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Oral history interview with Edgar Tafel

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	Oral history interview with Edgar Tafel
Date:	1990 May 16-July 24
Identifier:	AAA.tafel90
Creator:	Tafel, Edgar (Interviewee) Rifkind, Carole (Interviewer)
Extent:	128 Pages (Transcript)
Language:	English .
Digital Content:	Audio: Oral history interview with Edgar Tafel, 1990 May 16-July 24, Digital Sound Recording (Excerpt)

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

This interview is part of the Archives of American Art Oral History Program, started in 1958 to document the history of the visual arts in the United States, primarily through interviews with artists, historians, dealers, critics, and administrators.

Biographical / Historical

Edgar Tafel (1912-2011) was an architect from New York, N.Y.

Scope and Contents

An interview of Edgar Tafel conducted 1990 May 16-July 24, by Carol Rifkind, for the Archives of American Art.

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Tafel discusses his apprenticeship with Frank Lloyd Wright and his subsequent architectural career. He recalls William Van Alen, Tom Wolfe, and the construction of the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum.

General

Originally recorded on 3 sound cassettes. Reformatted in 2010 as 6 digital wav files. Duration is 3 hr., 15 min.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Architects -- New York (State) -- New York -- Interviews
Architecture, Modern -- 20th century -- United States

Types of Materials:

Interviews
Sound recordings

Names:

Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum
Van Alen, William, 1883-1954
Wolfe, Tom
Wright, Frank Lloyd, 1867-1959