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## Collection Overview

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<b>Title:</b>	Production Records
<b>Identifier:</b>	Record Unit 586
<b>Date:</b>	<i>circa</i> 1963-1988
<b>Extent:</b>	7.5 cu. ft. (7 record storage boxes) (1 document box)
<b>Creator::</b>	Smithsonian Institution. Office of Telecommunications
<b>Language:</b>	Language of Materials: English

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## Administrative Information

### Preferred Citation

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## Historical Note

The Office of Telecommunications (OTC) was established on August 15, 1976, as a separate unit reporting directly to the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public Service. Prior to the creation of OTC, coordination of Smithsonian telecommunication activities was a function of the Smithsonian Museum Service, 1958-1965; the Office of Public Information, 1965-1967; and the Office of Public Affairs, 1967-1976. OTC develops ideas for the production of programs and broadcast series for public and commercial television and radio, films, and related visual and audio materials, which bring a better understanding of the Smithsonian to American and foreign audiences. OTC is also the contact point for all interested outside producers of telecommunications projects relating to all Smithsonian bureaus. OTC broadcast series have included Radio Smithsonian, a national, weekly radio program providing information about the multi-disciplinary activities of the Institution which was in production from 1969 to 1990; Smithsonian Galaxy, a series of short radio features highlighting the work of Smithsonian curators, scientists, and researchers broadcast from 1979 to 1987; and Here at the Smithsonian, a series of short features for television, produced from 1982 to 1989. In addition, OTC produces films of special events of the Institution; provides archival recordings of conferences, symposia, and other programs; and produces films for Smithsonian exhibitions. Nazaret Cherkezian was appointed Director of OTC in 1976. He retired in 1986 and was replaced by Assistant Director Paul B. Johnson who served as Acting Director, 1986-1988, and Director, 1988-2002.

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## Descriptive Entry

These records primarily document the activities of OTC under Director Nazaret Cherkezian. A small amount of records were created by Paul B. Johnson. There are also a few records created by OTC's

predecessor offices. The records include correspondence, memoranda, proposals, contracts, budgets, reports, newspaper clippings, press releases, scripts, and related materials concerning OTC radio broadcasts Radio Smithsonian and Smithsonian Galaxy; television and film productions, especially "Smithsonian World" and the Emmy award-winning "The Smithsonian Institution with S. Dillon Ripley, Secretary;" production planning; facilities and equipment, including the construction of the OTC studio in the National Museum of History and Technology; and administrative records.

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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:

- Contracts
- Documentary films
- Documentary television programs
- Intellectual property
- Motion pictures -- Production and direction
- Radio programs
- Television -- Production and direction

### Types of Materials:

- Clippings
- Manuscripts

### Names:

- Cherkezian, Nazaret
- Johnson, Paul B.
- National Museum of History and Technology (U.S.)
- Smithsonian Institution. Assistant Secretary for Public Service
- Smithsonian Institution. Office of Public Affairs
- Smithsonian Institution. Office of Public Information
- Smithsonian Museum Service

### Preferred Titles:

- Here at the Smithsonian (Television program)*
- Leaf Thieves (Motion picture : 1963)*
- Mirrors on the Universe: The MMT story (Motion picture : 1979)*
- Radio Smithsonian (Radio program)*
- Reunions: Memories of an American Experience (Documentary film : 1979)*
- Sense of Discovery, The National Collection of Fine Arts (Motion picture : 1980)*
- Smithsonian Galaxy (Radio program)*
- Smithsonian Institution with S. Dillon Ripley, Secretary (Television program)*
- Smithsonian World (Television program : 1984-1991)*
- Yorktown (Motion picture : 1982)*

## Container Listing

### Box 1

Box 1 of 8                    Action for Children's TV

Box 1 of 8                    Agency for Instructional TV

Box 1 of 8                    Budget Submission, FY 1983

Box 1 of 8                    Eastern Educational Network

Box 1 of 8                    Festival of India, 1985

Box 1 of 8                    German TV Film on Museums, 1981

Box 1 of 8                    Grand Alliance

Box 1 of 8                    Ghosts of Forever - Bradbury

Box 1 of 8                    Excomm, 1976

Box 1 of 8                    Iguana

Box 1 of 8                    MMT Update

Box 1 of 8                    Modern Talking Pictures

Box 1 of 8                    National Video Co.

Box 1 of 8                    National Audio-Visual Center: Films etc.

Box 1 of 8                    Alliance - National Geographic Society

Box 1 of 8                    National Portrait Gallery/NCFA

Box 1 of 8                    National Public Radio

Box 1 of 8                    Nation of Nations

Box 1 of 8                    National Associates

Box 1 of 8                    (National Museum of American Art) A Sense of Discovery

Box 1 of 8                    Narrowcast Service

Box 1 of 8                    Revision of SI Yesterday and Today

### Box 2

Box 2 of 8	American Musical Theater
Box 2 of 8	Antro. Film - Ghana
Box 2 of 8	Appalachian Comm. Ser. Net.
Box 2 of 8	Ask Wash/US Chamber of Commerce
Box 2 of 8	Associates
Box 2 of 8	Atlantic Dateline
Box 2 of 8	Bayer, Wolfgang Productions
Box 2 of 8	American Association of Museums
Box 2 of 8	BBC
Box 2 of 8	Cable TV
Box 2 of 8	Cable & Video Survey
Box 2 of 8	1876 Centennial
Box 2 of 8	Cowpens
Box 2 of 8	Community Gardens: Urban Open
Box 2 of 8	De Guzman, Michael
Box 2 of 8	Dickerson, Nancy
Box 2 of 8	Encyclopaedia Brittanica
Box 2 of 8	DuArt Film Lab
Box 2 of 8	Release Forms
Box 2 of 8	Futures Film
Box 2 of 8	Cold Storage Facility Survey, 1982
Box 2 of 8	Mini Prod.
Box 2 of 8	Iguana Film Outlines
Box 2 of 8	MAH Const.
Box 2 of 8	NASM
Box 2 of 8	Friends of the National Zoo - NVETA

Box 2 of 8                      Handicapped Project  
Box 2 of 8                      Hirshhorn Museum  
Box 2 of 8                      Images of America  
Box 2 of 8                      Iselin, Jay  
Box 2 of 8                      Life on a Silken Thread  
Box 2 of 8                      Magnetix  
Box 2 of 8                      Mgmt. Of Federal A/V  
Box 2 of 8                      MHT Studio Feasibility Study  
Box 2 of 8                      National Endowment for the Arts  
Box 2 of 8                      Operating Procedures for Production  
Box 2 of 8                      On the Side of Life  
Box 2 of 8                      Orientation Slide Show  
Box 2 of 8                      PBS General

Box 3

Box 3 of 8                      Performing Arts  
Box 3 of 8                      Personal Release Form  
Box 3 of 8                      Producers  
Box 3 of 8                      Prod. Services  
Box 3 of 8                      R. Smith/Info.  
Box 3 of 8                      R. Smith. Distribution  
Box 3 of 8                      R. Smith.  
Box 3 of 8                      Renwick Museum Program  
Box 3 of 8                      Rogers & Cowan  
Box 3 of 8                      Ripley's Speakers Film  
Box 3 of 8                      Rohm & Haas File  
Box 3 of 8                      Req. in Addition to Material Used for Excomm. Meeting, 1979

Box 3 of 8 Chron File, 1987  
Box 3 of 8 Reading File, 1987  
Box 3 of 8 TV Stations List  
Box 3 of 8 TV Spots  
Box 3 of 8 Top Premiere  
Box 3 of 8 (Warner Amer. Cable QUBE)  
Box 3 of 8 Geo. Wash.  
Box 3 of 8 Wells Fargo  
Box 3 of 8 "What in the World," 1976-1977  
Box 3 of 8 Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars  
Box 3 of 8 WRC - TV Film for Young People  
Box 3 of 8 Zoo  
Box 3 of 8 Wolper - Gen.  
Box 3 of 8 Yorktown - Premiere Press  
Box 3 of 8 Wolper Prod.  
Box 3 of 8 Yorktown

Box 4

Box 4 of 8 Radio Smithsonian  
Box 4 of 8 Inactive Smith. World II, 1976-1977, and III, 1977-1982  
Box 4 of 8 Smithsonian Year  
Box 4 of 8 Stovall, Lou Film  
Box 4 of 8 Taft Broadcasting  
Box 4 of 8 The Leaf Thieves, 1963-1964  
Box 4 of 8 "The Messengers" TV Project  
Box 4 of 8 "The Wavertree" Yellow Brick  
Box 4 of 8 Telecommunication Activities



Box 4 of 8                      Telecommunication General

Box 5

Box 5 of 8                      Smithsonian Institution with S. Dillon Ripley, 1976

Box 5 of 8                      American Treasure

Box 5 of 8                      WEATA-Assorted

Box 5 of 8                      Tomorrow Enter.

Box 5 of 8                      James Monroe: The Man and the Doctrine

Box 5 of 8                      Sports

Box 5 of 8                      Systematics

Box 5 of 8                      Teleshow

Box 5 of 8                      The Collection of Dresses of the First Ladies

Box 5 of 8                      The Enormous Egg

Box 5 of 8                      The Flight of the Spirit of St. Louis and Friendship 7

Box 5 of 8                      The Leaf Thieves Spirit

Box 5 of 8                      The Secret of Life

Box 5 of 8                      The Smith. Whale

Box 5 of 8                      Yankee Inventors

Box 5 of 8                      Osteology

Box 5 of 8                      "Our Vanishing Land"

Box 5 of 8                      Politics

Box 5 of 8                      Physical Anthro.

Box 5 of 8                      Radiation

Box 5 of 8                      Folk Art

Box 5 of 8                      Loyalty

Box 5 of 8                      Meteorites

Box 5 of 8                      Smith. World Scripts

Box 5 of 8 Office of Public Affairs

Box 5 of 8 Ogilvy & Mather - Hershey

Box 5 of 8 Orchid & the Spear

Box 6

Box 6 of 8 Reports & Papers Oct/Cable

Box 6 of 8 Prime Time School Television

Box 6 of 8 Prod. Budgets

Box 6 of 8 Publications, 1974-1980

Box 6 of 8 Public Service Video Show

Box 6 of 8 Purcell - Aid

Box 6 of 8 Pyramid File, 1977

Box 6 of 8 Reunions: Memories of an Amer. Exper.

Box 6 of 8 Sense of Discovery

Box 6 of 8 Scriptorium - Michael Olmert

Box 6 of 8 Sites

Box 6 of 8 SITV Comm. On Expansion

Box 6 of 8 Smithsonian Council

Box 6 of 8 Smithsonian Galaxy: Materials for Info. & Distribution

Box 6 of 8 Hope Diamond

Box 7

Box 7 of 8 Flight Show

Box 7 of 8 Folk Life Festival

Box 7 of 8 Film Festivals & Awards, Prior to 1982

Box 7 of 8 Yorktown

Box 7 of 8 NMAA Scripts - A Sense of Discovery

Box 7 of 8 Lee Mendelson "Peanuts" Special

Box 7 of 8                      Smithsonian Galaxy Survey

Box 8

Box 8 of 8                      Scripts: On the Side of Life, The Museum that Loves A Mystery

Box 8 of 8                      Scripts for the Orchid & The Spear

Box 8 of 8                      The Smithsonian Institution with S. Dillon Ripley

Box 8 of 8                      Smithsonian World Scripts