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## **Historical Sketch**

The Paso del Norte Solidarity Committee formed in the mid-1990s in response to actions by the Mexican military against indigenous communities in southern Mexico, particularly in Chiapas, Mexico. During this time, the Ejército Zapatista de Liberación Nacional (EZLN) sought sovereignty from the Mexican state and intervened in the Chiapas region. The EZLN rejected the National Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) between Mexico and the U.S.

Formed by local workers, women, students, religious personnel, and community activists, the El Paso del Norte Solidarity Committee cultivated a learning community that studied this economic, political, and social crisis in Mexico and its impact on U.S.-Mexico relations, as well as to daily life. The Committee supported movements that strengthened democracy both in Mexico and in the United States.

## **Series Description or Arrangement**

Materials are in original order.

## **Scope and Content Notes**

The Paso del Norte Solidarity Committee records primarily date 1994-1996. The records help document the Committee's activities and events in Chiapas. They contain correspondence, photographs, pamphlets, newspaper clippings, and articles. The records also include accounts and correspondence of members and affiliated members that served as human rights observers in Chiapas between 1995 and 1996. Additionally, the records contain 16 VHS tapes and 2 audiocassettes in possibly poor condition.

## **Provenance Statement**

Collection donated to UTEP Special Collections by Heather Sinclair in July 2019.

## **Restrictions**

None.

## **Literary Rights Statement**

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## **Notes to the Researcher**

None.

## Container List

Box #	Folder#	Title	Date
1	1	Feb. 9, 1995. Newspaper clippings, press releases and communiques. Spanish and English.	1995
1	2	Comunicados De Prensa/Press Releases. Paso Del Norte communiques.	1995
1	3	Colombia HR Committee/Juan Pablo's Tour. Juan Pablo Ordonez Tour of Colombia on Human Rights	1995
1	4	Newsletters-Committee	1995
1	5	Paso Del Norte Solidarity Committee Activities-News Coverage/Artículos de Periódicos. Newspaper clippings on committee's various activities in El Paso	1995
1	6	Zap Comunicados. Communiques on Zapatista movement and events.	1996
1	7	Zapa Interviews. Transcripts and clippings of newspaper interviews with Zapatistas.	1995-1996
1	8	Zapatistas-General Articles. Newspaper and magazine clippings and book excerpts on Zapatista history and uprising.	1994-1995
1	9	Women-Zap-Mexico. Newspaper and magazine clippings. Includes 2 photographs.	1995-1996

1	10	School of the Americas Low Intensity-Conflict Notes and 1 article.	1995
1	11	Volantes/Flyers.	1995
1	12	Resources (Videos, Books...)	1990s
1	13	Propósito/Grant Proposals. Grant applications and notes. Contains letter from the Mexican consul.	1994
1	14	John Ross Book Review of <i>Rebellion from the Roots: Indian Uprising in Chiapas</i> . Press release, schedule, and newspaper clipping.	1995
1	15	NCDM Publications. National Commission for Democracy in Mexico. Papers related the NCDM based in El Paso, Texas.	1994
1	16	Neoliberalism-Other Countries. Article on Nicaragua and France	1995
1	17	Autonomia Indígena/Indian Autonomy. Articles in Spanish. Contains photograph negatives.	1995
1	18	Consultal. Pamphlets and newspaper clippings.	1995
1	19	Militarization-Military Aid. Statistics and proposed government bills.	1993-1995
1	20	CND- Convención Nacional Democrática. National Democratic Convention in Mexico, correspondence, articles, and notes.	1995
1	21	Frente Zap. Correspondence and clippings.	1996

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1	22	Encuentros Cont. & Interncon. Newspaper clippings and correspondence.	1996
1	23	Marques de Comillas/ MOCRI. Movimiento Campesino Regional Independiente correspondence, notes, essays, and clippings.	1991-1995
1	24	Media Contacts-Prensa. Spreadsheet of media contacts in El Paso	1995
1	25	Minutes. Meeting minutes. Lists of active organizations in El Paso	1995
1	26	NCDM. Communications and press releases from the NCDM. Includes public statement on Cecilia Rodriguez's rape in Chiapas.	1995
1	27	Militarization Front-Mexico. Articles on the increased militarization of the U.S. Mexico border.	1995-1996
1	28	Rape in Chiapas. Reports, notes, and clippings.	1994-1995
1	29	Pastors for Peace and other NGO's. Reports, correspondence, and newsletters.	1994-1996
1	30	[News, Events, Activism]. Newspapers, magazine, clippings and newsletters.	1994-1995
1	31	Otros Periódicos/Other Newsletters. News surrounding events taking place in Chiapas.	1994-1995
1	32	Chiapas Map. Includes postcard of "El Zapatista"	1993

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1	33	CF-General. Colombian Flowers. Information on the exportation of flowers from Colombia to the U.S. and labor in Colombia. Includes booklet, <i>Las flores de la Muerte</i> .	1990-1994
1	34	CF U.S. Tour (S. Torres). Newspapers, clippings, and correspondence. Includes 22 black and white photographs and 5 color photographs.	1992-1995
1	35	[Invoices & Checks]	1994-1995
2	1	[Migrant Summer Magazine El Puente Pamphlet]	1990-1998
2	2	La Mujer Obrera. Agendas, notes, and other items.	1991-1995
2	3	Free Trade Women. Pamphlets, articles, and book excerpts.	1987-1994
2	4	[Unidad Y Fuerza] Newspapers.	1992-1993
2	5	[Chiapas] Correspondence, clippings, book excerpts.	1987-1997
2	6	[Memorial Zapatista] Magazine	1994
2	7	Health Education	1990
2	8	Health Orientation Materials	1996-1997
2	9	Chiapas/ Committee	1996-1997
2	10	[Mexico, No estas solo] Pamphlets, reports.	1995
2	11	[Zapatista Women] Essays, excerpts.	1994-1997
2	12	<i>Contra</i> insurgencia VHS Videotape	Undated
2	13	<i>Viaje Al Centro De La Selva: Memoral Zapatista</i> VHS Videotape	1994
2	14	<i>Producción Para la T.V.</i> VHS Videotape	1991



2	15	<i>Marcos, Marcos</i> VHS Videotape	Undated
2	16	<i>Se Busca a Samuel Ruiz</i> VHS Videotape	1994
2	17	<i>La Guerra de Chiapas</i> VHS Videotape	Undated
2	18	<i>La Guerra de Chiapas/Aguascalientes, La Patria Vive.</i> VHS Videotape	Undated
2	19	<i>La leyenda del Subcomandante/Ya basta.</i> VHS Videotape	Undated
2	20	<i>Aguascalientes La Patria/ The War in Chiapas</i> VHS Videotape	Undated
2	21	<i>Chiapas, Diálogo bajo amenaza</i> VHS Videotape	Undated
2	22	<i>School of Assassins</i> VHS Videotape	Undated
2	23	<i>Rebellion from the Roots</i> VHS Videotape	Undated
2	24	<i>Todos somos Marcos/ Se busca A Samuel Ruiz</i> VHS Videotape	Undated
2	25	<i>Mexico la larga travesía del dolor, a la esperanza</i> VHS Videotape	Undated
2	26	Title Unknown VHS Videotape	Undated
2	27	Title Unknown VHS Videotape	Undated
2	28	<i>Colombia 87. HS</i> Audiocassette	Undated
2	29	Unknown Title Audiocassette. [Damaged]	Undated