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MS 1998-33 Chief Antonio Zarco visit collection

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Collection Overview

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| Repository: | National Anthropological Archives |
| Title: | MS 1998-33 Chief Antonio Zarco visit collection |
| Date: | circa 1980-1981 |
| Identifier: | NAA.MS1998-33 |
| Creator: | Crocker, William H. (William Henry), 1924- (Correspondent) |
| Extent: | 9 Photographs (black and white; 8 x 10 inches.) 2 Photographs (color; 7.5 x 9 inches.) 23 Pages (photocopies; 11 x 8.5 inches.) |
| Language: | English . |

Administrative Information

Provenance

Donated by William Crocker.

Citation

Manuscript 1998-33, National Anthropological Archives, Smithsonian Institution.

Biographical / Historical

The Choco Indians live in small tribal groupings in the rainforests of northwestern Colombia and southwestern Panama. Chief Antonio Zarco, a Choco tribal leader, visited the Smithsonian Institution in the early 1970s and was able to identify several objects in its ethnology collections. In the early 1980s, Zarco was invited to return to the Smithsonian to assist with identifying other objects in the collection.

Scope and Contents

This collection contains 9 black and white photographs and photocopies of correspondence relating to a visit by Chief Antonio Zarco, a Choco Indian, to the Smithsonian Institution in early 1980s to identify objects in its ethnology collections. Also includes two color prints of Zarco, neighbors and children in Panama, 1963, during the filming of a documentary about U.S. astronauts.

Local Numbers

NAA MS 1998-33

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Choco Indians

Cultures:

Choco Indians

Types of Materials:

Correspondence
Photographs

Names:

Zarco, Antonio, Chief