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Summary information

Repository:	Dalhousie University Archives
Title:	Maersk Dubai Incident fonds
Reference code:	MS-8-203
Date:	1996-2000 (date of creation)
Language:	English
Physical description:	29.5 cm of textual records. - -- 1 video cassette. -- 1 audio cassette.
Note [generalNote]:	Preferred citation: [Identification of item], Maersk Dubai Incident fonds, MS-8-203, Box [box number], Folder [folder number], Dalhousie University Archives and Special Collections, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada.

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

The Maersk Dubai was a container ship that docked in Halifax on 24 May 1996. Shortly after it docked it became known that four Filipino sailors had witnessed their captain and ship's officers throwing three stowaways overboard to their deaths. After the sailors agreed to testify against the officers, both they and their families in the Philippines were threatened and harassed.

The Concern for Seafarers Witnesses Society (CSWS) was formed in July 1996 to assist the sailors financially and to try to protect them from harassment and persecution, which included assisting the sailors to apply for landed immigrant status. In February 1999 three of them were granted status, at which point they successfully applied to bring their families to Canada. Later the fourth seamen and his wife were granted Minister's permits to remain in Canada.

Custodial history

This collection was donated by the Concern for Seafarers Witnesses Society in December 2002.

Scope and content

The fonds includes letters, immigration papers, promotional materials, petitions, affidavits, evidence and general documentation of the activities of the Concern for Seafarers Witnesses Society (CSWS) in their endeavours to assist the sailors of the Maersk Dubai.

Notes

Title notes

Restrictions on access

Three files containing personal information are closed. Folder 1-8 contains a membership list; folder 2-2 contains petitions; folder 2-3 contains copies of immigration documents.

Conditions governing use

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Accruals

No further accruals are expected.

Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published

Access points

- MV Maersk Dubai (ship). Med Taichung. YM Fortune.
- Moving images (documentary form)
- Textual record (documentary form)
- Correspondence (subject)
- Emigration and immigration (subject)
- Legal history (subject)
- Minutes and proceedings (subject)
- Reports, publications, studies, and documentation (subject)
- Shipping--Nova Scotia (subject)
- Halifax (N.S.) (place)

Collection holdings

Series: Audio-Visual Records

Title: Audio-Visual Records

Date: ca. 1996-2000 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This series contains audio visual records of interviews relating to the Maersk Dubai Incident.

Physical description: 1 video cassette. -- 1 audio cassette

File: MS-8-203, Box 1, Folder 6 - Video cassette labelled "Jun and Ariel Interview (14 mins)"; audio cassette labelled "Mr Flemming Holm"

Title: Video cassette labelled "Jun and Ariel Interview (14 mins)"; audio cassette labelled "Mr Flemming Holm"

Reference code: MS-8-203, Box 1, Folder 6

Date: ca. 1996-2000 (date of creation)

Series: Correspondence of the CSWS on the Maersk Dubai incident

Title: Correspondence of the CSWS on the Maersk Dubai incident

Date: 1996-2000 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This series contains correspondence to and from the Concern for Seafarers Witnesses Society (CSWS) in regards to the Maersk Dubai incident.

Physical description: 10 cm of textual records

File: MS-8-203, Box 1, Folder 4 - Letters to denominational institutions, members of parliament, and other organizations

Title: Letters to denominational institutions, members of parliament, and other organizations

Reference code: MS-8-203, Box 1, Folder 4

Date: 1996 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File contains letters from Fleming Holm to various denominational institutions throughout Canada requesting assistance for the families of the four individuals involved in the Maersk Dubai Incident. File also contains letters to the Bank of Nova Scotia, Citizenship and Immigration Canada, Amnesty International, The Metropolitan Immigration Society, members of parliament, and ministers. File also contains a certificate of incorporation.

Physical description: 1.5 cm

File: MS-8-203, Box 1, Folder 5 - Letters to Canadian political parties, denominational institutions, and individuals

Title: Letters to Canadian political parties, denominational institutions, and individuals

Reference code: MS-8-203, Box 1, Folder 5

Date: 1997 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File contains letters from Fleming Holm to Canadian political parties, denominational institutions, and individuals requesting assistance in ensuring the four Filipino men (along with their families) involved in the Maersk Dubai Incident receive adequate compensation for the losses they have incurred.

Physical description: 1.5 cm

File: MS-8-203, Box 1, Folder 3 - Letters to denominational institutions

Title: Letters to denominational institutions

Reference code: MS-8-203, Box 1, Folder 3

Date: January to June 1998 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File contains letters sent by Fleming Holm to various denominational institutions throughout Canada requesting sponsorship support for the families of the four men involved in the Maersk Dubai incident. File also contains correspondence with Citizenship and Immigration Canada.

Physical description: 1.5 cm

File: MS-8-203, Box 1, Folder 1 - Correspondence with the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration and other organizations

Title: Correspondence with the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration and other organizations

Reference code: MS-8-203, Box 1, Folder 1

Date: July to December 1998 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File contains correspondence between the Concern for Seafarer Witness Society and the following individuals/organizations: the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, the Halifax Regional

Municipality, the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, the Nova Scotia House of Assembly, the Department of Justice, and the United Church of Canada. Materials address the society's attempt to secure safe refuge for the four Filipino men involved in the Maersk Dubai Incident (Ariel Broas, Esmeraldo Esteban, Juanito Ilagan, and Rodolfo Miguel).

Physical description: 1.5 cm

File: MS-8-203, Box 1, Folder 2 - Correspondence with members of the Concern for Seafarer Witnesses Society

Title: Correspondence with members of the Concern for Seafarer Witnesses Society

Reference code: MS-8-203, Box 1, Folder 2

Date: 1999-2000 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File contains letters to members of the Concern for Seafarer Witnesses Society informing individuals on the status of the four Filipino men involved in the Maersk Dubai Incident. File also contains letters of congratulations from senate members, members of parliament, and members of the legislative assembly.

Physical description: 1 cm

File: MS-8-203, Box 1, Folder 8 - Past and present members of the Concern for Seafarer Witnesses Society - Membership list removed from Box 1, Folder 2

Title: Past and present members of the Concern for Seafarer Witnesses Society - Membership list removed from Box 1, Folder 2

Reference code: MS-8-203, Box 1, Folder 8

Date: 1999-2000 (date of creation)

Restrictions on access:

Closed

Series: Evidence and immigration documents for the Maersk Dubai Incident Gathered by the CSWS

Title: Evidence and immigration documents for the Maersk Dubai Incident Gathered by the CSWS

Date: 1996-1999 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This series contains immigration documents, refugee claims, affidavits, evidence and sworn statements from the sailors involved with the Maersk Dubai incident.

Physical description: 7 cm of textual records

File: MS-8-203, Box 2, Folder 1 - Refugee claims for sailors of the Maersk Dubai

Title: Refugee claims for sailors of the Maersk Dubai

Reference code: MS-8-203, Box 2, Folder 1

Date: 1997 (date of creation)

File: MS-8-203, Box 2, Folder 3 - Immigration documents and accompanying correspondence

Title: Immigration documents and accompanying correspondence

Reference code: MS-8-203, Box 2, Folder 3

Date: 1996-1998 (date of creation)

Restrictions on access:

Closed

File: MS-8-203, Box 2, Folder 4 - Sworn Statements and Affidavits from the Sailors of the Maersk Dubai

Title: Sworn Statements and Affidavits from the Sailors of the Maersk Dubai

Reference code: MS-8-203, Box 2, Folder 4

Date: 1996-1997 (date of creation)

Series: Letters of Support for the Filipino Sailors and their Families from the community and from members of the CSWS

Title: Letters of Support for the Filipino Sailors and their Families from the community and from members of the CSWS

Date: 1997-1999 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This series contains letters of support and signed petitions of support from community members, community and church groups and from the children of the sailors, written in support of the sailors involved with the Maersk Dubai incident.

Physical description: 6 cm of textual records

File: MS-8-203, Box 2, Folder 5 - Letters of Support for the Sailors of the Maersk Dubai and their Families

Title: Letters of Support for the Sailors of the Maersk Dubai and their Families

Reference code: MS-8-203, Box 2, Folder 5

Date: 1996-1997 (date of creation)

File: MS-8-203, Box 2, Folder 8 - Letters of Support for the Sailors of the Maersk Dubai and their Families

Title: Letters of Support for the Sailors of the Maersk Dubai and their Families

Reference code: MS-8-203, Box 2, Folder 8

Date: 1998 (date of creation)

File: MS-8-203, Box 2, Folder 6 - Letters of Support for the Sailors of the Maersk Dubai and their Families

Title: Letters of Support for the Sailors of the Maersk Dubai and their Families

Reference code: MS-8-203, Box 2, Folder 6

Date: 1998-1999 (date of creation)

File: MS-8-203, Box 2, Folder 7 - Letters of Support for the Sailors of the Maersk Dubai from their Children

Title: Letters of Support for the Sailors of the Maersk Dubai from their Children

Reference code: MS-8-203, Box 2, Folder 7

Date: 1996 and n.d. (date of creation)

File: MS-8-203, Box 2, Folder 9 - Letters of Support for the Sailors of the Maersk Dubai with Express Intent to Donate Funds

Title: Letters of Support for the Sailors of the Maersk Dubai with Express Intent to Donate Funds

Reference code: MS-8-203, Box 2, Folder 9

Date: 1998 (date of creation)

File: MS-8-203, Box 2, Folder 2 - Petitions of support for the sailors of the Maersk Dubai

Title: Petitions of support for the sailors of the Maersk Dubai

Reference code: MS-8-203, Box 2, Folder 2

Date: 1998-1999 (date of creation)

Restrictions on access:

Closed

Series: Meeting minutes and membership for the CSWS

Title: Meeting minutes and membership for the CSWS

Date: 1996-2000, n.d. (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Includes the minutes, agendas, notes and a membership list (n.d.) from meetings held by the CSWS about the Maersk Dubai incident.

Physical description: 2.5 cm of textual records

File: MS-8-203, Box 2, Folder 10 - Minutes of the CSWS

Title: Minutes of the CSWS

Reference code: MS-8-203, Box 2, Folder 10

Date: 1996 (date of creation)

File: MS-8-203, Box 2, Folder 11 - Minutes of the CSWS

Title: Minutes of the CSWS

Reference code: MS-8-203, Box 2, Folder 11

Date: 1997 (date of creation)

File: MS-8-203, Box 2, Folder 12 - Minutes of the CSWS

Title: Minutes of the CSWS

Reference code: MS-8-203, Box 2, Folder 12

Date: 1998 (date of creation)

File: MS-8-203, Box 2, Folder 13 - Minutes of the CSWS

Title: Minutes of the CSWS

Reference code: MS-8-203, Box 2, Folder 13

Date: 1999 (date of creation)

File: MS-8-203, Box 2, Folder 14 - Financial audit statement of the CSWS

Title: Financial audit statement of the CSWS

Reference code: MS-8-203, Box 2, Folder 14

Date: 2000 (date of creation)

Series: Promotional material for the Maersk Dubai Incident created by CSWS

Title: Promotional material for the Maersk Dubai Incident created by CSWS

Date: 1997?-1998 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This series includes miscellaneous promotional materials created by the CSWS to promote their efforts and gather support for the sailors involved with the Maersk Dubai incident. Includes fax cover sheets, meeting notices and pamphlets.

Physical description: 2 cm of textual records

File: MS-8-203, Box 2, Folder 15 - Publicity and notes regarding the Maersk Dubai Incident created by the CSWS

Title: Publicity and notes regarding the Maersk Dubai Incident created by the CSWS

Reference code: MS-8-203, Box 2, Folder 15

Date: 1997?-1998 (date of creation)

Series: Reports from CSWS on the Maersk Dubai Incident

Title: Reports from CSWS on the Maersk Dubai Incident

Date: 1999 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This series contains reports written by the CSWS about the Maersk Dubai Incident as a whole.

Physical description: 2 cm of textual records

File: MS-8-203, Box 1, Folder 7 - "Justice for Those Who Sought Justice for Others"--Report on the Filipino Sailors of the Maersk Dubai, by the CSWS

Title: "Justice for Those Who Sought Justice for Others"--Report on the Filipino Sailors of the Maersk Dubai, by the CSWS

Reference code: MS-8-203, Box 1, Folder 7

Date: 25 Nov. 1999 (date of creation)
