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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	Archives Center 1968 Olympic Games Collection
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.1402
Date:	1968
Extent:	4 Cubic feet (7 boxes, 1 oversize folder)
Creator:	Olympic Games (19th : 1968) (Mexico City, Mexico)
Language:	English

Collection is in English, though some periodicals, and articles from Mexican newspapers are in Spanish.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Initial donations to this collection were made by Tom Lough (Pentathlon) and Daniel Cantillon (Fencing) in 2016. Addenda from Laurie Lewis Havel (Volleyball), Sharon Callahan McKniff (High jump) and John Ferris (Swimming) were added in 2017. Papers of Micki King (Diving), Vicki King (Swimming), and Jane Swagerty Hill (Swimming) were acquired in 2018.

Provenance

Multiple donors who were members of the U.S. team have contributed to this collection. Materials were donated by Tom Lough (Pentathlon) Daniel Cantillon (Fencing), Laurie Lewis Havel (Volleyball), Sharon Callahan McKniff (High jump), John Ferris (Swimming), Micki King (Diving), Vicki King (Swimming), and Jane Swagerty Hill (Swimming).

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Accruals

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Biographical / Historical

The 1968 Summer Olympics, (Games of the XIX Olympiad) were the first Olympic games held in Latin America and the first held in a Spanish-speaking country. They took place in October, 1968, during a time of upheaval in Mexico as well as in the United States.

Scope and Contents

This collection was created by the Archives Center to bring together materials relating to the 1968 Mexico City Olympics. Items relate to team members and include postcards, event programs, press guides, magazines, articles, and dining hall tickets.

Arrangement

Collection is unarranged.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Athletes
- Divers
- Fencers
- Handbooks
- Identification cards
- Jumping
- Olympics
- Sports
- Swimmers
- Volleyball
- Women athletes

Types of Materials:

- Articles -- 1950-2000
- Audiocassettes
- Black-and-white photographs
- Diaries
- Ephemera

Letters
Magazines (periodicals) -- 1960-1970
Maps
Memoranda
Passes
Periodicals -- 20th century
Photographs -- Color photoprints
Postcards -- 1960-1970
Programs -- 1960-1970
Schedules
Scorecards
Scrapbooks
Telegrams
Tickets

Geographic Names:

Mexico -- 1960-1970