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Guide to the Pacific Survey
file, circa 1940 - circa 1945

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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Anthropological Archives
Title:	Pacific Survey file
Date:	circa 1940 - circa 1945
Identifier:	NAA.XXXX.0324
Creator:	Murdock, George Peter, 1897-1985
Extent:	23.25 Linear feet
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Related Materials

Smithsonian Institution Archives holds records related to the Pacific Survey file in Records, 1942-1946 (SIA.FARU0087), Series 8: Uncompleted Project File: 1943-1945.

Preferred Citation

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Restrictions

The Pacific Survey file is open for research.

Access to the Pacific Survey file requires an appointment.

Conditions Governing Use

Contact the repository for terms of use.

Historical Note

With the coming of World War II, George Peter Murdock, in a move to aid the efforts of the United States, turned the attention of his Cross Cultural Survey file (later the Human Relations Area File) to the Pacific, especially the Japanese mandated islands there. This resulting file includes abstracts and illustrations from publications on five-by-eight-inch cards and slips. They are arranged by geographic area and subject following George Peter Murdock's *Outline of Cultural Materials*, 1945. The set was maintained in the offices of the Ethnogeographic Board at the Smithsonian Institution. By report, the file was heavily used by the U. S. Navy in planning the invasions of islands in the Pacific.

Scope and Contents

Please note that the contents of the collection and the language and terminology used reflect the context and culture of the time of its creation. As an historical document, its contents may be at odds with contemporary views and terminology and considered offensive today. The information within this collection does not reflect

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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:

World War, 1939-1945

Names:

Ethnogeographic Board (Washington, D.C.)
Human Relations Area Files, inc
United States. Navy

Places:

East Asia
Oceania