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Timothy Leary Memorandum to the Supreme Court and related documents

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Summary

Creator: Leary, Timothy, 1920-1996

Title: Timothy Leary Memorandum to the Supreme Court and related documents

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Abstract: The Timothy Leary Memorandum to the Supreme Court and related documents contain a copy of a memorandum Leary submitted in 1970 to Justice William O. Douglas, known as the "Eagle Brief." The copy includes Leary's handwritten notes to his lawyer, Michael Kennedy. The collection also contains statements of support for Leary, including one by Allen Ginsberg; a statement of purpose for a legal defense corporation established for Leary, called Holding Together; a statement announcing Justice Douglas' decision; and a copy of a 1971 letter by the PEN American Center requesting that the Swiss government grant asylum to Leary.

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Names

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