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James W. Lankton photographs,
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Collection Overview

Repository:	Eliot Elisofon Photographic Archives, National Museum of African Art
Title:	James W. Lankton photographs
Identifier:	EEPA.1990-004
Date:	1989
Extent:	225 slides (photographs) (1 volume; color)
Creator:	Lankton, James W.
Language:	Undetermined
Summary:	Photographs taken by art gallery owner James W. Lankton in the Democratic Republic of the Congo to document Kuba art and culture. Images are primarily from Mushenge, the Kuba capital. Activities documented include house building, wood carving, coffee drying, embroidering, hat making, drum playing, hair styling and basket weaving. Images of objects include a loom, a mask, musical instruments, royal costumes, road signs and textiles. Architecture includes an art school; village houses; king's palace and reception area; a mission church including altar, doors and interior; market shops; and a weaver's house. Portraits include the Kuba king, the king's retainers, his sons and a weaver.
Container:	Volume 1

Administrative Information

Provenance

Donated by James W. Lankton, 1990.

Restrictions

Use of original records requires an appointment. Contact Archives staff for more details.

Conditions Governing Use

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Arrangement

Images indexed by negative number.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Types of Materials:

Color slides

Geographic Names:

Africa

Congo (Democratic Republic)

Mushenge (Congo)