FEDERAL ENTITY CEASED OPERATIONS

Schedule Number: N1-220-90-004

Federal entities may cease operations when they are established as a temporary entity, are abolished, or functions are transferred to state or local government or private control.

Description:

The Commission on the Ukraine Famine was established April 22, 1986, by Publ. L. 98-473, to make the Ukraine famine of 1932-33 more widely known.

Date Reported: 06/22/2020
REQUEST FOR RECORDS DISPOSITION AUTHORITY
(See Instructions on reverse)

TO
GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION
NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS SERVICE, WASHINGTON, DC 20408

NOTE TO AGENCY

Commission on the Ukraine Famine

In accordance with the provisions of 44 USC 3303a
the disposal request, including amendments, is approved
except for items that may be marked "disposition not
approved" or "withdrawn" in column 10. If no records
are proposed for disposal, the signature of the Archivist
is not required.

6 CERTIFICATE OF AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE

I hereby certify that I am authorized to act for this agency in matters pertaining to the disposal of the agency’s records,
that the records proposed for disposal in this Request of ______ page(s) are not now needed for the business of this
agency or will not be needed after the retention periods specified, and that written concurrence from the General
Accounting Office, if required under the provisions of Title 8 of the GAO Manual for Guidance of Federal Agencies, is
attached.

A GAO concurrence □ is attached, or □ is unnecessary

B DATE
[Signature of Agency Representative]

C SIGNATURE OF AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE

D TITLE

staff director

8 DESCRIPTION OF ITEM
(With Inclusive Dates or Retention Periods)

Item 1

Administrative Files. 1 1/2 cubic feet, 1985-90,
arrested alphabetically by name or subject.

The records in this series include correspondence
relating to the operation of the Commission,
resumes of job applicants, photocopies of news
articles relating to the Famine, donor lists,
working papers, and requisition forms.

Disposition. PERMANENT. Transfer immediately to
the National Archives. During archival process­
ing, weed out such records as resumes,
requisition forms, and other housekeeping records
under the General Records Schedule, as well as
nonrecord material.

Item 2

Correspondence Files. 1 cubic foot, 1986-90,
unarranged.

This series consists primarily of correspondence
to and from Dr. James Mace. It also includes
some working papers used to produce the Report to Congress, as well as photocopies of articles from the Soviet press relating to the Famine.

Disposition. PERMANENT. Transfer immediately to the National Archives. During archival processing, weed out housekeeping records under the General Records Schedule, as well as nonrecord material.

**Item 3**

Transcripts of the Oral Interviews. 2 cubic feet, 1984-88, arranged by interviewer and thereunder by an interview number.

Although most of the interviews were done for the Commission, some interviews were conducted by the Ukrainian Famine Research Committee of Toronto. Along with the Commission-sponsored oral interviews, these will be incorporated into a volume of oral histories prepared by the Commission and published by the Government Printing Office. (The Toronto Committee did not have the financial resources to complete their oral history project and Dr. Mace agreed to have their interviews published along with the interviews conducted by the Commission.) All of these transcripts are in the interviewee's native language (primarily Ukrainian) and are transcribed from the audio-tape cassettes (please see Item 7 below).

Included among the above-mentioned transcriptions are approximately three inches of English-language transcripts of interviews apparently given before an attorney. These interviews were arranged by a Ukrainian nationalist group.

Disposition. PERMANENT. Transfer immediately to the National Archives.

**Item 4**

Testimony Files. 1 cubic foot, 1986-88, unarranged.

This series consists of the proposed testimony of the individuals who would be testifying before the Commission. Commission staff members met
with witnesses prior to their appearance and reviewed their testimony.

The information in these records duplicates the information found in the published hearings of the Commission.

Disposition. DESTROY IMMEDIATELY.

Item 5

**Newsclippings.** 4 inches, 1984-88, unarranged.

This series consists of newsclippings regarding the Famine in English and Slavic languages. The date and name of the newspaper are written on the newsclippings. These newsclippings provide a unique source of information on the Famine.

Disposition. PERMANENT. Transfer immediately to the National Archives.

Item 6

**Written Statements.** 4 inches, 1984-86, unarranged.

There are hand-written statements from individuals who survived the Famine. They are unpublished at present, but Dr. Mace indicated he may include them in the Commission's published volume of oral histories.

Disposition. PERMANENT. Transfer immediately to the National Archives.

Item 7

**Audiotape Cassettes.** 1/2 cubic foot, 1984-87, unarranged, primarily recorded in Ukrainian.

This series of 100-125 cassettes contains the oral histories of individuals who lived through the horrors of the Ukraine Famine of 1932-33. The youngest of these individuals (per Dr. Mace) was born in 1920. These unedited recordings are a unique resource for first-hand information regarding the Famine.
Note: When the interviewees left the Soviet Union for the United States and Canada, they committed treason under Soviet law. Even today, these people remain fearful of government reprisals against family members still living in the Soviet Union. Thus, a significant number of the interviewees did not want their identities known and during the interview they used their first name and last initial only. However, Dr. Mace indicted there were "slips" on some of the audiocassette tapes and the interviewee's full name is provided. He said the transcripts were "cleaned up" to safeguard identities.

Disposition. PERMANENT. Transfer immediately to the National Archives.