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## CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT

### Assistant Commissioner's Office

## An Inventory of the Subject Files of Howard J. Costello

### OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

**Agency:** Minnesota. Dept. of Corrections. Assistant Commissioner's Office.  
**Series Title:** Subject files of Howard J. Costello.  
**Dates:** 1975-1980.  
**Quantity:** 0.8 cu. ft. (1 box).  
**Location:** 118.H.18.5B

### SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE FILES

Two sets of files kept by Howard J. Costello, Assistant and/or Deputy Commissioner (1961-1990). The American Indian services files (1975-1980) include correspondence, reports, and background materials documenting the services provided to or requested by Native Americans serving sentences within the state's prison system. Arranged in reverse chronological order; specific topics covered include an American Indian Folklore Group, chemical dependency programs, the American Indian Religious Freedom Act, a departmental Native American Program Coordinator, various advisory committees, and a 1979 report on the Anishinabe Longhouse program from 1974 through 1977.

The Minnesota State Prison investigation files (June-December 1975) include correspondence, background documents, press clippings, and transcripts relating to legislative hearings into conditions and management of the prison at Stillwater.

## INDEX TERMS

*This collection is indexed under the following headings in the catalog of the Minnesota Historical Society. Researchers desiring materials about related topics, persons or places should search the catalog using these headings.*

### Topics:

Corrections--Minnesota.  
Drug abuse--Treatment--Minnesota.  
Indian prisoners--Legal status, laws, etc.--Minnesota.  
Indian prisoners--Religious life--Minnesota.  
Indians of North America--Folklore--Minnesota.  
Investigating.  
Prison administration--Minnesota--Investigation.

### Persons:

Costello, Howard J.

### Organizations:

Minnesota State Prison (Stillwater, Minn.).

### Types of Documents:

Clippings.  
Hearings.  
Transcripts.

### Titles:

United States. American Indian Religious Freedom Act.

## ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

### Preferred Citation:

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## DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

*Note to Researchers: To request materials, please note both the location and box numbers shown below. Each file consists of one folder unless specified otherwise.*

### Location

118.H.18.5B

American Indian services, 1975-1980. 3 folders.

Correspondence, reports, and background materials on the services provided to or requested by Native Americans serving sentences within the state's prisons. Arranged in reverse chronological order. Specific topics include: American Indian Folklore Group, chemical dependency programs, American Indian Religious Freedom Act, a Native American Program Coordinator position within the department, various Native American advisory committees, and a 1979 report on the Anishinabe Longhouse program, 1974-1977.

Minnesota State Prison investigation, June–December 1975. 18 folders.

Correspondence, background material, press clippings, and transcripts relating to legislative hearings into the conditions and management of the prison at Stillwater.

MSP Investigation, 1975.

June 11.

June 25.

July 9.

August 6.

August 21.

August 27.

September 10.

September 24.

October 1.

October 2.

October 8.

October 21.

October 22.

October 23.

October 29-30.

November 5.

December 9.