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Photographs and correspondence relating  
to Mayan and Mixtec codices, circa 1956

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	National Anthropological Archives
<b>Title:</b>	Photographs and correspondence relating to Mayan and Mixtec codices
<b>Identifier:</b>	NAA.PhotoLot.126
<b>Date:</b>	circa 1956
<b>Extent:</b>	1 Negative (glass) 7 Negatives (nitrate and acetate) 7 Prints (silver gelatin) 1 Item (1 paper (questionable Mayan codex on book lining)) 3 Letters
<b>Language:</b>	Undetermined .
<b>Digital Content:</b>	<a href="#">Image(s): Photographs and correspondence relating to Mayan and Mixtec codices</a>

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## Administrative Information

### Provenance

Collected in the Bureau of American Ethnology, circa 1950s. Photographs and papers donated by C. A. Smith and Dr. E. Beyer, through Dr. G. Abbott.

### Location of Other Archival Materials

Additional materials relating to Mayan and Mixtec codices held in National Anthropological Archives MS 3223, MS 3260, MS 48, and MS 1998-31.

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The National Anthropological Archives also holds the Matthew Williams Stirling papers.

### Other Finding Aids

Preliminary finding aid available in repository.

### Available Formats

Digital surrogates are available online.

### Preferred Citation

Photo lot 126, Photographs and correspondence relating to Mayan and Mixtec codices, National Anthropological Archives, Smithsonian Institution

### Restrictions

Negatives are in cold storage and require advanced notice for viewing.

### Conditions Governing Use

Contact the repository for terms of use.

## Scope and Contents

Photographs and papers relating to alleged Mayan codices. The correspondence between Matthew Williams Stirling and Eric Thompson discusses the authenticity of a possible codex, also in the collection, which was found on a book in Oaxaca by a missionary. Additional photographs in the collection document another possible codex, which was discovered on the top of a pyramid in St. Martin Huamelulpan, possibly by C. A. Smith; and a probable Mixtec manuscript in possession of Dr. E. Beyer.

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## Local Call Number(s)

NAA Photo Lot 126

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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:

Mayas  
Mixtec

### Cultures:

Mayas  
Mixtec

### Types of Materials:

Photographs

### Names:

Stirling, Matthew Williams, 1896-1975  
Thompson, J. Eric S. (John Eric Sidney), 1898-1975