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Collection Overview

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Descriptive Entry

These records of special projects in the National Museum of History and Technology (NMHT), as well as throughout the Smithsonian, focus on several major activities, including the Computer History Project in cooperation with the American Federation of Information Processing Societies (AFIPS), the bicentennial celebration of James Smithson's birth, acquisition of a flag from each of the fifty states, and a proposed historic studies center. Records include press releases; audit reports; minutes of the Advisory Committee for the Computer History Project; memoranda and correspondence relating to the computer history exhibit, an oral history project on computer history; the role of the principal investigators in the AFIPS project; newspaper and magazine articles; photographs; correspondence with speakers, foreign and domestic invitees, charitable foundations, and the International Council of Museums for the Smithsonian bicentennial; correspondence with governors and other state executive officials concerning the states' flag project; proposed budgets, correspondence, copies of federal legislation, and proposal for a historic studies center in NMHT; correspondence and memoranda concerning the *Atoms for Peace* exhibit by the Atomic Energy Commission; correspondence, memoranda, magazine articles, and photographs relating to a McGraw-Hill publication editorial advocating a proposed national museum of engineering and industry; speech by Leonard Carmichael, news releases, correspondence, and memoranda concerning a National Conference of Business Paper Editors; and correspondence and teachers' guidebooks to various Smithsonian exhibit halls for the Washington Area School Study Council.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Historical museums
Museum exhibits
Museums -- Administration
Science museums

Types of Materials:

Black-and-white photographs
Books
Clippings
Manuscripts

Names:

American Federation of Information Processing Societies
Atoms for Peace (Exhibition)
Carmichael, Leonard, 1898-1973
International Council of Museums
McGraw-Hill Book Company
National Conference of Business Paper Editors
National Museum of History and Technology (U.S.). Computer History Project
National Museum of History and Technology (U.S.). Office of the Director
Smithson Bicentennial
U.S. Atomic Energy Commission
Washington Area School Study Council

Container Listing

Series 1: COMPUTER HISTORY PROJECT (AFIPS), 1967-1978.

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- Box 1 of 6 Folder 2 AFIPS Quarterly Report, 1971
- Box 1 of 6 Folder 3 AFIPS Quarterly Reports, 1972-1973
- Box 1 of 6 Folder 4 Computer Exhibit, 1968-1971
- Box 1 of 6 Folders 5-6 Computer History Project (AFIPS), 1967-1970. Includes background information on the joint project between the Smithsonian and the American Federation of Information Processing Societies

Box 2

- Box 2 of 6 Folders 1-6 Computer History Project (AFIPS), 1971-1978. Folder 2 includes an audit report by the Smithsonian's Office of Audits
- Box 2 of 6 Folder 7 Computer History Project (AFIPS) - Employment, 1970
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- Box 3 of 6 Folders 1-2 Computer History Project - C. Donald LaBudde, 1967-1970. Includes audit prepared by Christian Donald LaBudde
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- Box 6 of 6 Folder 5 National Conference of Business Paper Editors, 1954-1955
- Box 6 of 6 Folder 6 Teachers' Workshop, 1958-1960
- Box 6 of 6 Folder 7 Washington Area School Study Council, 1956-1958. Includes copies of "Teachers Guide to the Smithsonian Institution" for the following exhibits: Latin American Archeology, Industrial Revolution, Aircraft Textiles, Medical History, Iron and Steel, Clothing, Shelter, Agriculture, Land and Water Transportation, Everyday Life in Early America, Lower Invertebrates, Large American Mammals, and Aircraft Engines

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