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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	Science Action Coordinating Committee Papers
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.0473
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Extent:	1 Cubic foot (2 boxes, 1 oversize folder)
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Administrative Information

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Biographical / Historical

The Science Action Coordinating Committee (SACC) was a Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) based graduate student organization active in the Vietnam War protest movement of the late 1960s. Its activities grew to include protests against a variety of social and political targets. Members described themselves as, "a group of graduate students at MIT concerned with social responsibility of scientists."

Scope and Contents

The collection covers the period 1968-1969, the blossoming of the anti-Vietnam War protest movement. The papers primarily concern the March 4, 1969 voluntary research stoppage at MIT. This day was set aside to discuss and criticize the cooperation of MIT researchers with the US Department of Defense and included speakers George McGovern and Noam Chomsky as well as many others. The materials include photographs, posters, programs, and coordinating notes concerning this day of non-violent protest. The papers also cover other days of protests, Agenda Days, May 6-8, 1969 and a demonstration held on June 16, 1969, as well as a letter sent to Russian scientists in April 1969. The collection also includes items from other Vietnam War era protest groups: the Union of Concerned Scientists, New University Conference, Scientists for Social and Political Action and the Organization for Progressive Engineers.

The collection is particularly valuable in the picture it presents of the anti-Vietnam War protest movement of the late 1960s and how it grew to include other societal concerns. It is also valuable in the view it presents from inside the movement.

Arrangement

The collection is arranged into one series.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Peace movements -- 1960-1970
Universities and colleges
Vietnamese Conflict, 1961-1975 -- Protest Movements

Types of Materials:

Photographs -- 1960-1970
Posters
Programs

Container Listing

Box 1, Folder 1	Papers, 1969 March 4
Box 1, Folder 2	Posters/Programs, 1969 March 4 Image(s)
Box 1, Folder 3	Photographic "Contact" Sheets, 1969 March 4
Box 1, Folder 4	Miscellaneous Photographs, undated Image(s)
Box 1, Folder 5	Letter to Russian Scientists, 1969 April Image(s)
Box 1, Folder 6	Newspapers, 1969
Box 1, Folder 7	MIT, "Agenda Days", 1969 May 6-8
Box 1, Folder 8	Demonstration, 1969
Box 1, Folder 9	Contact Names, undated
Box 1, Folder 10	Miscellaneous Papers, undated
Box 1, Folder 11	Miscellaneous Printed Material, undated
Box 1, Folder 12	Union of Concerned Scientists, undated
Box 1, Folder 13	New University Conference, undated
Box 1, Folder 14	Scientists for Social and Political Action and Organization for Progressives Engineers, undated
Box 2	Photographic contact sheets, 1969 Image(s)