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In 1970 and again in 1971 Klein published and co-authored The Biographic Dictionary of Chinese Communism (Harvard University Press). The Biographic Dictionary offers biographies of 433 prominent figures of the Chinese Communist Party in the years from 1921-1965. It is considered a valuable research tool for scholars of Chinese and other disciplines. Klein and Clark provide insight into “notable patterns of career activity” and notably the frequent, dramatic rise and fall from power.

In the July 15, 1976 issue of World Politics Review, Foreign Affairs, published by the Council on Foreign Affairs, Klein co-authored with John Israel Rebels and Bureaucrats: China’s December 9ers which traces the history of the generation who came of age at the time of the December 9, 1935 student uprisings in Peking.

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