

## Subject Index to INS Correspondence files, 1906-1957 (NARA Microfilm T-458)

NARA's 31 reel microfilm publication T-458 is a general index to Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) correspondence and related to policy and administrative subjects. The index provides reference to several INS record series which operated between 1906 and 1957, but it is primarily an index to the INS correspondence files known as the "56,000 series," which today is Entry 9 of RG 85 (*NARA ARC Identifier 559947 / MLR Number A1, 323, A1, 9-A*). **T-458 is not a name index.** Individual names may appear under a subject heading, but only when the alien's case raised question about the subject. Many individuals who appear in the files are not listed in the index.

The index contains references to several file types, not all of which are available from the National Archives. Below are the sample file numbers for the most common file types found in the index:

Sample File Number	Record Series
53305/499, 52344-468	<b>Subject and Case Correspondence of the INS ("56000 Series")</b> [Immigration 1906-1957, and Nationality ca. 1933-1957, RG 85, Entry 9]. Archives I, DC
500/2, 23/54467, 106799/500	<b>Administrative Files Relating to Naturalization</b> (Bureau of Naturalization Correspondence Files), 1906-1946 [Nationality, RG 85, Entry 26 and additional entries]. Archives I, DC
2873-P-29476, 2551-D-66264	<b>INS Petition Files (P) and INS Declaration Files (D).</b> Not Available, though court numbers (to the left of the P or D) may help researchers locate the court copy of a declaration or petition (e.g. court 2873 = The Court of Common Pleas at Gaffney, NC). <b>Court number translations are available on the NARA microfilm publication M203: Directories of Courts Having Naturalization Jurisdiction, 1908-1963.</b>
C-349852	<b>Naturalization Certification Files (C-Files).</b> Files for 1906-1956 available through the USCIS Genealogy Program.
A-40552314	<b>Alien Files/A-files.</b> Files numbered below 8 million (A8000000) and documents therein dated prior to May 1, 1951 available through USCIS Genealogy Program.
R-32145	<b>Registry Files.</b> Available through USCIS Genealogy Program.

### **Note:**

Not all file types that appear in the index are described here. Questions about other citations may be directed to the USCIS History Office ([uscishistory.library@dhs.gov](mailto:uscishistory.library@dhs.gov)). More information about all of the files listed above may be found at [www.uscis.gov/history-and-genealogy](http://www.uscis.gov/history-and-genealogy).

### **Access:**

The T-458 microfilm index (31 reels) is available at the National Archives in Washington, DC and from LDS family history centers.

The fee-based genealogy website [www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com) has placed a digitized and name-searchable copy of the index online: <http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=1946>.

Sample Index Cards

Subject of Card	Subject of File	Date of Correspondence
REPORTATION		20
1526-D-97670	Re---of LORNE EDGAR MORROW	9-23-31
958-P-16176	Re ---of BERTALAN GERO	9-24-31
2279-D-246269	Re ---of RICHARD DOEM	10- 6-31
2551-D -66264	Re----of AMBROSE GILLMORE	10- 7-31
987 D-11196	Re----of STEVE GLIGOROVICH, whose C/A by fraud.	10-14-31
1850-D-41544	Re ---of RUDOLPH HANS GRUNDIG arrested for embezzlement.	10-18-31
730-D-65151	Re---of MICHAEL SZYMOHA	10-15-31
987-D-11748	Re----of DIMKO PETRE IVANOVICH	10-22-31
77-2507	Let. to CGU re indorsing orig. identifi- cation cards sur. by aliens removed from US, to show action taken in their case before fwd. to B/N	10- 6-31

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Subject of Card	Subject of File	Date of Correspondence
Anonymous Ltr.		3-29-49ovh
C-5900362	DD NY fwds rept re anonymous ltr re BERNARD CHARLES DI PIERRI allgd communist who may attempt to secure immig of brother ANTONIO DI PIERRI by fraud, frm Italy, allgd with assistance of Atty Carol King	3-18-49ovh
VP-407320	ANTONIO DI PIERRE	
56272/865	Anonymous ltr re BOLESLAW ROPOLEWSKI prospec- tive immig if he can't enter legally, intend to be smuggled in allegedly on SS Stockholm or SS Gripsholm; lives in displaced persons camp in Sweden	4-1-49ovh

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