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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Anthropological Archives
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Creator:	Berlin, Elois Ann, 1937-
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Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

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Processing Information

The collection is unprocessed. Contact the repository for more information.

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Restrictions

Access to the Brent and Brent Berlin and Elois Ann Berlin papers requires an appointment.

Conditions Governing Use

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Scope and Contents

This collection documents Brent Berlin and Elois Ann Berlin's ethnobiological, ethnomedical, nutritional anthropological and ethnolinguistic research in Chiapas, Mexico (among the Tzeltal and Tzotzil-speaking communities of Highland Chiapas) and Amazonas, Peru (among the Aguaruna and Huambisa-speaking communities of the Cenepa and Santiago Rivers, tributaries of the Marañón River). The collection includes Brent's color classification research; teaching files; and materials from the Berlins' various projects, such as the South American Indian languages Documentation Project (SAILDP); Programa de Colaboración sobre Medicina Indígena Tradicional y Herbolaria (PROCOMITH), and Maya ICGB.

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Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Aguaruna (Aguarana)
- Ethnobotany
- Language and languages -- Documentation
- Traditional medicine
- Tzeltal Maya
- Tzotzil Maya

Cultures:

- Aguaruna (Aguarana)
- Tzeltal Maya
- Tzotzil Maya

Names:

- Berlin, Brent

Places:

- Amazonas (Peru)
- Chiapas (Mexico)
- North America
- South America