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Collection Overview

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Administrative Information

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Historical Note

The Special Assistant to the Secretary for Bicentennial Planning was responsible for developing various aspects of the Smithsonian Institution's planning for the celebration of the Bicentennial of the American Revolution in 1976. For a full account of planning for the Bicentennial events, researchers should also consult the records of the Bicentennial Coordinator responsible for internal Smithsonian planning, Record Unit 337.

John J. Slocum was attached to the Office of the Secretary, but also reported on occasion to the Director of the National Museum of History and Technology since he was involved in procuring artifacts for use by the Museum in its exhibits. He was particularly involved in negotiations for a Pony Express first-day cover and for a Corliss steam engine, both of which the Museum wanted as features of its Bicentennial exhibitions. Slocum was also responsible for planning and leading a Smithsonian National Associates trip to Turkey during 1971, drawing on his earlier experience of the eastern Mediterranean in the American diplomatic service.

Descriptive Entry

These records consist of correspondence between Slocum and various persons and organizations he dealt with in carrying out his duties. They also document some of his personal interests, notably numismatics and the work of the English Speaking Union.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

American Revolution Bicentennial, 1776-1976
Museums -- Administration
Museums -- Public relations
Numismatics

Types of Materials:

Manuscripts

Names:

English Speaking Union
Slocum, John J.
Smithsonian Institution -- Administration
Smithsonian National Associate Regional Events Program

Container Listing

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Box 3 of 4 Pony Express

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Box 4

Box 4 of 4 "National Bicentennial Program," an NBC News Special Program, September 21, 1971, featuring President Nixon. 16mm film with audio track.