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**CALL NUMBER:** MS 2048

**CREATOR:** Kats, Ivan

**TITLE:** Ivan Kats papers

**DATES:** 1948–2006

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 6.33 linear feet (13 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** The material is primarily in English and Indonesian.

**SUMMARY:** The Ivan Kats papers are comprised of correspondence, drafts of Obor Foundation publications and translations, Obor Foundation financial information, reports from the Congress for Cultural Freedom, photographs from Kats' travels in Indonesia, and three Indonesian anti-communist posters. Correspondence with journalist, publisher, novelist, and key Obor Foundation contributor Muchtar Lubis, between 1969 and 1983, comprises a large portion of the collection, as does Kats' correspondence with many other Indonesian intellectuals and officials. Of particular interest are the drafts and correspondence related to an unpublished volume, *Indonesia 1958-1965: The Cultural Scene* which Kats organized between 1966 and 1967. Contributors include Indonesian intellectuals Andre Hardjana, Rosihan Anwar and S. Tasrif, with several drafts in both English and Indonesian.

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b.      box  
f.      folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

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### Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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## Biographical / Historical

Born in the Netherlands, Ivan Kats spent the majority of his adult life in France and the United States, where he worked as a translator, editor, teacher, journalist and publisher. While living in France during the 1960s, Kats worked for the Congress for Cultural Freedom (CCF) – an anti-communist advocacy group founded in Paris – that established magazines, held conferences and art shows, and supported a number of poets, authors, and artists across 35 countries worldwide. Until his departure from the CCF in 1966, Kats was primarily engaged in a program for sending books and other publications to anti-communist, opposition leaders in Indonesia. After the 30 September Movement, and the ouster of the Indonesian President Sukarno in 1967, Kats left France and moved to New Haven, Connecticut, where he became affiliated with the Council on South East Asian Studies at Yale University. Between 1970 and his retirement in 1996, Kats functioned as director of Buku Obor (Yayasan Obor Indonesia), or the Obor Foundation, an organization he founded, dedicated to the publication and dissemination of books to book-poor countries. Initially focused on Indonesia, Obor spread to several other countries including Pakistan and Morocco, where they translated and published books in Urdu and Arabic.

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## Scope and Contents

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1966 and 1967. Contributors include Indonesian intellectuals Andre Hardjana, Rosihan Anwar and S. Tasrif, with several drafts in both English and Indonesian.

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## **Arrangement**

The papers are arranged in six series: I. Unpublished work, *Cultural Scene*, 1961-1968. II. The Obor Foundation, 1950-2002. III. The Congress for Cultural Freedom, 1960-1990. IV. 30 September Movement, 1964-1966. V. Personal correspondence and writings, 1948-2006. VI. Photographs and posters, 1965-1966.

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## Collection Contents

### Series I: *Cultural Scene*, 1961–1968

This series includes drafts, outlines of articles, and related correspondence for the unpublished essay collection *Cultural Scene*. *Cultural Scene* was proposed to discuss academic and cultural life in Indonesia in the seven years preceding the 30 September movement. Materials are arranged by document type.

Article drafts		
b. 1, f. 1	"Cultural Situation in Indonesia 1958-1965," description and outline	Circa 1966
b. 1, f. 2	Prologue. by Anak Agung Gde Agung English; Indonesian The material is in English and Indonesian.	1966
b. 1, f. 3	"Indonesia 1958-1965: The Intellectual Opposition to Guided Democracy," by Ivan Kats English A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at <a href="mailto:beinecke.library@yale.edu">beinecke.library@yale.edu</a> to request access to the digital copy.	Circa 1966
b. 1, f. 4	"Indonesian Elite Cadre in Europe 1958-1965," by E.J. Sutarte Hardjosusono English; Indonesian The material is in English and Indonesian.	Circa 1966
b. 1, f. 5	"The Godless that Failed: How Indonesian Communists Manipulated News," by J.O. Soendoro English	1967 August
b. 1, f. 6	"Fragments from a 'Djakarta Diary,'" by Rosihan Anwar, part I English	1961
b. 1, f. 7	"Fragments from a 'Djakarta Diary,'" by Rosihan Anwar, part II English	1962–1963
b. 1, f. 8	"Fragments from a 'Djakarta Diary,'" by Rosihan Anwar, part III English	1964
b. 1, f. 9	"Fragments from a 'Djakarta Diary,'" by Rosihan Anwar, part IV concluded English	1965
b. 1, f. 10	"Fragments from a 'Djakarta Diary,'" by Rosihan Anwar, final edited version English	Circa 1966
b. 1, f. 11	"'Basis' in the Middle of the Cultural Struggle in Indonesia," by Ahar/Andre Hardjana English; Indonesian The material is in English and Indonesian.	1967 December

## Article drafts (continued)

b. 1, f. 12	"The Struggle for Intellectual Freedom in Indonesia, 1957-1965," by Wiratmo Soekino English; Indonesian The material is in English and Indonesian.	1966 June
b. 1, f. 13	"Notes on the Disturbed Conditions..." by Slamet Rahardjo English; Indonesian The material is in English and Indonesian.	1967 March
b. 1, f. 14	"A Testimonial Story of an Indonesian Student," by Ahar/ Andre Hardjana English; Indonesian The material is in English and Indonesian.	Circa 1966
b. 1, f. 15	"The Toils of the Indonesian Press: A Personal Remembrance," by S. Tasrif English	Circa 1966
b. 1, f. 16	"Academic Freedom: A Case Study," by Haryati Soebadio English	1967 January
b. 1, f. 17	"Portrait of a Young Poet as Malin Kundang," by Goenavan Mohamad Indonesian	Circa 1966
b. 1, f. 18	"The Struggle of a Little Magazine," by Dick Geldrop English; Indonesian The material is in English and Indonesian.	1967 October
b. 1, f. 19	"Political Forces in Modern Indonesian Literature," by Arief Budiman English; Indonesian The material is in English and Indonesian.	1970 July
b. 1, f. 20	"The Battle at the Campus..." by Mochtar Buchori English	Circa 1966
b. 1, f. 21	"Notes of a Book-seller," by Mr. Hazil (Tanzil) English; Indonesian The material is in English and Indonesian.	1967 March
b. 1, f. 22	"Student Politics in Indonesia," by Soe Hok-Gie English; Indonesian The material is in English and Indonesian.	1969 August
b. 1, f. 23	"National Personality: The Cultural Challenge," by Trisno Sumardjo English; Indonesian The material is in English and Indonesian.	1967 April
b. 1, f. 24	"Herinneringen aan Sjahir," by Sjahrir Dutch; Flemish	Circa 1966

## Article drafts (continued)

b. 1, f. 25	Appendix I: "Three Discussions on Freedom," by Rosihan Anway/Mochtar Lubis/S. Tasrif English  A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at <a href="mailto:beinecke.library@yale.edu">beinecke.library@yale.edu</a> to request access to the digital copy.	Circa 1966
b. 1, f. 26	Appendix II: "Indonesian Press Rides New Waves," by S. Tasrif English	Circa 1966
b. 1, f. 27	Appendix III: "Indonesia's Basic Press Law of 1966," by S. Tasrif English	Circa 1967
Correspondence with contributors		
b. 2, f. 1	Agung, Anak Agung Gde	1966-1967
b. 2, f. 2	Anwar, Rosihan	1965-1967
b. 2, f. 3	Arbi, Sutan Zanti	1967 February 7
b. 2, f. 4	Assegaff, D.H.	1966-1967
b. 2, f. 5	Auwjong , P.K.	1966-1967
b. 2, f. 6	Diponegoro, Mohammad	1966-1967
b. 2, f. 7	Djajadiningrat, S.	1967 March 8
b. 2, f. 8	Djohan, Bahder	1967 March 13
b. 2, f. 9	Geldorp, Dick	1966-1967
b. 2, f. 10	Gunawan, Muhammad	1966-1967
b. 2, f. 11	Hardjana, Andre	1966-1967
b. 2, f. 12	Hardjosusono, E.J. Sutarte	1967 June-1967 August
b. 2, f. 13	Hartowardojo, S. Harijadi	1966 July-1966 September
b. 2, f. 14	Hatta, Mohammad	1967 March-1967 June
b. 2, f. 15	Hazil, (Tanzil)	1966-1967
b. 2, f. 16	Holt, Claire  A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at <a href="mailto:beinecke.library@yale.edu">beinecke.library@yale.edu</a> to request access to the digital copy.	1967 September 26
b. 2, f. 17	Ismael, Twefiq	1966-1967
b. 2, f. 18	Jassin, H.B.	1966 June-1966 September
b. 2, f. 19	Johns, Professor	1967 May 1



## Correspondence with contributors (continued)

b. 2, f. 20	Koesno, Mohammad	1966–1967
b. 2, f. 21	Lombogia, W.A.G.	1966 August– 1966 December
b. 2, f. 22	Lubis, Mochtar A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at <a href="mailto:beinecke.library@yale.edu">beinecke.library@yale.edu</a> to request access to the digital copy.	1966–1967
b. 2, f. 23	Moedigdo, Paul	1966–1967
b. 2, f. 24	Notohamidjojo, O.	1967 June
b. 2, f. 25	Rahardjo, Slamet	1967 November
b. 2, f. 26	Rendra, W.S.	1967 June
b. 2, f. 27	Rosjadi, Imron	1967 June
b. 2, f. 28	Rozy, Mohammad Fachrur	1966–1967
b. 2, f. 29	Simatupang, Gen. T.B.	1967 March– 1967 September
b. 2, f. 30	Soe, Hok Djin	1966–1967
b. 2, f. 31	Soe, Hok Gie	1966 April–1966 October
b. 2, f. 32	Soebadio, Haryati	1968 May 27
b. 2, f. 33	Soekito, Wiratmo	1966–1967
b. 2, f. 34	Sumardjo, Trisno	1966–1967
b. 2, f. 35	Sumitro, Djoko	1967 February
b. 2, f. 36	Tasrif, S.	1968 September–1968 October
b. 2, f. 37	Zen, M.T.	1966–1967

**Series II: The Obor Foundation, 1950–2002**

The series includes correspondence, publications, financial documents, and other official documents pertaining to the Obor Foundation, the nonprofit organization that Kats founded and directed. Arranged by document type.

b. 3, f. 1-11	Correspondence from Mochtar Lubis	1969–1983
	General correspondence	
b. 4, f. 1	al Mujahid, Sharif	2002 January 23
b. 4, f. 2	Anderton, Donna	1977–1998
b. 4, f. 3	Auwjong, P.K.	1966 October 13–1966
b. 4, f. 4	Boen, Kiok Lie	1966 September 1–1966
b. 4, f. 5	Buchori, Mochtar	1966–1967
b. 4, f. 6	Buddiman, Arief	1967 September 20
b. 4, f. 7	Dagg, Chris	1967 May 22
b. 4, f. 8	Drift, S.J. (L.v.d.)	1967 February
b. 4, f. 9	Driss	1997 May 23
b. 4, f. 10	Erhardy	1997 May 1
b. 4, f. 11	Gonzalez-Quijano, Yves	1997 May 9
b. 4, f. 12	Ma'ruf, Anas	1966 July–1966 September
b. 4, f. 13	McNeeley, Dr. Jeffery A.	1983 April 12
b. 4, f. 14	Mochtar, Kustinyati	1975 February 12
b. 4, f. 15	Morgan, Kenneth	1973 November 8
b. 4, f. 16	Riekerk, G.H.M.	1966 March– 1966 December
b. 4, f. 17	Said, Mohamad	1967 June
b. 4, f. 18	Slamet, Boen Oemarjati	1967 April–1967 June
b. 4, f. 19	Soedjatmoko, S.	1965–1967
b. 4, f. 20	Soendoro	1966–1967
b. 4, f. 21	Steinberg, David I.	1966 October 1

## General correspondence (continued)

b. 4, f. 22	Tjiahengan, Roy	1966 October
b. 4, f. 23	W. Heffer Sons Ltd.	1973 June 19
b. 4, f. 24	Yth, Kepada	1983 June 1
Finances		
b. 5, f. 1	Rockefeller Brothers Fund Agreement	1985 April 9
b. 5, f. 2	Obor Budget Reports	1997-1998
United States Agency for International Development financial reports		
b. 5, f. 3	First quarter	1979 August- 1979 November
b. 5, f. 4	Second quarter	1979 November- 1980 February
b. 5, f. 5	Third quarter	1980 February- 1980 May
b. 5, f. 6	Fourth quarter	1980 May-1980 August
b. 5, f. 7	Fifth quarter	1980 August- 1980 November
b. 5, f. 8	Sixth quarter	1980 November-1981 February
b. 5, f. 9	Seventh quarter	1981 February- 1981 May
b. 5, f. 10	Eighth quarter	1981 May-1981 August
b. 5, f. 11	Ninth quarter	1981 August- 1981 November
b. 5, f. 12	Tenth quarter	1981 November- 1982 February
b. 5, f. 13	Eleventh quarter	1982 February- 1982 May
b. 5, f. 14	Twelfth quarter	1982 May-1982 August
b. 5, f. 15	Thirteenth quarter	1982 August- 1982 November
b. 5, f. 16	Fourteenth quarter	1982 November- 1983 February
b. 5, f. 17	Fifteenth quarter	1983 February- 1983 May

## Obor Foundation publications

b. 6, f. 1	Mochtar Buchori curriculum vitae and writing	1969
b. 6, f. 2	<i>Economic Development as a Cultural Problem</i> by Soedjatmoko	1950
b. 6, f. 3	<i>An Approach to Indonesian History Towards an Open Future</i> by Soedjatmoko	1957
b. 6, f. 4	The "Cultural Manifesto" Affair... by Goenawan Mohamad	1988
b. 6, f. 5	From Mochtar Lubis' Tjatatatan Dalam Tahanan (notes from the detention barracks) by P.K. Auwjong	Circa 1967
b. 6, f. 6	"Djuga Engkaw Brutus..." by M.T. Zen	1967
b. 6, f. 7	Lampiran by H.H.M. Riekert	Circa 1957-circa 1959
b. 6, f. 8	Introduction to untitled work by Professor Johns	Circa 1967
b. 6, f. 9	Introduction to untitled work by Pierre Crapon de Caprona	1978-1981
Obor Foundation related documents		
b. 7, f. 1	Obor Board of Trustees documentation	1997 May 31
b. 7, f. 2	Obor, purpose	1988 July
b. 7, f. 3	Obor publication list	1973-1994
b. 7, f. 4	Obor pamphlets	Circa 1996
b. 7, f. 5	Ivan Kats retirement memories and tributes	1996
b. 7, f. 6	Intermediate Technology Bookshop publication list	1981-1982
b. 7, f. 7	Bellagio Publishing Network Newsletter	1992 January-1997 March
b. 7, f. 8	Bellagio Publishing Network Newsletter	1996 July-2002 November
b. 7, f. 9	Studies on Books and Reading No. 4 and No. 5	1981-1982
b. 7, f. 10	Asian/Pacific Book Development Quarterly 1995	1995
b. 7, f. 11	CEU Press Translation Project List	Circa 1996
Obor Foundation activities in Morocco and Vietnam		
b. 8, f. 1	Documentation on Obor Publishing in Morocco	1984-1995
b. 8, f. 2	Summary of publishing in North Africa	1991
b. 8, f. 3	Ivan Kats notebooks from Rockefeller sponsored conferences	1995
b. 8, f. 4	Correspondence on Obor Arab Project	1995-1997
b. 8, f. 5	Obor work in Vietnam	1995 October

**Series III: The Congress for Cultural Freedom, 1960–1990**

This series consists of reports and articles written by and on the Congress for Cultural Freedom (CCF), an anti-Communist organization. The documents focus on general work by the CCF, including work done in Asia, but do not focus on Kats's specific projects.

b. 9, f. 1	"A Report on 10 Years of Activity"	1960
b. 9, f. 2	"Congress Informations Pour la Liberté de la Culture: April-May 1960/March-May 1964"	1960–1964
b. 9, f. 3	"Towards the Open Community: Human Ideals and Social Difficulties"	1963 December
b. 9, f. 4	"Student Organization Resolutions by Djoesma Said"	1965 May 1
b. 9, f. 5	"Report to the Ford Foundation on Western European Studies and Opinion on East Asia: October 12, 1965"	1965 October 12
b. 9, f. 6	"The Asian Institute of International Relations: A Proposal"	Circa 1966
b. 9, f. 7	"What was the Congress for Cultural Freedom? By Hilton Kramer"	1990 October

**Series IV: 30 September Movement, 1964–1966**

This series contains handwritten and typed reports on the 30 September Movement, information on the members of the movement, and a newspaper article. Some of the material appears to be written by Kats.

b. 10, f. 1	Reports on the 30 September Movement	1964–1966
b. 10, f. 2	List of Indonesian intellectuals and press with notes	1965–1966
b. 10, f. 3	"Graveside Eulogy Rallies a Nation," clipping from <i>The Australian</i>	1966 April 28

## Series V: Personal correspondence and writings, 1948–2006

This series includes correspondence with individuals and a small amount of writing, mainly related to the Obor Foundation. None of the correspondence is exhaustive; there are one or two letters or packets per correspondent.

Correspondence with individuals		
b. 11, f. 5	General	1979–1983
b. 11, f. 1	Clifford	1956–1964
b. 11, f. 2	Dharampal, Shri	1965
b. 11, f. 4	Jose, Frankie	2006 January 1
b. 11, f. 3	Roberts, Burgert	1975
Writings		
b. 11, f. 6	Doctoral dissertation fragment: December 24, 1948	1948 December 24
b. 11, f. 7	<i>How to Develop a Publishing Industry in a Book-Poor Country</i>	Circa 1968
b. 11, f. 8	<i>The Story of the Obor Foundation: An Indonesian Experience for Replication?</i>	1992 July

**Series VI: Photographs and posters, 1965–1996**

This series contains photographs of Kats and colleagues as well as three anti-Communist posters.

Some photographs had identifying information written on paper and taped to them; to preserve the photograph, this was removed. Photographs were put in sleeves and a label with the information is attached to the backside of the sleeve holding the photograph.

b. 12, f. 1	Photographs of Ivan Kats and associates during work with Obor Foundation	Circa 1966-1996
b. 12, f. 2	"Su Bandrio Andjing (Anjing) Peking" Two folded hand painted posters.	Circa 1965
b. 13, f. 1	"Su Bandrio Andjing (Anjing) Peking" One hand painted poster.	Circa 1965



## **Selected Search Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### **Geographic Names**

Indonesia  
Indonesia -- History -- Coup d'état, 1965

### **Subjects**

Anti-communist movements

### **Names**

Kats, Ivan

### **Corporate Bodies**

Congress for Cultural Freedom  
Obor Foundation