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Collection Overview

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Descriptive Entry

This accession consists of records that document the history and work of the Museum Conservation Institute (MCI). MCI serves as the center for specialized technical collection research and conservation for all Smithsonian museums and collections. Through knowledge of materials and through the use of state-of-the-art instrumentation and scientific techniques MCI staff provides technical research studies and interpretation of artistic, anthropological, biological, and historical objects. Some materials in this accession date from when MCI was known as the Smithsonian Center for Materials Research and Education (SCMRE) and the Conservation Analytical Laboratory (CAL). Directors documented in this accession include Charles Olin, 1966-1967; Robert M. Organ, 1968-1983; Alan Postlethwaite, Acting Director, 1983-1984; Lambertus Van Zelst, 1985-2003; and Robert J. Koestler, 2004-. Materials include correspondence, memoranda, reports, grant proposals, meeting agendas and minutes, organizational charts, strategic plans, presentations, staff lists, clippings, and images.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Conservation and restoration
Preservation of materials

Types of Materials:

Black-and-white photographs
Clippings
Manuscripts

Names:

Koestler, Robert J. (Robert John), 1950-
Olin, Charles
Organ, R. M.
Postlethwaite, Alan W., 1924-2014
Smithsonian Center for Materials Research and Education
Smithsonian Institution. Conservation Analytical Laboratory
Van Zelst, Lambertus

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