders	box 23	folder 11-12
Denmark, 1990-2007	box 23	folder 13
Estonia, 1995-1998	box 23	folder 14
Bosnia Herzegovina, 1995-2008 <u>Physical Description:</u> 2 folders	box 23	folder 15-16
Finland, 1985-2008	box 23	folder 17
France, 1987-1988	box 23	folder 18
East Germany, 1977-2002 <u>Physical Description:</u> 2 folders	box 24	folder 1-2
West Germany, 1986-2007	box 24	folder 3
Georgia, 1995-1998	box 24	folder 4
Greece, 1988-2008	box 24	folder 5
Hungary, 1987-2007	box 24	folder 6
Italy, 1978-2001	box 24	folder 7
Poland, 1977-2007 <u>Physical Description:</u> 3 folders	box 24	folder 8-10
Portugal, 1982-2004	box 24	folder 11
Lithuania, 1995-1998	box 24	folder 12
Macedonia, 2007	box 24	folder 13
Moldova, 1995-1998	box 24	folder 14
Kazakhstan, 1995-1998	box 24	folder 15
Kyrgyzstan, 1995-1998	box 24	folder 16
Latvia, 1995-1998	box 24	folder 17
Romania, 1977-1984 <u>Physical Description:</u> 4 folders	box 24	folder 18-21
USSR, 1977-1994 <u>Physical Description:</u> 11 folders	box 25	folder 1-11
Russia, 1993-2008	box 25	folder 12-17

Physical Description: 6 folders

Serbia, Kosovo, Montenegro, 1997-2008 <u>Physical Description</u> : 2 folders	box 25	folder 18-19
Slovenia, 2008	box 25	folder 20
Spain, 1977-2007 <u>Physical Description</u> : 2 folders	box 25	folder 21-22
Sweden, 1981-2006	box 26	folder 1
Switzerland, 1987-2003	box 26	folder 2
Tajikistan, 1995-1998	box 26	folder 3
Turkey, 1981-2002 <u>Physical Description</u> : 18 folders	box 26	folder 4-21
Turkmenistan, 1995-1998	box 26	folder 22
UK/Northern Ireland, 1977-2008 <u>Physical Description</u> : 9 folders	box 27	folder 1-9
Ukraine, 1995	box 27	folder 10
Uzbekistan, 1995-2008 <u>Physical Description</u> : 2 folders	box 27	folder 11-12
Yugoslavia, 1984-2005 <u>Physical Description</u> : 9 folders	box 27	folder 13-21
Middle East		
General, 1991-2004	box 28	folder 1
Algeria, 1977-2008 <u>Physical Description</u> : 3 folders	box 28	folder 2-4
Bahrain, 1993-1999	box 28	folder 5
Egypt, 1978-2005 <u>Physical Description</u> : 7 folders	box 28	folder 6-12
Iran, 1977-2008 <u>Physical Description</u> : 8 folders	box 28	folder 13-20
Iraq, 1977-2005 <u>Physical Description</u> : 6 folders	box 29	folder 1-6
Israel, 1977-2006 <u>Physical Description</u> : 12 folders	box 29	folder 7-18
Jordan, 1990-1994	box 30	folder 1
Kuwait, 1984-2005	box 30	folder 2

Lebanon, 1977-2007 <u>Physical Description</u> : 2 folders	box 30	folder 3-4
Libya, 1991-2004	box 30	folder 5
Morocco, 1977-1996 <u>Physical Description</u> : 4 folders	box 30	folder 6-9
Oman, 1984-2002	box 30	folder 10
Palestine, 1997-2007	box 30	folder 11
Qatar, 1993-2003	box 30	folder 12
Saudi Arabia, 1978-2003 <u>Physical Description</u> : 2 folders	box 30	folder 13-14
Syria, 1977-1995 <u>Physical Description</u> : 4 folders	box 30	folder 15-18
Tunisia, 1977-2000 <u>Physical Description</u> : 5 folders	box 31	folder 1-5
United Arab Emirates, 1984-2006	box 31	folder 6
Yemen, 1978-2007 <u>Physical Description</u> : 2 folders	box 31	folder 7-8

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## Series II: Publications, 1979-2008

### Scope and Contents

This small series contains issues of the Wire and AI News.

Title/Description	Instances	
The Wire, 2001-2008	box 31	folder 9
AI New/newsletter, 1979-2000 <u>Physical Description</u> : 6 folders	box 31	folder 10-15

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