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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Anthropological Archives
Title:	Ladislav Novak papers
Date:	1960-1979
Identifier:	NAA.2003-29
Creator:	Novak, Ladislav Peter
Location:	The collection is stored off-site. Advanced notice must be given to view the collection.
Extent:	38 Linear feet
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Received from Ladislav Novak in 2003.

Preferred Citation

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Restrictions

The collection is restricted for privacy reasons. Contact the repository for more information.

Access to the Ladislav Novak papers requires an appointment.

Conditions Governing Use

Contact the repository for terms of use.

Biographical Note

Ladislav Novak, a biological anthropologist, specializes in body composition, nutrition and the physiology of exercise. Born in Chlum, Czechoslovakia, Novak earned his BSC from Charles University in Prague and his MA (1961) and PhD (1962) from the University of Minnesota. From 1962 to 1966, he was an assistant professor at the University of Minnesota. He served as a consultant in the Department of Laboratory Medicine at Mayo Clinic (1966-1972) before joining the anthropology faculty at Southern Methodist University.

Scope and Contents

The collection documents Novak's research on body composition and growth in children conducted at the University of Minnesota and Mayo Clinic in the 1960s and 1970s. The collection also includes his physical fitness studies of corporate executives, Olympic athletes and police officers. Materials include research, charts, graphs and tables.

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Names and Subject Terms

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Subjects:

Biological anthropology