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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Anthropological Archives
Title:	MS 7264 Documents concerning preserved Paleolithic human remains found in the vicinity of Cueva-Morin, Spain
Date:	1969-1972
Identifier:	NAA.MS7264
Creator:	Stewart, T. D. (Thomas Dale), 1901-1997 Freeman, Leslie G. (Correspondent)
Language:	Undetermined .

Administrative Information

Provenance

The documents were brought to the archives by Thomas Dale Stewart on October 26, 1978.

Citation

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Biographical / Historical

In 1969, Joaquin Gonzalez Echegaray, of the Museo de Prehistoria of Santander, and Leslie G. Freeman, of the University of Chicago, carried on excavations at a cave in Cueva. There was found a burial of around 30,000 B.C. which included a clay mold formed by the skeleton and outer part of the person's body together with funerary offerings. Sol Tax, of the University of Chicago and the Smithsonian and the father-in-law of Freeman, offered the cooperation of the Smithsonian in preserving the interment for exhibition. Steps were taken to stabilize it and to allow its shipment to Washington by the United States Air Force. The remain stayed in Washington, part of the time on exhibit, until 1972 when they were returned to Spain.

Scope and Contents

Includes correspondence, photographs, newspaper clippings, and other types of documents. They largely concern the arrangements for shipping the body to and from the Smithsonian. Several are from Leslie G. Freeman.

Local Numbers

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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:

Cueva (Spain) -- Burial
Paleolithic -- Burial

Types of Materials:

Clippings
Letters
Photographs

Names:

United States. Air Force