



The Ruth M. Reynolds Papers Oral History Index



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Descriptive Summary

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Abstract: The Ruth M. Reynolds Papers support research in important areas of Puerto Rican History as well as in international human rights. While they are exceedingly rich in insight and information about the development of the Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico and its leader, Pedro Albizu Campos, they also contain materials on other pro-independence groups in Puerto Rico, on repression and political prisoners, and on the colonial relationship of the United States to Puerto Rico. There is also a good amount of information on the history of the University of Puerto Rico and on student movements.

Resumen descriptivo

Este resumen e índice de la Serie IX Historias Orales (1985-1986) de la Colección de Ruth M Reynolds provee información específica de la antes mencionada sección. Los documentos son parte de los Archives of the Puerto Rican Diaspora, Centro de Estudios Puertorriqueño at Hunter College, CUNY. Los investigadores pueden consultar la guía descriptiva para toda la colección en la pagina de los archivos

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Nota Resumen: Los documentos de Ruth M. Reynolds, pueden contribuir a la investigación en áreas muy importantes de la historia de Puerto Rico, así como la participación norteamericana en los derechos humanos internacionales. Además de ser extremadamente ricos en información sobre el desarrollo del Partido Nacionalista de Puerto Rico y su líder Pedro Albizu Campos, contienen materiales sobre otros grupos independentistas en Puerto Rico, la represión, los prisioneros políticos, y la relación colonial entre Estados Unidos y Puerto Rico. Se encuentra además abundante información sobre la historia de la Universidad de Puerto Rico y los movimientos estudiantiles en ésta.

<p>Series IX: Oral History Index (1985 - 1986)</p> <p>There are one hundred and eleven one-hour audio tapes and a partial transcript of interviews conducted by Blanca Vázquez of the <i>Centro de Estudios Puertorriqueños</i> from June 11, 1985 to May 29, 1986. The tapes include: Ruth Reynolds' personal and family history as well as an exposition of her religious beliefs and philosophy. They contain detailed accounts of Reynolds' participation in Nationalist Party activities and such events as the October 1950 Nationalist uprising. The tapes are rich in information on many other themes especially the life of Pedro Albizu Campos and the 1948 student strike at the University of Puerto Rico.</p> <p>Audiotapes 28, 29 and 46 are missing; and there are no transcripts available for tapes 24, 28, 29, 46, 47A/B and 108.</p>	<p>Series IX: Historias orales (1985-1986)</p> <p>La serie consiste de ciento once cintas de audio y transcripciones de entrevistas a Ruth M. Reynolds conducidas por Blanca Vázquez del Centro de Estudios Puertorriqueños desde el 11 de junio de 1985 hasta el 29 de mayo de 1986. En ellas, Ruth M. Reynolds relata anécdotas de su vida personal y habla sobre sus creencias religiosas, pacifistas y filosóficas. Además ella brinda detalles de su participación en las actividades del Partido Nacionalista y acontecimientos históricos como la huelga estudiantil en la Universidad de Puerto Rico en 1948, la insurrección nacionalista en octubre de 1950, entre otros. También es valioso por los relatos que hace de la vida de Pedro Albizu Campos.</p> <p>Las cintas han sido transferidas a la colección general de cintas de audio del repositorio; en tanto las transcripciones están en las cajas indicadas y han sido integradas a la colección de Ruth M. Reynolds. Lamentablemente las cintas 28 y 29 están perdidas y no hay transcripciones para las grabaciones enumeradas 24, 28, 29, 46, 47A/B, D y 108.</p>
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ORAL HISTORY SUMMARY

Ruth M. Reynolds Interviews (June 11, 1985 – May 29, 1986)
 Prepared by Project Archivist Mario H. Ramírez

Tapes 1-3: June 11, 1985

The bulk of the contents of tapes 1-3 are concerned with Reynolds early years and includes discussions about her childhood, her family and their origins, as well as comments on her schooling and early education (both formal and informal). Tapes 2 and 3 also include information on her early activism, teaching career, college years, and comments on her burgeoning political consciousness.

Tape 4: June 21, 1985

As well as containing further comments on her teaching career and graduate education, tape 4 serves as an introduction to Reynolds early experiences with pacifism during WWII, her arrival in New York and at the Harlem Ashram, and chronicles her first experiences with Puerto Ricans. This tape also provides some of Reynolds' thoughts on homosexuality. [Note: Textual oversights exist in computer document. For complete transcript, please refer to hard copy.]

Tape 5: June 21, 1985

Contains information on the Harlem Ashram's march on Washington, D.C in 1942, comments on the Soviet Union and their policies towards Puerto Rico, as well as her thoughts on China, Cuba, the Soviet Union and communism. Tape 5 is the first tape in the series where Reynolds mentions Pedro Albizu Campos and other Puerto Rican nationalist figures, and speaks to Reynolds' increasing awareness of the island nation and its issues.

Tape 6: June 21, 1985

Here we see evidence of Reynolds' first meeting with Pedro Albizu Campos, comments on the Puerto Rican government and its relationship to the U.S. and its policies, as well as on other Puerto Rico affiliated activities and arrests. Brief discussion of her arrest in front of the British Consulate.

Tape 7: June 26, 1985

Further comments on the activities of the Harlem Ashram and her thoughts on A. Philip Randolph, dates first meeting with Pedro Albizu Campos. [Note: Audio tape may be incomplete.]

Tape 8: July 22, 1985

Contains information on the state of Pedro Albizu Campos' health in the 1940's, the formation of the American League for Puerto Rico's Independence, comments on Vito Marcantonio, and the independence of Puerto Rico. [Note: Audio tape may be incomplete.]

Tape 9: June 26 & July 11, 1985

Picking up on thread lost at the end of tape 8, tape 9 starts off with a discussion of legislative hearings in the 1940's regarding Puerto Rico's independence, noted are the presence of Luis Muñoz Marin and Tidings. What follows then is a chronicling of Reynolds' subsequent meeting with Luis Muñoz Marin and the struggle for political power in PR, a discussion of the origins of the Populist Party, and a note on Pedro Albizu Campos' refusals for a pardon from the U.S. government.

Tape 10: July 11, 1985

Includes further discussion about Reynolds' meeting with Luis Munoz Marin, the particularities of Puerto Rican politics mid-twentieth century, and information on the Tidings Bill.

Tape 11: July 11 & 15, 1985

Continues discussion of the Tidings Bill with commentary on the 1945 Committee on Insular Affairs. The bulk of the tape is taken up with Reynolds' relating of Pedro Albizu Campos' familial origins and childhood as told to her by Albizu Campos himself during his hospital stay in the years between 1943-1945.

Tapes 12-14: July 15 & 17, 1985

These tapes provide further personal background on Pedro Albizu Campos including information on his schooling, father, childhood, experiences of racial prejudice in the U.S., and a discussion of his wife Dona Laura Meneses. Tape 14 also includes a discussion of the invasion of Guanica.

Tape 15: July 17, 1985

Continuing the thread of tapes 12-14, tape 15 makes further note of Pedro Albizu Campos' personal life by discussing his marriage to Laura Meneses, his break with Juan Antonio Corretjer, and his relationship with Enamorado Cuesta, Julio Pinto Gandia, and Juan Alamo Diaz. Discussions of the latter three figures also includes details about some of their activities. Noted also are Pedro Medina Ramirez and the Nationalist Party and the Revista Puerto Rico.

Tape 16-17: July 15 & 22, 1985

Contain further comments on Juan Alamo Diaz and as well information on Pedro Albizu Campos' sister, Filomena Albizu, and Reynolds' encounters with her during Albizu Campos's hospital stay in the mid-40's. More details are given about this hospital stay and Reynolds also speaks about Vito Marcantonio.

Tape 18: July 22, 1985

Includes more on Vito Marcantonio, on being subpoenaed to appear before a grand jury on U.S. defense measures, and the conditions of Albizu Campos' family during his hospital stay.

Tape 19: July 22, 1985

Makes special note of Albizu Campos' children, in particular Hector Albizu, and provides further details about the formers childhood.

Tape 20: July 24, 1985

Discusses Nationalist and Communist tensions around Puerto Rican independence and some of Pedro Albizu Campos' thoughts on the distribution of goods after independence. [Note: There is a question as to whether or not this tape is incomplete.]

Tape 21: July 24, 1985

Contains further reminiscences about Pedro Albizu Campos (his generosity, judgment of character, etc.) [Note: Question as to whether tape is complete.]

Tape 22: July 29, 1985

This tape has a discussion about the Congress for Dominated Nations and the World Council of the Dominated Nations, W.E.B. DuBois, Rachel Davis DuBois, Tomas Ongay (nationalist), more thoughts on Reynolds' first trip to Puerto Rico in 1945, as well as more commentary on the Popular Party, PPD and some of its members.

Tapes 23 & 25: [missing #24] July 29 & August 15, 1985

Contains more on Reynolds' first visit to Puerto Rico, its economic conditions and the role of the church in independence politics. Also has some political commentary on Vietnam, Central America, Grenada, and U.S. imperialism abroad. Tape 23 also includes a discussion about Jaime Benitez and his relationship to the Popular Party.

Tape 26: August 26, 1985

This tape surveys pacifists in Puerto Rico, their relationship to the independence movement and its leaders in the 40's and 50's, as well as commenting on religious groups in Puerto Rico and on Antonio Santaella Blanco, a Mason aligned with the independence movement on the island.

Tape 27: August 19, 1985

In this tape we hear more on the presence of Masonic organizations in Puerto Rico, additional information on Antonio Blanco, and Pedro Albizu Campos' thoughts on the creation of an Antillean Federation that would include Cuba, Puerto Rico, the Dominican Republic, and Haiti in an economic and political alliance.

[Missing Tapes 28 & 29]

Tape 30: August 21 & 26, 1985

Discusses religion in Puerto Rico (mainly Catholicism and Espritismo), Pedro Albizu Campos' thoughts on religion, and Reynolds' first meeting with Lolita Lebron. [Note: Pages missing in computer document, refer to hard copy for complete transcript.]

Tape 31: August 26, 1985

Chronicles Reynolds' meeting with Dr. Laura Perez Marchand, the latter's retelling of the events surrounding the Ponce Massacre, Reynolds' return to New York City, and her 6 month stay in South Dakota shortly afterwards. Furthermore, we get background information on the United Nations hearing on Puerto Rico's status in 1946(?) and some details on Cuba's relationship to Puerto Rico.

Tape 32: August 26, 1985

Contains more on the United Nations hearing on Puerto Rico's status, information on a bill introduced to Congress in 1947 slated to allow Puerto Rico to elect its own governor, and Reynolds' thoughts on the negotiation of gender in her family.

Tape 33: August 26, 1985

This tape continues some of the threads located in tape 32 whereas Reynolds continues to ponder the question of gender and gender politics both in her family and in her workplace. In addition, she comments on Pedro Albizu Campos' relationship to questions of gender and on visits by the FBI to her workplace.

Tape 34: September 3, 1985

Covers more on Pedro Albizu Campos' health, his stay in Lolin Quintana's house on W. 13th Street, the leadership of the Nationalist Party, conditions in Puerto Rico after WWII, the Americanization process on the island (or attempts thereof), and Vieques.

Tape 35: September 3, 1985

Provides some further thoughts on Vieques, pacifism, Pedro Albizu Campos' return to Puerto Rico in 1947, gag laws enacted at the University of Puerto Rico due to protests, and Law 53.

Tape 36: September 3, 1985

This tape has additional information on Law 53, background on the Congreso Pro-Independencia and the PIP, Luis Munoz Marin's relationship to the PIP, independence sentiment on the island, thoughts on the potential of armed struggle in Puerto Rico, the events from the Fortaleza in 1950 and more information on university protests. [Note: Tape ends abruptly, question if it is complete.]

Tape 37: September 5, 1985

Comments on Pedro Albizu Campos' philosophy on political change in Puerto Rico, on spiritualism amongst PR Nationalists, more on university protests, the American League for Puerto Rico's Independence and its membership, Reynolds' second trip to Puerto Rico, her meeting with Laura Meneses, and various individuals such as Paulino Castro, Manuel Negrón Noguera, and Isabel Gutierrez del Arroyo.

Tape 38: September 5, 1985

Picking up the thread from Tape 23, this tape contains additional information on Jaime Benitez and his relationship to Puerto Rican politics, a discussion of various hearings held in Washington, D.C. over the status of Puerto Rico in the 1970's, more recollections of Puerto Rico and the people she met there.

Tape 39: September 5, 1985

Contains commentary on time Reynolds spent in Ciales in the late 1940's, on the status of the poor in Puerto Rico and their survival tactics in the face of adversity, and information on the municipal elections of 1948(?) on the island.

Tape 40: September 9, 1985

Historical commentary on the political condition of Puerto Rico in 1898 and its significance for the island in later years, and voting, elections, and statehood politics in Puerto Rico.

Tape 41: September 9, 1985

In a similar vein, tape 41 goes further into a discussion on the status of Puerto Rico (the various referendums and bids for statehood), but also contains commentary on the Leyes de la Mordasa (gag laws) enacted in 1948, more on Pedro Albizu Campos and religion, and a note on Nationalist meetings and their dress codes.

Tape 42: September 9, 1985

This tape contains information regarding legislation around the Puerto Rican flag, more on Reynolds' political activities and interests, commentary on visits by Harry S. Truman and his Secretary of Defense to Puerto Rico, background on Laura Meneses' visit to Cuba, Reynolds' attempts to publish her book on Puerto Rico, assassination attempts on Pedro Albizu Campos' life, and Reynolds' prison time in La Princesa.

Tape 43: September 9 & 11, 1985

Covers Nationalist resistance to compulsory military service and arrests related to Selective Service registration, Reynolds' attendance of the Asamblea Nacionalista de Noviembre 1949, sterilization of women in Puerto Rico, and visit by Warren Austin (head of U.S. delegation of the U.N.).

Tape 44: September 11, 1985

Information on the Tidings Bill and other referendums related to Puerto Rico's status, background on free-associated state status, Nationalist politics and personalities in Puerto Rico, funding of nationalist efforts.

Tape 45: September 16, 1985

Comments on Harry Truman's plan to liquidate the Nationalist Party, similar attempts to silence Party through gag laws, Reynolds' thoughts on violence and her definition of terrorism, North American corporations and economics in PR, Reynolds' return to PR and her observations of PR migration to United States in the 1950's, more background information on Pedro Albizu Campos and his family.

[Missing Tapes 46 & 47 A/B]

Tape 47C: September 18, 1985

Contains information on Reynolds' prison stay in Arecibo, as well as recollections of experiences with various Nationalist figures: Pepe Rivera Sotomayor, Don Bernardo (last name not given), Jose Sotomayor, and Oscar Collazo.

Tape 48: September 25, 1985

Covers first arrest in Puerto Rico, Reynolds' on her faith and religious affiliations, thoughts on the priesthood, the politics of oil in Mexico, and more recollections of Pedro Albizu Campos.

Tape 49: September 25, 1985

More on first imprisonment in Puerto Rico, Oscar Collazo, Reynolds imprisonment at La Princesa, and the trials of Pedro Albizu Campos and Reynolds.

Tape 50: September 25, 1985

Continued reflections on prison stay at La Princesa, as well as beginning of tenure in prison in Arecibo. [Note Side A of interviews is only available in hard copy]

Tape 51: October 1, 1985

Contains further information on Reynolds' imprisonment in Arecibo, comparisons between situation in Puerto Rico and that of Palestine, character study of individuals in prison with her, arraignment procedures held after imprisonment.

Tape 52: October 1, 1985

Discusses relationship with sister and subsequent rivalry.

Tape 53: October 1, 1985

Comments on gender roles in the U.S., gives a background on the Homestate Mining Company, and expounds on the dissolution of the American League for Puerto Rico's Independence.

Tape 54: October 1, 1985

Further information on the dissolution of the American League for Puerto Rico's Independence, and comments on the interrelationships and conflicts between members.

Tape 55: October 1, 1985

Recounts visit by A.J. Musty during her prison term in Arecibo, Reynolds' interactions with her lawyer Conrad Lynn, charges against Pedro Albizu Campos, and Reynolds' subsequent trial in San Juan.

Tape 56: October 3 & 7, 1985

Contains further information on Reynolds' trial in San Juan, reflections on Pedro Albizu Campos' character as well as his physical deterioration, and information on the torture of political prisoners in Puerto Rico and the experiments conducted on them.

Tape 57: October 7, 1985

Recounts further Pedro Albizu Campos' declining physical state and chronicles her return to Arecibo to fulfill her prison sentence, the conditions in prison and her experiences with prison personnel.

Tape 58: October 8, 1985

Deliberates more on her prison stay in Arecibo with additional commentary on the experiences of female inmates and their treatment at the hands of the state.

Tape 59: October 24, 1985

Draws further analogies between the situation in Puerto Rico and in Palestine, comments on religion, the Partido Popular, experiences with Protestant clergy, and her release from prison in June of 1952.

Tape 60: October 24, 1985

In this tape, Reynolds comments even more on sterilization in Puerto Rico in the 40's and 50's, provides further examples of leftwing clergy in PR, the trials of fellow prisoners (Doris and Carmen Torresola), the filing of an Amicus Curie(?) on behalf of Reynolds, return to New York and subsequent speaking tours, trial in Puerto Rico 1953.

Tape 61: October 28, 1985

This tape discusses Reynolds's activities after her release from prison in 1952, and comments on sexuality and sexual politics in political movements.

Tape 62: October 28, 1985

More on Reynolds' activities in Puerto Rico shortly after her release, discusses her return to New York three weeks later, Nationalists in New York City (Club Primarosa, meetings in Hunt's Point), radiation experiments that may have been conducted on Pedro Albizu Campos and which could have accounted for his poor health, the beginnings of the American League for Puerto Rico's Independence.

Tape 63: October 28 & November 20, 1985

Contains commentary on the U.N., its hearings on Puerto Rico, and the status of the island before the inauguration of commonwealth status in 1952. Also this tape finds Reynolds deliberating on race and issues of social and economic mobility.

Tape 64: November 20, 1985

Contains further thoughts on racism, violence/non-violence, and the status of Native Americans.

Tape 65: November 25, 1985

This tape finds Reynolds commenting on the roots of the Arab-Israeli conflict, the interpretation of religious doctrine and religious belief, and provides criticisms of U.S. economic and foreign policy and their continued presence in Puerto Rico and Vieques.

Tape 66: November 25, 1985

Contains comments on the economic fall-out taking place in the United States, and more specifically New York City, in the 1980's and discusses the obfuscation of issues around Puerto Rico's status in regards to the U.S. even in the midst of contemporary and past concern with Vietnam and Central America. Reynolds' offers some thoughts on factors that may contribute to the independence and long-term political saliency of Puerto Rico, asserts a need for on-going political struggle.

Tape 67: November 27, 1985

In this tape Reynolds discusses Puerto Rico's status in light of its history of colonial invasion, the autonomy charter in Puerto Rico and its relationship to the U.N. Decolonization Committee, and the economic manipulation of Puerto Rico by the U.S. In addition, she notes moves that were made towards the release and pardon of Pedro Albizu Campos in 1953, the presence of F.B.I. informants in the ranks of the Nationalist Party, the formation of the American's for Puerto Rico's Independence in 1952, the inception of its organizing committee, and the continuing need to take the U.S. Constitution to task in order to assert political power on the part of lay people.

Tape 68: November 27, 1985

Briefly details the pardon and release of Pedro Albizu Campos, continued suspicions that he was subjected to radiation experiments while in prison, and Reynolds' own appearance before the Puerto Rican Supreme Court in November of 1953 for violating Law 53.

Tape 69: November 27, 1985

This tape provides further commentary on Pedro Albizu Campos' condition and its possible links to radiation exposure, and subsequent attempts to launch a scientific investigation towards its derivations. Reynolds' also discusses the shooting in the U.S. Congress by Lolita Lebron, et. al in 1954, the trial of Doris Torresola, and her attempt to meet with Rafael Cancel.

Tape 70: December 2, 1985

Reynolds' offers thoughts on the distribution of wealth in the U.S. and more background information on shooting in Congress.

Tape 71: December 2, 1985 & January 24, 1986

Continues to contextualize shooting in Congress and discusses the wiretapping of her phone and other attempts at the surveillance of her activities.

Tape 72: January 24, 1986

More on wiretapping activities, stepped up harassment and surveillance after the 1954 shooting in Congress, and attempts at rallying legal support for those involved in the shooting.

Tape 73: January 24, 1986

Recounts Reynolds' appearance before a grand jury shortly after the 1954 shooting and provides details about the case against those involved, on Puerto Rican political prisoners, and the legal procedures applied to them.

Tape 74: January 29, 1986

Reynolds comments on the shifting political climate and greater religious support for left involvement in Latin America, which contrasts with the 1950's when Reynolds' went to Puerto Rico for the first time. Reflects on political culture and activism on the Left, defines terrorism and how it fits into an overall definition of political struggle. Notes the establishment of the Committee for Justice to Puerto Ricans, a defense committee, after the 1954 shooting.

Tape 75: January 29, 1986

Comments on the economic fallout of 1954 arrests and its impact on the prisoners and their families, as well as those involved in their defense. Background on Carmelo Alvarez and his family.

Tape 76: January 31, 1986

Discusses the difficulties involved in political struggle in Puerto Rico and how it differs from other Latin American countries, efforts on the part of the U.S. government to suppress the Left and/or independence movements on the island, and the inability of the American consciousness to readily accept the involvement of the U.S. in international atrocities that contradict its democratic principles. Comments briefly on the role of religion in the development of political struggle and supplies further background on Reynolds' family, more specifically their participation in the American Revolution.

Tape 77: January 31, 1986

This tape contains additional genealogical information on Reynolds' family as well as comments on the development of her relationship with Nacho.

Tape 78: January 31, 1986

Deliberates further on Reynolds' relationship with Nacho and contains her reflections on the raising of troubled children and potential reasons for their unstable and wayward behavior. [Note: Question as to whether tape is incomplete.]

Tape 79: February 6, 1986

Contains commentary on conspiracy trials held subsequent to 1954 shooting in Congress, Reynolds' reflections on the conspiracy charges, her thoughts on the presiding judge, Watson, the death of Julio Roldan, and the attempted arrest of Pedro Albizu Campos after the shooting.

Tape 80: February 6, 1986

Discusses nationalist sentiment amongst Puerto Ricans, the ostensibly illegal arrest of Albizu Campos, surveillance of Reynolds by F.B.I., more on the trial of Doris Torresola, comments on Juanita Mills, and Reynolds' visit to Puerto Rico.

Tape 81: February 13, 1986

Account of visit to Puerto Rico continued, discusses Pedro Albizu Campos and his relationship to other Latin American leaders, notes the support of the Nationalist cause by multiple factions, thoughts on class amongst those in the Nationalist movement, and the role of certain American pacifists in Puerto Rico. [Full transcript of interview available only in hard copy. Tape has some technical difficulties.]

Tape 82: February 13, 1986

In this tape, Reynolds discusses American pacifists and her relationship to them, the atmosphere of fear that was prevalent in the mid-1950's in Puerto Rico and its ramifications for the political climate, presence of Masons in Puerto Rico, infiltration of Nationalist Party by the F.B.I. and the possible role of Gonzalo Lebron as an agent.

Tape 83: February 19, 1986

Details resistance to Selective Service in Puerto Rico and amongst nationalists, and more on Gonzalo Lebron and his potential dealings with the F.B.I. (in connection with the arrest made after the 1954 shooting in Congress). In addition, Reynolds comments on her work environment and her continual harassment by the F.B.I., as well as Pedro Albizu Campos' health, her visit to Puerto Rico and her meeting with Ana (Albizu Campos' sister).

Tape 84: February 19 & 21, 1986

Discusses activities of Americans for Puerto Rico's Independence, the War Resisters League, and the Peacemakers march across Puerto Rico and its participants.

Tape 85: February 21, 1986

Further discussion about Peacemakers march across Puerto Rico, detailing the resistance of other pacifist groups and individuals to march, as well as nationalist opinion. Provides account of daily occurrences and difficulties faced.

Tape 86: February 21 & 26, 1986

Chronicles nationalist sentiment on the island as it was encountered during march, climate of repression in evidence throughout island, limitations and constrictions created by the presence of the U.S. on the island, and the ideological investment in the Estado Libre Asociado.

Tape 87: March 4, 1986

Details end of march, the implicit contradictions within pacifist politics particularly where Puerto Rico is concerned, Reynolds' relationship to the Fellowship of Reconciliation and other established pacifist groups, comments on U.S. expansionism and desire to control Latin America, mentions Wally Nelson and Ernest and Juanita Bromley.

Tape 88: March 4, 1986

More on Wally Nelson and the Bromleys, comments on Martin Luther King and Puerto Rico, discusses other pacifist figures including within the clergy, posits thoughts on how pacifism can contribute to the struggle for Puerto Rico's independence, and on Nationalist politics and the question of violence.

Tape 89: March 4 & 6, 1986

In this tape, Reynolds discusses her commitment to the independence of Puerto Rico and her ambivalent support of both pacifist and non-pacifist efforts towards that end, comments on the trail of the Hartford 13, on violence vs. non-violence in the process of political struggle, and clandestine organizations in Puerto Rico and the violence perpetuated by them.

Tape 90: March 6, 1986
Comments on the use of courts for the persecution and repression of activists, on Puerto Rico and its position vis-à-vis U.S. political conflicts, and the Peacemaker organization.

Tape 91: March 6, 1986
Comments on the relationship between Laura Meneses (Albizu Campos' wife) and Juan Juarbe (Foreign Minister for the Nationalist Party), notes connection between Juarbe and Fidel Castro in Mexico before Cuban Revolution, Pablo Coto Ortiz's aid to Cuban Revolutionaries, and Juan Mari Bras and the Movimiento Pro-Independencia.

Tape 92: March 11, 1986
Discusses the treatment of Puerto Rican prisoners circa 1986, the decision to file a second writ of habeas corpus for Pedro Albizu Campos in 1961/62, protests in front of courthouse in Santurce in support of writ, Erasmo and Emily Vando's participation in protests in front of Presbyterian Hospital in New York where Albizu Campos was being held, and the subsequent appeal to the Puerto Rican Supreme Court.

Tape 93: March 11, 1986
More on habeas corpus procedures, Pedro Albizu Campos's health and protests held in support of his release. Discusses appeal to the Supreme Court of the U.S., the second pardon of Albizu Campos by Luis Muñoz Marín and the transfer of Albizu Campos to private quarters. Background on Hector Davila Alonso.

Tape 94: March 13, 1986
Contains information on the respective citizenship status' of Pedro Albizu Campos and his family, on the case of Doris Torresola and possible government experiments conducted on prisoners, recent (1980's) cases of experimentation on prisoners, on the release and subsequent deteriorating health of Albizu Campos, on the death of Albizu Campos and the controversies that followed it.

Tape 95: March 13 & April 3, 1986
Further discussion of the controversies surrounding Pedro Albizu Campos's death and funeral, including the role of Juan Mari Bras and his actions during the funeral.

Tape 96: April 3, 1985
Discusses Pedro Albizu Campos' funeral procession and service, the controversy surrounding Juan Mari Bras and the political fallout of his being denied to speak at Albizu Campos' funeral, and leftist political parties in Puerto Rico and the electoral process.

Tape 97: April 3 & 8, 1986
More information on Juan Juarbe, his health, and Reynolds' sporadic meetings with him. Mentions Benjamin Torres on the occasion of his death, discusses the release of Nationalist prisoners in 1972 and the subsequent refusal of Bernardo Díaz Díaz to leave, including information on his fast.

Tape 98: April 8, 1986
This tape ruminates almost exclusively on Benjamin Torres and includes a background on Reynolds' initial meetings with Torres and the development of their relationship, communal reaction to Torres' death, the rumors/allusions of homosexuality and allegations that his death was owed to an AIDS related illness. Reynolds also discusses her trip to Puerto Rico to attend his funeral.

Tape 99: April 29, 1986

More on Benjamin Torres, his health and the conditions surrounding his death (i.e. rumors of homosexuality), Reynolds' and Pedro Albizu Campos' views on homosexuality, Torres' work on Albizu Campos, the 1985 Wells Fargo robbery in Hartford, CT, and its aftermath.

Tape 100: April 29, 1986

In this tape Reynolds discusses and compares the 1954 shooting in Congress with the 1985 robbery in Hartford, CT, the status of Puerto Rico and the continued strategic, economic, and military use of the island by the U.S., the politics of independence and the use of "terrorism" on the part of Puerto Rican independence fighters.

Tape 101: May 1, 1986

Discusses Bernardo Vega, Pedro Albizu Campos meeting with Carmen Mantilla (former lover of Jose Marti), Octavio Moscoso and his relationship to Luis Muñoz Marin, more on Benjamin Torres, and offers background and thoughts on Atlantida Castillo and PEN International.

Tape 102: May 1, 1986

Comments on current left activities surrounding Hartford case, articulates disagreement with "violent" tactics undertaken by certain factions of the left, the concurrent tendency on the part of U.S. to label those advocating for Puerto Rico's independence as terrorists, the (Alejandro?) Malave incident, the arrest of Papo Castillo and the aftermath for Reynolds'.

Tape 103: May 7, 1986

Details Reynolds' ideological differences with the church, provides a critique of U.S. foreign policy and aggression abroad, more on the origins of Pedro Albizu Campos, and further information on Americans for Puerto Rico's Independence.

Tape 104: May 7, 1986

More on Reynolds' political activities and her involvement with the Puerto Rican left, comments on the U.N. Committee on Decolonization, on the relationship between U.N. and Puerto Rico, activities of Americans for Puerto Rico's Independence in regards to U.N., and on the Young Lords.

Tape 105: May 7, 1985

Chronicles growing Puerto Rican consciousness, left political movements in Puerto Rico and their repression, Reynolds' critique of attempts to pair nationalism with socialism or communism, her involvement with various political committees, and re-affirmation of her commitment to non-violence.

Tape 106: May 13, 1986

Continues critique of violence in independence movement begun at the end of Tape 105, discusses the case against Carlos Feliciano and the organization of the Carlos Feliciano Defense Committee, the infiltration of the committee by other radical left elements such as the Weathermen, and the dissolution of the committee.

Tape 107: May 13 & 20, 1986

Contains commentary on the trial of Carlos Feliciano, the demonstrations and other events held in support of Feliciano, more on Weatherman activities within the Carlos Feliciano Defense Committee, and on the re-organization of the Nationalist Party (including comments on the conflict between Jacinto and Julio Pinto Gandia).

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Tape 109: May 22, 1986

Provides background/historical information on the Nationalist Party, discusses the general indifference that exists on the Left towards issues involving Puerto Rico, the justifications used by the U.S.

government for their continued military use of the island, and organizing efforts for the release of imprisoned Puerto Rican nationalists.

Tape 110: May 22 & 29, 1986

Contains information on organizing efforts around Vieques and the Vieques Support Network, notes differences in issues and concerns between Puerto Rican communities in the U.S. and the island, and mentions committee formed by the Episcopal Church Publishing Company to investigate conditions for Puerto Ricans in the U.S. and on the island. Here Reynolds once again takes up a discussion about gender politics and gender dynamics in her family, in the Nationalist Party, and amongst Puerto Rican males in general.

Tape 111: May 29, 1986

In this tape, Reynolds continues her commentary on gender politics and dynamics within her family, recalls controversial incident at the Pan-American Olympics in '48/'49, provides more detail on organizing around Vieques (specifically on tactics used against the military), and on the continued suppression of the issue of Pedro Albizu Campos' torture in prison, as well as concurrent efforts to raise the issue. Reynolds also discusses what she perceives as being the lack of historical insight on the part of many Puerto Rican activists and the extent to which this is a product of the suppression by the U.S. of the historical recognition of many seminal events in the struggle for Puerto Rican independence.

Tape 112: May 29, 1986

Here, Reynolds details the circumstances that lead up to her oral history interviews with the Centro de Estudios Puertorriqueños, discusses identity issues and concerns among Puerto Ricans in the U.S., and briefly ponders what direction the movement for Puerto Rican independence will take given these issues.

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