The papers of Oscar Cohen were placed in the Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs in April of 1976 and were opened for research in May of 1983.

Mr. Cohen served as Executive Director of the Jewish Community Council of Detroit in the mid-forties and subsequently was elected chair of the Detroit Coordinating Council on Human Relations (CCHR) and served in this capacity during 1947 and 1948. The CCHR Council, which was originally called the Coordinating Council for Research and Education in Human Relation was established in the Spring of 1947 under the aegis of the mayor's Detroit Interracial Committee. The CCHR was composed of a number of public, civic, business, labor, religious, community, and service agencies and its activities were directed to research and education in interracial, intercultural and interreligious affairs.

The papers of Mr. Cohen consist primarily of correspondence, memoranda, and minutes of the CCHR and its various committees covering primarily the period of Mr. Cohen's chairmanship of the CCHR and relating to the improvement of Detroit intergroup relations.

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