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Historical Note

In 1985 the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Museums was created. The incumbent was responsible for the central planning, coordination, and oversight of the Institution's museums. He was also to advise the Secretary on all museum-related policies and programs and to serve as principal liaison between the Smithsonian and American and foreign museological organizations. Finally, he was to represent the Smithsonian in its dealing with federal agencies and foreign governments on museological matters. The first Assistant Secretary was Thomas L. Freudenheim, who served 1985-.

Descriptive Entry

These records document the development of the Office's mandate. There is extensive correspondence with Smithsonian bureaus and administrators, American and foreign government bodies at all levels, various learned societies, foundations, and other private organizations. The records also include correspondence of the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Museum Programs, chiefly on the part of Paul N. Perrot and William N. Richards, Jr., its Assistant Secretary and Acting Assistant Secretary, respectively.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Names:
Freudenheim, Tom L.
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