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## A Finding Aid to the Len Lye Papers, 1966, in the Archives of American Art

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives of American Art
<b>Title:</b>	Len Lye papers
<b>Date:</b>	1966
<b>Identifier:</b>	AAA.lyelenpa
<b>Creator:</b>	Lye, Len, 1901-1980
<b>Extent:</b>	0.01 Linear feet
<b>Language:</b>	English .
<b>Summary:</b>	The papers of New York painter, kinetic artist, and filmmaker Len Lye measure 0.01 linear feet and date from 1966. The papers comprise of a photocopy, with some handwritten annotations, of Lye's typed description of his kinetic work <i>Sun, Land, and Sea</i> .

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Provenance unknown.

### Available Formats

The collection was digitized in 2024 and is available on the Archives of American Art website.

### Processing Information

The collection was microfilmed on Reel 8 after receipt and was processed and a finding aid prepared by Stephanie Ashley in 2024. The collection was digitized in 2024.

### Restrictions

This collection is open for research. Access to original papers requires an appointment and is limited to the Archives' Washington, D.C. Research Center.

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## Biographical / Historical

Born in New Zealand, New York painter, kinetic artist, and filmmaker Len Lye (1901-1980) is known primarily for his experimental films and kinetic sculpture.

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## Scope and Contents

The papers of New York painter, kinetic artist, and filmmaker Len Lye measure 0.01 linear feet and date from 1966. The papers comprise of a photocopy, with some handwritten annotations, of Lye's typed description of his kinetic work *Sun, Land, and Sea*.

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## Arrangement

Due to the small size of this collection the papers are arranged as one series.

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## Names and Subject Terms

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

### Occupations:

Filmmakers -- New York (State) -- New York  
Kinetic artists -- New York (State) -- New York  
Painters -- New York (State) -- New York

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## Container Listing

### Series 1: Len Lye Papers, 1966

*0.01 Linear feet (Folder 1)*

Folder 1	Description of Sun, Land, and Sea, 1966
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