

THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE ARCHIVES

NAME OF COLLECTION: VENTURINI, VENTURINO GEORGIO, Professor

ACCESSION NO: 103/11

CATEGORY: Other, individuals
ACTIVITY: Academic and writer

DATE RANGE: 1957-1976

SIZE OF COLLECTION: 0.085 metres, 1 archive box

DATE OF TRANSFER: 2003

ACCESS CONDITIONS: Open

HISTORICAL NOTE: Professor Venturini, born 1928, was a professor at Swinburne Institute, Hazelwood South(?). He has written extensively in the fields of trade practices and uranium.

DESCRIPTION: This small collection consists of copies of documents 'leaked' from the files of Conzinc Riotinto of Australia (CRA) and passed to Friends of the Earth (FoE). Included are copies of politically sensitive documents of the Uranium Producers Club with members from Australian and other uranium producers around the world. The Club functioned as a price fixing cartel. Documents reveal that the Australian government was involved. FoE made the documents public thereby initiating lawsuits by uranium purchasers in US courts. Other documents deal with the operation of the Mary Kathleen uranium mine, a trade union ban on the export of the mine's uranium, marketing of its uranium and public relations directed towards cultivating acceptance of uranium mining.

NOTE ON COLLECTIONS: A small collection of documents sent anonymously to Professor V G Venturini.

NOTE ON LISTING: The collection consists of a number of miscellaneous papers sorted into subjects.

LISTED BY: Les Dalton
DATE: 1 December 2004

Box No	Series No	Description	Dates
1	1	Correspondence, reports of meetings and conferences of the Uranium Producers Club and its role as a price fixing cartel; a memorandum on 'orderly marketing'.	1972-1974
1	2	Friends of the Earth documents, correspondence and press cuttings on Uranium Producers Club; statement by Robert Weeks, who leaked the Conzinc Riotinto of Australia (CRA) documents, and related correspondence; submission of CRA files to the Ranger Uranium Environmental Inquiry.	1976-1977
1	3	Correspondence, reports and discussion papers on a public campaign by the mining industry to promote uranium mining and nuclear power; The constitution of The Uranium Institute (London).	1974-1977
1	4	Correspondence and memoranda on marketing, financing and shipping of uranium; communications concerning a trade union ban on the shipment of uranium from the Mary Kathleen mine;	1972-76
1	5	Correspondence and memoranda on environmental protection, safety and worker health issues at Mary Kathleen Uranium mine END	1957-1972