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## CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT

### Deputy Commissioner's Office

## An Inventory of the Subject Files of Donald G. Tomsche

### OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

**Agency:** Minnesota. Dept. of Corrections. Deputy Commissioner's Office.  
**Series Title:** Subject files of Donald G. Tomsche.  
**Dates:** 1973-1991 (bulk 1976-1986).  
**Quantity:** 0.8 cu. ft. (15 folders in partial box).  
**Location:** 118.H.18.2F

### SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE FILES

Subject files of Donald G. Tomsche, associate warden, Minnesota State Prison (pre-1979), Deputy Commissioner (1979-1982), and Coordinator of Industry, Safety and Workers Compensation (1983-1995). The files, which include correspondence, reports, memoranda, and related materials, mainly document various industrial programs undertaken at the state's correctional institutions, including projects to establish a Control Data Corporation assembly line (1981-1982) and a Guaranty Fuels, Inc. wood pellet plant (1978-1985) at Stillwater prison, license plate manufacture, school bus repair, and telemarketing. There are also files concerning inmate wages and savings policies, regionalization, and industry directors meetings.

### 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:

Automobile license plates--Minnesota.  
Convict labor--Minnesota.  
Corrections--Minnesota.  
Prison industries--Minnesota.  
School buses--Minnesota--Maintenance and repair.  
Telemarketing--Minnesota.

Wood pellets--Minnesota.

**Persons:**

Tomsche, Donald G.

**Organizations:**

Control Data Corporation.

Guaranty Fuels, Inc.

Minnesota State Prison (Stillwater, Minn.).

**ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

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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.18.2F                      Charge back and savings policy, 1976-1984.  
  Concerning inmate wages and savings.

  Control Data Corporation project, 1981-1982. 4 folders.  
  Project to establish an assembly line production plant at  
  Stillwater.

  Guaranty Fuels, Inc. wood pellet plant, 1978-1985. 2 folders.  
  Project to establish a wood pellet production plant at Stillwater.

  Industry directors meetings, 1985-1988.

  License plate manufacture, 1973, 1981-1983, 1988, 1991. 2 folders.

  Regionalization of correctional industries, 1982-1986. 2 folders.

  School bus repair program, 1980, 1986.

  Telemarketing, 1985-1986. 2 folders.  
  Establishment of telemarketing contracts operated by inmates.