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Oral history interview with John Collier

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Collection Overview

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Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Conducted as part of the Archives of American Art's New Deal and the Arts project, which includes over 400 interviews of artists, administrators, historians, and others involved with the federal government's art programs and the activities of the Farm Security Administration in the 1930s and early 1940s.

Available Formats

Transcript available on line.

Reproduction Note

Duplicated on one cassette and again on one digital audio cassette.

Restrictions

Transcript available on the Archives of American Art website.

Biographical / Historical

John Collier (1913-1992) was a photographer.

Scope and Contents

An interview of John Collier conducted 1965 January 18, by Richard K. Doud, for the Archives of American Art.

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Collier describes the Farm Security Administration as an experiment in group dynamics; he speaks of the difference in viewpoint between officials and photographers; Collier's New England and New Mexico work; and he appraises the value of the group effort in the FSA. He recalls Paul Vanderbilt, Roy Stryker, and Ben Shahn.

General

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Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

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