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Tribal Court Judges Records, 1949-1999

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	National Museum of the American Indian
<b>Title:</b>	Arrow, Inc. records, and the American Indian Tribal Court Judges Association records
<b>Identifier:</b>	NMAI.AC.013
<b>Date:</b>	circa 1949-1999
<b>Extent:</b>	96.5 Linear feet (55 Paige boxes of unprocessed material. 96 Hollinger boxes of processed material.)
<b>Creator:</b>	Hunter, Dwight American Indian Tribal Court Judges Association Superneau, Regina Arrow, Inc.
<b>Language:</b>	English .
<b>Summary:</b>	These records, located in the Cultural Resources Center at NMAI, contain organizational records from ARROW, Inc. and the American Indian Tribal Court Judges Association (AITCJA). Included in this collection are both processed and unprocessed materials relating to the work conducted by these two organizations providing educational, financial and legal assistance to Native American communities.

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

The first two record groups in this collection, The Records of Arrow, Inc. and the Records of the American Indian Tribal Court Judges Association were transferred from the National Anthropological Archives to the National Museum of the American Indian Archive Center in 2007. The unprocessed materials from Arrow, Inc. were donated directly from Arrow, Inc. in 2001 following the closure of the organization.

### Processing Information

The first two record groups of this collection were processed while being housed at the National Anthropological Archives. The materials from third record group are unprocessed. The inventory list that accompanied the unprocessed materials was created by Arrow, Inc. in 2001.

### Preferred Citation

Identification of specific item; Date (if known); Arrow, Inc. records, and the American Indian Tribal Court Judges Association records, Box and Folder Number; National Museum of the American Indian Archive Center, Smithsonian Institution.

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## Biographical Note

Arrow, Inc. ("Americans for Restitution and Righting of Old Wrongs," frequently ARROW, Inc.) was initially known as the National Congress of American Indians Fund. It was incorporated in April 1949 under the laws of the District of Columbia by three trustees--Ruth M. Bronson, D'Arcy McNickle, and N.B. Johnson. Its founding was prompted by the involvement of the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) in alleviating the suffering of certain Southwestern tribes brought by a particularly harsh winter. Since the NCAI was engaged in political activities, its donors could not receive tax deductions for their contributions. In contrast, the NCAI Fund was dedicated to charitable and educational work among American Indians and was initially granted tax exempt status. Thus, its donors could receive tax benefits for contributions in spite of the fact that the Fund was regarded as an arm of the NCAI, itself essentially a political lobbying organization.

In time, questions arose about the close connection between the NCAI and the NCAI Fund and caused considerable anxiety for Fund officers since it potentially threatened the tax status. In October 1949, desire for greater distance from NCAI led to the adoption of the name Arrow, Inc. In truth, however, the close connections with the NCAI continued, for the NCAI business committee had the power to appoint and remove Arrow trustees. In 1952, NCAI abolished its business committee; and, with the approval of NCAI's officers, Arrow took the opportunity to eliminate references to NCAI from its bylaws. Nevertheless, close cooperation still continued for many years.

Starting in 1952, Arrow was an autonomous organization managed by a board of directors appointed by its members. Operating largely through grants and donations, Arrow used some of its funds to finance a publications program, including a newsletter called Arrow or, in a latter-day interpretation of ARROW as an acronym, American for the Restitution and Righting of Old Wrongs. Most monies, however, went into a wide variety of education and charitable projects. In the year 2000 Arrow, Inc. closed its doors.

A project undertaken by Arrow to improve tribal courts led directly to establishing the American Indian Tribal Court Judges Association (AITCJA) in 1968. This ongoing organization, now with membership representing almost all Indian Court judges, not only grew out of an Arrow activity but continued a close association with Arrow. Only sharing executive director with Arrow as well as sponsorship of its projects with Arrow. Generally, such projects involved educational activities designed to raise the standards and professionalism of Indian courts. In 1980, the National American Indian Court Clerks Association was established as an auxiliary of AITCJA.

## Scope and Contents

Virtually all the records in this collection concern projects undertaken by Arrow, Inc., and most are projects whose sponsorship was shared with the American Indian Tribal Court Judges Association. Included are proposals, reports, relevant correspondence, and training materials. Most of these projects had been supported by the Department of Justice Legal Enforcement Assistance Administration, United States Bureau of Indian Affairs, and United States Department of Labor.

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## Arrangement

Records of Arrow, Inc., including (1) Industrial Park in Indian Areas; (2) supplemental scholarship assistance, 1961-1974; (3) monthly scholarship assistance, 1970-1972; (4) material concerning Criminal Court Procedures Manual: A Guide for American Indian Court Judges; (5) automatic diagnostic computer project, 1970; (6) Operation Mainstream; (7) social services case studies;

Records of the American Indian Tribal Court Judges Association, including (8) family law/child welfare projects, circa 1974-1985; (9) American Indian court judges training project, circa 1971-1980; (10) criminal law training program, circa 1975-1984; (11) long-range planning study, 1976-1979; (12) court clerk training program, circa 1978-1983; (13) linkages for Indian child welfare programs; (14) parenting program; (15) Indian child welfare training, 1982-1983; (16) child welfare act of 1978; (17) model court development project; (18) civil law training project; (19) Dwight Hunter's Portland area needs assessment; (20) technical proposal, 1981; (21) Warm Springs tribal court manual; (22) research grant, 1970-1971; (23) juvenile law and juvenile delinquency training project, 1971-1972; (24) resource directory/social services, 1977; (25) Regina Superneau correspondence; (26) international year of the child; (27) joint training sessions, NAICJA and National Tribal Chairmen's Association, Albuquerque, 1979; (28) criminal justice development project for the Great Lakes Intertribal Council, Inc.; (29) studies for American Indian Court Judges; (30) justice and the American Indian project; (31) reference material

The Unprocessed Material from Arrow, Inc. is unarranged. It is still in its original shipping order.

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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:

- American Indians -- Operation Mainstream
- American Indians -- legal system
- American Indians -- scholarships
- Child welfare -- American Indian
- Family law -- American Indian
- Juvenile law -- American Indian
- Parenting -- American Indian
- Warm Springs -- court manual

### Types of Materials:

- Correspondence
- Minutes
- Project files

Proposals

Names:

American Indian Tribal Court Clerks Association  
Great Lakes Intertribal Council -- justice  
United States. Bureau of Indian Affairs  
United States. Department of Justice  
United States. Department of Labor

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## Container Listing

Record Group 1: Records of Arrow, Inc., 1961-1978, undated

The Records of Arrow, Inc. contains material relating to scholarship assistance programs, material concerning criminal court proceedings as well as information on the operation of the organization.

### Series 1: Industrial Park in Indian Areas, undated

Box 1, Folder 1            Guide for Businessmen (background), undated

Box 2, Folder 2            Guide for Businessmen (background), undated

Box 2, Folder 3            Guide for Businessmen (background), undated

## Series 2: Supplemental Scholarship Assistance, 1961-1974

Box 3	Book 1, 1961-1964
Box 3	Book 2, 1969
Box 4	Book 3-5, 1970-1972
Box 5	Book 6-8, 1972-1974
Box 6	Book 9, 1974



## Series 3: Monthly Scholarship Assistance, 1970-1972

*Box 6*

## Series 4: Material concerning Criminal Court Procedures Manual: A Guide for American Indian Court Judges, undated

Box 7

Book 1-2

Box 8

Book 3

## Series 5: Automatic Diagnostic Computer Project, 1970

*Box 9*

## Series 6: Operation Mainstream, 1978

- Box 10                      Correspondence, Dr. Handlin (Field Director for ARROW and consultant for Operations Management)
- Box 11                      Report on Examination of Financial Statements for the year ended January 31, 1978

## Series 7: Social Services Case Studies, undated

### Box 11(A)

Record Group 2: Records of the American Indian Tribal Court Judges Association, 1970-1985

The records of the American Indian Tribal Court Judges Association contain material relating to the activities and establishment of the AITCJA and its relationship with Arrow, Inc. These records includes progress reports and correspondence relating to various family law and child welfare projects, criminal law and court clerk training program documentation, public hearings on the Child Welfare Act of 1978, as well as various reference materials used by the organization.

## Series 8: Family Law and Child Welfare Projects, 1974-1985

Box 12	Civil/Tribal Law Curriculum Text, undated
Box 13	Training Materials: Book 1-2, undated
Box 14	Training Project Correspondence, 1975-1978
Box 15	Proposal Audit Reports , 1976-1978
Box 16	Meetings, 1977-1978
Box 17	Progress Reports, 1978 April- 1980 December
Box 18	Training Project Vital Documents: Book 1-2, 1974-1976
Box 19	Training Project Vital Documents: Book 1-3, 1975
Box 20	Vital Documents: Book 1-2, 1976-1978
Box 21	Vital Documents, 1979-1980
Box 22	Vital Documents: Book 1-2, 1980-1981
Box 23	Denver National Workshop, 1975
Box 23	Phoenix National Workshop, 1976
Box 24	Training Project Progress Reports, 1974 December- 1976 July
Box 25	Training Project Progress Reports: Book 1-8, 1976 October- 1978 September

Box 26 Training Project Progress Reports: Book 9-12, 1976 October- 1978 September

Box 27 Training Project Progress Reports, 1979 September- 1980 December

Box 28 Technical Proposal (for training concerning welfare of Indian children and families), 1983

Box 29 Training Project Phoenix Session, 1978

Box 29 Training Project Cherokee Session, 1983 December

Box 29 Training Project Sacramento Session, 1984 March

Box 30 Training Project Phoenix Session, 1984 March

Box 30 Training Project Portland Session, 1984 April

Box 31 Training Project Oklahoma Session, 1984 July

Box 31 Training Project Minneapolis Session, 1984 July

Box 32 Training Project Anchorage Session, 1984 May

Box 33 Training Project Albuquerque Session, 1984

Box 33 Training Project Navajo Session, 1984

Box 34 Training Project Rapid City Session, 1984 August

Box 34 Training Project Oklahoma Session, 1984 August

Box 35 Training Project Billings Session, 1984 August

Box 36 Training Project Cherokee Session, 1983

Box 36 Training Project Minneapolis Session, 1984

Box 36 Training Project Rapid City Session, 1984

Box 36 Training Project Oklahoma City Session, 1984

Box 36 Training Project Billings Session, 1984

Box 37	Training Project Sacramento Session, 1984
Box 37	Training Project Phoenix Session, 1984
Box 37	Training Project Portland Session, 1984
Box 37	Training Project Anchorage Session, 1984
Box 37	Training Project Albuquerque Session, 1984
Box 37	Training Project Navajo Session, 1984
Box 38	Training Project Chronological Correspondence: Book 1-2, 1983 March- 1984 February
Box 39	Training Project Chronological Correspondence: Book 3-4, 1984 February-May
Box 40	Training Project Chronological Correspondence: Book 5-6, 1984 May-August
Box 41	Training Project Chronological Correspondence: Book 7-8, 1984 August- September
Box 42	Training Project Chronological Correspondence: Book 9, 1984 November
Box 43	Progress Reports, 1981
Box 43	Program Chronological Correspondence, 1981
Box 44	Vital Documents, 1982-1985
Box 45	Narrative Report, 1983-1985
Box 45	Vital Documents, 1983-1985

**Series 9: American Indian Court Judges Training Projects, 1971-1980**

Box 46	Correspondence, 1971
Box 47	Correspondence, 1973-1975
Box 48	Vital Documents, 1973 October- 1975 January
Box 48(A)	Vital Documents, 1975-1976
Box 49	Vital Documents: Book 1-3, 1976-1977
Box 50	Vital Documents: Book 4, 1976-1977
Box 51	Vital Documents, 1977-1978
Box 52	Progress Reports, 1973 February- 1975 January
Box 53	Progress Reports, 1975 July- 1976 August
Box 54	Progress Reports, 1976 July- 1977 September
Box 55	Progress Reports, 1978 September- 1979 June
Box 55	Progress Reports, 1979 October- 1980 December
Box 56	Quarterly Progress Report, 1975 October-December
Box 56	Miscellaneous Bookkeeper Copies, 1975 July- 1976 June



## Series 10: Criminal Law Training Program, 1975-1984

Box 57	Criminal Law and Procedures Training Program Course Material, undated
Box 56	Criminal Law and Procedures Training Program Material, 1975-1976
Box 57	Criminal Law and Procedures Training Program Miscellaneous Correspondence and Information, undated
Box 58	Evaluation Materials, 1975-1976
Box 59	Progress Reports, 1976-1977
Box 59	Bank Deposits, 1976-1977
Box 60	Progress Reports, 1978-1980
Box 61	Progress Reports, 1979
Box 62	Criminal Law and Family Law Training Session, 1977
Box 63	Criminal/Tribal Law Training Program Progress Reports, 1977
Box 64	Criminal/Tribal Law Final Report, 1978 September- 1980 November
Box 65	Criminal/Civil Law Vital Documents, 1981-1983
Box 65(A)	Criminal/Civil Law Vital Documents, 1983-1984

## Series 11: Long-Range Planning Study, 1976-1979

Box 66	Planning Study, undated
Box 66	Progress Reports, undated
Box 66	Vital Documents, undated
Box 66	Warms Springs Reservation Survey, undated
Box 67	Vital Documents, 1976-1977
Box 67	Vital Documents, 1978-1979
Box 69	Basic Planning, 1978-1979

## Series 12: Court Clerk Training Program, 1977-1981

Box 70	General Information, undated
Box 71	Court Clerks Training Manual, undated
Box 71	Court Administration Seminar, undated
Box 72	Progress Reports, 1979 October-1979 December, 1977 December-1978 December
Box 73	Progress Reports, 1978 July- 1979 December
Box 74	Vital Documents: Book 1-2, undated
Box 75	Vital Documents, 1978-1979
Box 75	Progress Reports, 1981 January-March
Box 76	Correspondence, 1979 May- 1980 September

## Series 13: Linkages for Indian Child Welfare Programs, 1980-1983

Box 77	Chronological Correspondence Year 1, 1980 September- 1981 November
Box 78	Chronological Correspondence Year 1, 1981 December- 1982 April
Box 78	Chronological Correspondence Year 2, 1982 May- 1983 February
Box 79	Chronological Correspondence Year 3, 1983 March-May
Box 80	Progress Reports, undated
Box 81	Volume II Issue 1, undated
Box 81	Volume II Issue 4, undated
Box 82	Linkages, undated

## Series 14: Parenting Program, undated

Box 80	Progress Reports, undated
Box 83	Vital Documents, undated
Box 84	Parenting Project, undated
Box 84	Miscellaneous regarding program for children, undated

## Series 15: Indian Child Welfare Training, 1982-1983

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## Series 16: Child Welfare Act of 1978, 1978-1979

Box 86                      Public Hearings, 1978-1979

Box 87                      Public Hearings Vital Documents, 1979

## Series 17: Model Court Development Project, undated

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## Series 18: Civil Law Training Project, 1980-1981, undated

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| Box 89 | Civil Law Case Book: Book 1-3, undated                   |
| Box 90 | Civil Law Case Book: Book 4-5, undated                   |
| Box 91 | Progress Reports, 1981 January-April, 1980 June-December |

## Series 19: Dwight Hunter's Portland Areas Needs Assessment, undated

Box 92                      Chronological Correspondence: Book 1-2, undated

Box 93                      Chronological Correspondence: Book 3, undated

## Series 20: Technical Proposal, 1981

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## Series 21: Warm Springs Tribal Court Manual, undated

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## Series 22: Research Grant, 1970-1971

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## Series 23: Juvenile Law and Juvenile Delinquency Training Project, 1971-1972

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## Series 24: Resource Directory and Social Services, 1977

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## Series 25: Regina Superneau (Project Coordinator) Correspondence, undated

*Box 99*



## Series 26: International Year of the Child, 1978-1979

Box 100                      Vital Documents, 1978-1979

Box 100                      Progress Reports, 1978-1979

**Series 27: Joint Training Sessions in Albuquerque for the National American  
Indian Court Judges Association and the National Tribal Court Association, 1979**

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## Series 28: Criminal Justice Development Project on Public Law 280 for the Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council, Inc., undated

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Box 102                      Criminal Justice Development Project, undated

Box 102(A)                 Memorandum for Tribal Government Officials on Public Law 280, undated

## Series 29: Studies for American Indian Court Judges, 1972

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## Series 30: Justice and the American Indian Project, 1974, undated

Box 104;                      Background Material, undated

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Box 104                      Volumes 1 and 4, 1974

Box 104(B)                  Model Court Development- Vital Documents and Progress Reports, undated

## Series 31: Reference Material, undated

Box 105	Indian Civil Rights Act
Box 105	Tribal Court Managemnet Series
Box 106	Criminal Justice Development Project regarding Public Law 280 for Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council, Inc.
Box 107	Hanbooks, Manual, Lesson Plans, Training
Box 108	Alaska Family Violence Program
Box 109	Child Welfare Agreements
Box 110	Handbooks and Programs used in Family Law and Child Wlelfare Programs
Box 111	Handbook for American Indian Tribal Court Judges on Rental Contracts and Lanlord/Tenant Rights
Box 112	Cases and Materials for Indian Court Judges and Law and Order Court of Ute Indians
Box 113	Cherokee Indian Reports and Miscellaneous
Box 114	Federal Indian Law
Box 115	National Indian Law Library Catalogue
Box 116-118	Miscellaneous

## Record Group 3: Unprocessed Material from Arrow, Inc., 1949-1999

These materials were donated upon the disbandment of the ARROW, Inc. organization and contain committee minutes, financial records, historical and background records, programming information as well as correspondence files with NAICJA. There is a small amount of photographs, computer disks, microfiche and PSA tapes also included. These records are unprocessed.

Box 1	Historical/Background
Box 2	Historical/Background
Box 2	Will Rogers, Jr.
Box 3	Ben Reifel

Box 3	Robert L. Bennett
Box 4	National Congress of the American Indian
Box 5	Minute, Bylaws, Certificates of Incorporation, 1949-1953
Box 5	Board and Executive Committee Minutes, Books I-V, 1957-1985
Box 6	Board and Executive Committee Minutes, Board of Director Correspondence, 1968-1994
Box 7	Board of Directors Meeting Binders
Box 8	Board of Directors Correspondence and Reports
Box 9	Volunteer Nurse/Physician Placement Program: Medical Volunteers A-M
Box 10	Volunteer Nurse/Physician Placement Program: Medical Volunteers N-Z
Box 11	Volunteer Nurse/Physician Placement Program
Box 12	Volunteer Nurse/Physician Placement Program: Committee, Focus Groups and Strategic Plan
Box 13	State Employees Charity Campaigns
Box 13	Court Clerks Final Report, Photos, Grant Files
Box 14	Family Support
Box 14	Scholarships, 1987-1997
Box 15	Fundraising: Corporate, 40th Anniversary, Friend to Friend
Box 16	Native American Development Corporation
Box 17	Custer Library
Box 18	Dr. George Custer Estate Reports
Box 18	Dr. George Custer Last Will and Testament

Box 19	Fundraising
Box 20	Estates
Box 21	Alphabetical: A-M
Box 22	Alphabetical: N-Z
Box 23	Audit Reports, 1952-1987
Box 23	Tax Returns, 1953-1990
Box 24	Fiscal Year 1994 Accounting Records
Box 25	Fiscal Year 1995 Accounting Records
Box 26	Fiscal Year 1996 Accounting Records
Box 27	Fiscal Year 1997 Accounting Records
Box 28	Fiscal Year 1998 Accounting Records
Box 29	Fiscal Year 1999 Accounting Records
Box 30	Administrative
Box 31	Administrative
Box 32	Individuals
Box 33	Individuals (old files)
Box 34	Subject File (old)
Box 35	Foundations Declined, 1986-1989
Box 35	Employee Background, 1970-1991
Box 35	40th Anniversary Luncheon, 1990
Box 35	Outside Correspondence (Senate), 1964-1969
Box 36	VIP Correspondence, 1967-1990



Box 36	Miscellaneous Correspondence, 1976-1984
Box 36	Miscellaneous Correspondence, 1992-1994
Box 36	Sponsors Correspondence, 1972-1982
Box 36	Quick Reference to Current Program Activities, 1988-1991
Box 37	Advisors/Sponsors Correspondence
Box 37	Pin Letters, 1972
Box 37	Projects, 1970-1971
Box 37	Correspondence by State
Box 38	Proposals
Box 39	Youth Programs, Boy Scouts
Box 40	ARROW/NAICJA Correspondence Files, 1981
Box 41	ARROW/NAICJA Correspondence Files, 1985
Box 41	Urban Indians, 1970
Box 41	Academy of Child Psychiatry, 1979-1999
Box 41	Energy Program Efforts, 1980-1987
Box 42	ARROW/NAICJA Correspondence Files, 1982
Box 43	ARROW/NAICJA Correspondence Files, 1983
Box 43	NAICJA Project File
Box 43	Indian Court System Plan
Box 43	ARROW/NAICJA CPA's, 1956-1973
Box 44	Council on Indian Affairs, 1960-1969

Box 44 Management Training Institute Program, 1955-1967

Box 44 Gift Show/Trade Fair, 1959-1960

Box 45 General Programs, 1958-1960

Box 45 Indian Youth Work-Experience Program, 1968-1969

Box 46 National American Indian Court Clerks, Reno, Nevada Session, 1985

Box 46 National American Indian Court Clerks, Pheonix, Arizona Session, 1987

Box 46 Combined Federal Campaign, Background, 1985-1986

Box 46 CFC Advertising, 1986-1987

Box 47 Youth Programs Sponsored by Arrow, Inc.

Box 48 National American Indian Court Judges

Box 48 Tax Returns, CPA's and Audits, 1976-1981

Box 48 Letters of Support for RFP No. BIA-K51-0017, 1981

Box 48 Reference Book, ARROW Industrial Park Guide, 1970-1981

Box 48 Indian Health Project, ARROW/Control Data Program, 1974

Box 48 Reference Book, ARROW Sponsors, 1974-1977

Box 48 ARROW Distributions, 1971-1973

Box 48 Status of Native American Youth in Federal Custody, Phase I Report, 1982

Box 48 Judicial Center Concept, a Prospectus, Tribal Justice Center, 1980-1983

Box 49 For Quick References to Current ARROW Activities, 1982-1987

Box 49 Physician Volunteer Program Background and Correspondence

Box 50 Proposals: American Indian and Alaska Native Youth, 1989

Box 50 Proposals: NAICJA, 1982

Box 50	Better Business Bureau, Correspondence, 1984-1987
Box 50	Foundations Book 1-3, 1986
Box 50	Indian Law Support Center Reporter, 1982-1988
Box 50	Scared Calf Pipe Project, South Dakota, 1976
Box 51	Robert L. Bennett Originals #1-4
Box 51	Court Clerk Materials
Box 52	Microfiche: BIA/LEAA
Box 52	Microfiche: ARROW/NAICA, 1957-1980
Box 52	Microfiche: Scholarship Records, 1975-1980
Box 53	PSA Tapes: Will Rogers, Jr., Jonathan Winters, Jack Anderson
Box 54	Computer Disks: Program and Administrative
Box 55	Box of Photographs
Box 55	Binder of Records: ARROW Materials Shipped to Custer Library and Smithsonian Institution Archives
Box 55	Photos of Convention of the National Congress of American Indians, Denver, Colorado, 1944