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## Collection Overview

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<b>Language:</b>	English

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## Administrative Information

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## Historical Note

Porter M. Kier (1927- ), an invertebrate paleontologist and museum administrator, received his Ph.D. degree from Cambridge University in 1954. He joined the staff of the United States National Museum in 1957 when he was appointed Associate Curator in the Department of Geology. In 1966, Kier was promoted to Curator in the Department of Paleobiology, National Museum of Natural History (NMNH), and from 1967 to 1972 served as Chairman of the Department. He was appointed Director of NMNH in 1973. Kier stepped down from administration in 1979 and resumed his research career as a Senior Scientist. He remained in the position until his retirement in 1985.

Kier was a leading authority on fossil and living echinoids. He served as President of the Paleontological Society of America (PSA), from 1971 to 1972, and as Editor of its publication, *Journal of Paleontology*, from 1965 to 1970.

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## Descriptive Entry

This collection consists of incoming and outgoing correspondence documenting Porter M. Kier's research and curatorial careers. The letters concern the identification, exchange, and acquisition of specimens; the publication of scientific papers; field work; and professional activities, especially his work for the PSA.

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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:

Geologists  
Geology  
Paleontologists  
Paleontology

Types of Materials:

Manuscripts

Names:

Kier, Porter M.  
National Museum of Natural History (U.S.). Department of Paleobiology  
Paleontological Society of America  
United States National Museum. Department of Geology  
University of Cambridge

## Container Listing

### Box 1

Box 1 of 5	Ab - Am, general
Box 1 of 5	An - Ay, general
Box 1 of 5	Ali, Mohamed Said Mohamed
Box 1 of 5	American Geological Institute
Box 1 of 5	Annual Reports
Box 1 of 5	Ba - Bassler, general
Box 1 of 5	Bau - Bea, general
Box 1 of 5	Bec - Bli, general
Box 1 of 5	Blo - Bo, general
Box 1 of 5	Bra - Broa, general
Box 1 of 5	Broc - Buz, general
Box 1 of 5	Batten, Roger L.
Box 1 of 5	Baum, Dr. Gerald R.
Box 1 of 5	Boucot, Arthur
Box 1 of 5	Bowers, Syd D.
Box 1 of 5	Brighton, A. G.
Box 1 of 5	Brower, Dr. James C.
Box 1 of 5	Brundage, Wally L.
Box 1 of 5	Burke, John J.
Box 1 of 5	Budget (1979-1985)
Box 1 of 5	Cal - Car, general
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Box 1 of 5	Cla - Col, general

Box 1 of 5	Com - Cow, general
Box 1 of 5	Cra - Cut, general
Box 1 of 5	Caster, Kenneth E.
Box 1 of 5	Chesher, Dr. Richard H.
Box 1 of 5	China
Box 1 of 5	Cuba
Box 1 of 5	Dal - Day, general
Box 1 of 5	Dea - Don, general
Box 1 of 5	Dor - Dye
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Box 2 of 5	Fisher, Donald W.
Box 2 of 5	Flower, Rousseau H.
Box 2 of 5	Furlan, Giovanni
Box 2 of 5	Gag - Gas, general
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Box 2 of 5 Graffham, Allen (Geological Enterprise)

Box 2 of 5 Haa - Har, general

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Box 2 of 5 Hec - Hes, general

Box 2 of 5 Het - Hon, general

Box 2 of 5 Hoo - Hup, general

Box 2 of 5 Horowitz, Alan

Box 2 of 5 Hughes, Christopher P.

Box 2 of 5 I - general

Box 2 of 5 J - general

Box 2 of 5 Jeffries, Dr. Richard P. S.

Box 2 of 5 Kae - Kew, general

Box 2 of 5 Kie - Kut, general

Box 2 of 5 Kesling, Robert V.

Box 2 of 5 Kier, Porter M. (U. S. Government)

Box 2 of 5 Kier, Porter M. (Personal)

Box 2 of 5 Kier, Porter M. (Miscellaneous Memos)

Box 2 of 5 Kier, Porter M. (Miscellaneous Correspondence)

Box 2 of 5 Kier, Porter M. (Travel Vouchers, Expenses, etc.)

Box 3

Box 3 of 5 Kugler, Hans

Box 3 of 5 Kummel, Bernhard B.

Box 3 of 5 LaC - Lap, general

Box 3 of 5 Lar - Lev, general

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Box 3 of 5	MacC - MacT, general
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Box 3 of 5 Office memos and announcements  
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Box 3 of 5 Pet - Plu, general  
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Box 4 of 5 Requisitions  
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Box 4 of 5 Roman, Jean  
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Box 4 of 5	Shaw, Alan B.
Box 4 of 5	Smith, Dr. Andrew
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Box 4 of 5	Strimple, Harrell L. (1975-1983)
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