

# Guide to the Kwangju Incident Records

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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** MS 1766

**CREATOR:** United States. Department of State

**TITLE:** Kwangju Incident records

**DATES:** 1979-1980

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 2 linear feet

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The records are comprised of photocopies of telegrams between the United States Embassy in Seoul and the U.S. State Department before, during, and after the Kwangju Uprising of 1980. The telegrams primarily discuss the stability of Seoul's government and human rights. Particular topics include the use of martial law, the restructuring of the government, the formation of a constitution, the arrests of dissidents, the trials of political prisoners, student protests, and labor issues.

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

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**Collection Contents**  
**Inventory, 1979-1980**

Arranged chronologically, the records consist of telegrams between the United States Embassy in Seoul, South Korea and the U.S. State Department.

b. 1, f. 1-17	1979 January-July	1979 January-July
b. 2, f. 18-34	1979 August-November	1979 August-November
b. 3, f. 35-49	1979 December-1980 April	1979 December-1980 April
b. 4, f. 50-60	1980 May-July	1980 May-July
b. 5, f. 61-76	1980 August-December	1980 August-December

## **Selected Search Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### **Subjects**

Kwangju Uprising, Kwangju-si, Korea, 1980

### **Geographic Names**

Korea (South) -- History -- 1960-1988

United States -- Foreign relations -- 1977-1981

### **Names**

Kim, Dae Jung, 1925-2009

### **Corporate Body**

United States. Department of State