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## Collection Overview

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## Administrative Information

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## Descriptive Entry

This accession consists of records that primarily document exhibition planning, development and production activities for the Hall of Agriculture, the Hall of Farm Machinery, the Hall of Forest Products, and the Hall of Nuclear Energy at the National Museum of History and Technology (NMHT), which, prior to 1969, was known as the Museum of History and Technology. Also documented in these records is an exhibition about honeybees and beekeeping, which included a glass-walled observation beehive and was in the Hall of Farm Machinery at NMHT, as well as past honeybee exhibits at the Smithsonian Institution. In addition are some records pertaining to *Plastic as Plastic*, an exhibition on the history of the plastics industry and manufacturing process that opened at the Arts and Industries Building. Earlier records date back to when the Division of Extractive Industries was known as the Division of Manufacturing, the Division of Agriculture and Mining, and the Division of Agriculture and Forest Products. A few records also pertain to exhibition activities in the United States National Museum sections of Chemical Industries and Agricultural Industries. Staff represented in these records include curators John T. Schlebecker and Phillip W. Bishop; associate curator Edward C. Kendall; museum specialists G. Terry Sharrer and Abraham Richards; and museum technicians Robert G. Walther and Thomas R. Wessel. Materials include correspondence, memoranda, and notes; scripts; floor plans; drawings; news releases; photographs and a slide; pamphlets; and an illustration.

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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:

Agricultural machinery  
Agriculture -- History  
Bee culture  
Beehives  
Chemical industry  
Forest products  
Honeybee  
Museum curators  
Museum exhibits  
Museums -- Educational aspects  
Nuclear energy  
Production engineering

Types of Materials:

Black-and-white photographs  
Color transparencies  
Drawings  
Floor plans  
Illustrations  
Manuscripts  
Pamphlets

Names:

Arts and Industries Building (Washington, D.C.)  
Bishop, Philip W.  
Kendall, Edward C.  
Museum of History and Technology (U.S.). Division of Agriculture and Forest Products  
Museum of History and Technology (U.S.). Hall of Nuclear Energy  
National Museum of History and Technology (U.S.). Division of Agriculture and Mining  
National Museum of History and Technology (U.S.). Division of Manufacturing  
National Museum of History and Technology (U.S.). Hall of Agriculture  
National Museum of History and Technology (U.S.). Hall of Farm Machinery  
National Museum of History and Technology (U.S.). Hall of Forest Products  
Plastic as Plastic (Exhibition) (1969-1970: Washington, D.C.)  
Richards, Abraham  
Schlebecker, John T.  
Sharrer, G. Terry  
United States National Museum. Section of Agricultural Industries  
United States National Museum. Section of Chemical Industries  
Walther, Robert G.  
Wessel, Thomas R.

## Container Listing

### Box 1

Box 1 of 1	Exhibition Case of the Month, 1972, 1976
Box 1 of 1	Section of Chemical Industries Exhibition Planning
Box 1 of 1	<i>Plastic as Plastic</i> Exhibition, 1969-1970
Box 1 of 1	Hall of Nuclear Energy, 1963-1968
Box 1 of 1	Hall of Agriculture: Correspondence, 1963, 1975
Box 1 of 1	Hall of Agriculture: Scripts, 1969-1976
Box 1 of 1	Hall of Agriculture: Floor Plan
Box 1 of 1	Hall of Farm Machinery: African-Americans, 1968-1969
Box 1 of 1	Hall of Farm Machinery and Forest Products: Floor Plans
Box 1 of 1	Honeybee Exhibition: Correspondence, 1954-1977
Box 1 of 1	Honeybee Exhibition: Scripts, 1954-1978
Box 1 of 1	Honeybee Exhibition: Floor Plan, 1972
Box 1 of 1	Honeybee Exhibition: Press Releases, 1964-1978
Box 1 of 1	Honeybee Exhibition: Pamphlets, 1967, 1979
Box 1 of 1	Honeybee Exhibition: Photographs and Slide, 1926-1963, 1972
Box 1 of 1	Honeybee Illustration