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## Collection Overview

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## Administrative Information

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## Descriptive Entry

This accession consists of materials documenting the research and production of the exhibition "Magnificent Voyagers, United States Exploring Expedition, 1838-1842," curated by Herman J. Viola. Materials include research materials, funding proposals, contact sheets, speech notes, loan records, evaluations, committee materials, drafts of some chapters, and some oversize graphics.

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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:

Museum exhibits  
Natural history museums

### Types of Materials:

Drawings  
Manuscripts  
Posters

Names:

Magnificent Voyagers: The US Exploring Expedition, 1838-1842 (Exhibition). (1985-1986:  
Washington, D.C.)  
Viola, Herman J.

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