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FBI Files on the El Paso Committee to End the War in
Vietnam

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Biography or Historical Sketch

The El Paso Committee to End the War in Vietnam was formed on October 23, 1965 by twelve current and former students of Texas Western history professor Richard Trexler. Nick Cheshire was elected chairman and Howard S. White vice-chairman, though White soon left the group. The Committee's purpose was to denounce U.S. policy in Vietnam and advocate for the end of the Vietnam War. Although the group stressed its non-extremist views, it still faced much opposition from El Paso officials and some Texas Western faculty, administrators, and students, particularly over its decision to stage a peaceful demonstration in San Jacinto Plaza. Dr. Trexler received many death threats over his involvement in protesting the war in Vietnam. Several Committee members lost their jobs or were kicked out of their homes by their parents for participating in the San Jacinto Plaza anti-war protest. The El Paso Committee to End the War in Vietnam was monitored by the FBI.

Series Description or Arrangement

These materials are in original order.

Scope and Content Notes

The FBI Files on the El Paso Committee to End the War in Vietnam, MS 633, date 1965 – 1973. These files are photocopies with redactions of the original documents. Types of materials include memoranda and reports about anti-Vietnam War demonstrations, planned protests, protestors, and possible draft evaders.

Provenance Statement

Donated by Kenton Clymer on May 24, 2016. He received these files from Reynolds Kiefer. Mr. Kiefer acquired the documents through a Freedom of Information Act request, but they arrived too late for them to be used in his thesis, *Dissent in the Desert: the Vietnam-Era Antiwar Movement in El Paso*.

Restrictions

None.

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Notes to the Researcher

Files were redacted.

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Kiefer, Reynolds Stewart. *Dissent in the Desert: the Vietnam-Era Antiwar Movement in El Paso* (Thesis, M.A.)

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