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Collection Overview

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Historical Note

The position of Deputy Director was created in 1971 when Director Michael Collins appointed Melvin B. Zisfein to the office. Zisfein, who was also Acting Director in 1978, served until 1981 when he left the museum. Walter J. Boyne was named Deputy Director in 1981 and held the office, along with that of Acting Director, until 1983, when he became Director. In 1983 Boyne chose Donald S. Lopez to be Deputy Director for Curatorial Sciences. In 1984 the title was shortened to Deputy Director. Lopez remained in the position until 1990 when he became Senior Adviser to the Director, Martin Harwit.

Descriptive Entry

These records consist of files of both Zisfein and Lopez as Deputy Director. Included are administrative subject files, chronological correspondence files, and files on Guggenheim fellowships, 1979-1986. Some correspondence was created by Toni E. Thomas, Special Assistant to Donald S. Lopez.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Aeronautical museums

Museums -- Administration

Types of Materials:

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Names:

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Lopez, Donald S., 1923-2008
Thomas, Antoinette E.
Zisfein, Melvin B.

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