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## Collection Overview

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| <b>Date:</b>       | 1971-1989  |
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## Administrative Information

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## Descriptive Entry

This accession consists of records that document the planning for and installation of the exhibition *A Nation of Nations*, which opened at the National Museum of History and Technology in 1976. Materials include the correspondence, memoranda, and notes of Carl H. Scheele and Richard E. Ahlborn, Co-chairmen of the exhibition; and Ellen Roney Hughes, exhibition coordinator. Materials also include script; production schedule; budget summaries; contracts; exhibition installation photographs; news releases; meeting minutes; articles; information pertaining to loans, conservation issues, and special programs; exhibition catalogue planning records; construction specifications and floor plans; and exhibition opening photographs.

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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:

- Contracts
- Social history

### Types of Materials:

- Black-and-white photographs
- Brochures
- Color photographs

Color transparencies  
Compact discs  
Floor plans  
Manuscripts

Names:

Ahlborn, Richard E.  
Hughes, Ellen Roney  
Nation of Nations (1976: Smithsonian Institution)  
National Museum of History and Technology (U.S.)  
Scheele, Carl H.

## Container Listing

### Box 1

#### A Nation of Nations

- Box 1 of 4                      Exhibition Script Development, 1971
- Box 1 of 4                      Exhibition Script Development (Section 1), 1972-1976 (2 folders)
- Box 1 of 4                      Exhibition Script Development (Section 2), 1972-1976 (2 folders)
- Box 1 of 4                      Exhibition Script Development (Section 3, A thru H), 1972-1976 (4 folders)
- Box 1 of 4                      Exhibition Script Development (Section 4), 1972-1976
- Box 1 of 4                      Exhibition Script Development: Revisions, 1979-1986
- Box 1 of 4                      Labor Platform Photographs, 1988-1989
- Box 1 of 4                      Installation Photographs, 1976 (3 folders)
- Box 1 of 4                      Catalogue Photographs
- Box 1 of 4                      Exhibit Construction Specifications, 1975 (2 folders)

### Box 2

- Box 2 of 4                      Security and Safety Conservation, 1973-1976
- Box 2 of 4                      Memoranda re: Exhibition Suggestions, 1974-1975
- Box 2 of 4                      Correspondence and Memoranda (general), 1973-1976
- Box 2 of 4                      Meeting Minutes, 1974-1976 (2 folders)
- Box 2 of 4                      Preliminary Script, 1973-1974
- Box 2 of 4                      Collections and Acquisition Procedures, 1973-1975
- Box 2 of 4                      Exhibition Catalogue Planning, 1974-1976 (5 folders)
- Box 2 of 4                      Budget, 1972-1976
- Box 2 of 4                      Production Schedule, 1973-1974
- Box 2 of 4                      Exhibition Organization, 1974-1975
- Box 2 of 4                      Presentations South, Inc., 1975-1976 (2 folders)

Box 2 of 4 TV Satellite Communications Wall, 1976

Box 2 of 4 Chermayeff & Geismar Associates: Exhibition Notes, 1973

Box 2 of 4 Chermayeff & Geismar Associates: Correspondence, 1974-1976

Box 2 of 4 Chermayeff & Geismar Associates: Contract and Claim, 1975-1977 (2 folders)

Box 3

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Box 3 of 4 Construction Specifications for Canopy and Ramp, 1975-1976

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Box 3 of 4 Richard E. Ahlborn: Exhibition Administration, 1974-1975

Box 3 of 4 Carl Scheele: Exhibition Administration, 1974-1975 (2 folders)

Box 3 of 4 American Revolution (Section 1), 1972-1975

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Box 3 of 4 Exhibition Loans: Sports, 1973-1976

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Box 3 of 4 Exhibition Loans: American Home, 1974-1976

Box 3 of 4 Exhibition Loans (general), 1974-1976

Box 3 of 4 Contracts, 1974-1976

Box 3 of 4 Federal Communications Commission, 1977-1981

Box 3 of 4 Rusty Russell: Audio Visual Consultant, 1975-1984

Box 3 of 4 List of Countries Project, 1975-1976

Box 3 of 4 News Releases, 1976

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| Box 3 of 4 | Exhibition Slide Program, 1986                             |
| Box 3 of 4 | Articles re: Exhibition, 1977                              |
| Box 3 of 4 | Exhibition Brochure and Publications, 1976                 |
| Box 3 of 4 | Exhibition Opening and Receptions, 1975-1978               |
| Box 4      |  |
| Box 4 of 4 | Exhibition Opening: Photographs, 1976 (4 folders)          |
| Box 4 of 4 | Social Events, 1981-1985                                   |
| Box 4 of 4 | Floor Plan, 1985-1988                                      |
| Box 4 of 4 | Publicity, 1974-1977                                       |
| Box 4 of 4 | Public Comments, 1976-1977                                 |
| Box 4 of 4 | Curators' Comments re: Exhibition, 1972-1975               |
| Box 4 of 4 | Exhibition Maintenance and Upgrades, 1976-1987 (2 folders) |