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Collection Overview

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Descriptive Entry

This accession consists of records that document the activities of the National Museum of American Art (NMAA) to have the General Post Office (GPO) Building transferred to the Smithsonian Institution. To determine how NMAA would be able to most appropriately use their space at the Patent Office Building and the General Post Office Building, the Smithsonian engaged the firm of E. Verner Johnson and Associates to make an assessment and propose recommendations. The records in this collection document the work that went into developing the concept for NMAA's use of the GPO Building. Using the Verner Johnson report as a starting point, Hartman-Cox Architects and Environmental Research Group were tasked to put together program requirements and a spatial analysis of the GPO building. As a point of note, many materials refer to the GPO building as the "ITC Building." At the time, the United States International Trade Commission (ITC) was the agency occupying the GPO Building. Materials include correspondence, memoranda, reports, agendas and meeting minutes, budget records, floor plans, and clippings.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Art museums
- Buildings -- Repair and reconstruction
- Museum buildings
- Museums -- Space utilization

Types of Materials:

Clippings
Floor plans
Manuscripts

Names:

E. Verner Johnson and Associates
Hartman-Cox Architects
Patent Office Building (Washington, D.C.)
Post Office Building (Washington, D.C.)
United States International Trade Commission

Container Listing

Box 1

Box 1 of 1	GPO Building, April-September 1983
Box 1 of 1	GPO Building, August 1983-February 1984
Box 1 of 1	GPO Building - E. Verner Johnson and Associates - "Functional Space Use Study and Recommended Conceptual Plan - Smithsonian Institution Use of the General Post Office Building," Draft report, October 14, 1983
Box 1 of 1	GPO Building, October 1983-February 1984
Box 1 of 1	GPO Building, March-September 1984
Box 1 of 1	GPO Building - E. Verner Johnson and Associates - Revised final report, January 16, 1984
Box 1 of 1	GPO Building - E. Verner Johnson and Associates - Final report, April 17, 1984 (2 folders)
Box 1 of 1	GPO Building, October 1984
Box 1 of 1	GPO Building, November-December 1984
Box 1 of 1	GPO Building, January-November 1985
Box 1 of 1	GPO Building, December 1985
Box 1 of 1	GPO Building - Hartman-Cox Architects and Environmental Research Group, 1985-1987 (2 folders)