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Guide to the

**David McAdams Africa collection**

1959-1970

Sc MG 143

## Summary

**Creator:** McAdams, David

**Title:** David McAdams Africa collection

**Date:** 1959-1970

**Size:** 0.42 linear feet (1 box)

**Source:** Provenance unknown; received in 1979.

**Revision History:** Finding aid updated by Lauren Stark.

**Abstract:** David McAdams was an African American former social worker who became director of the Ford Foundation's Institut Politique Congolais in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (formerly Zaire) in 1961, and later director of the Peace Corps in the Ivory Coast (1966). The David McAdams Africa collection primarily consists of printed material, reports, articles, news summaries, news clippings, and press releases, many of which are in French, on the former Republic of the Congo (formerly Zaire), the Ivory Coast, and Angola. Additionally there is some correspondence. Some papers relate to Patrice Lumumba and his organization, the Mouvement National Congolais, and others concern Moise Tshombe, the Katanga Secession, and the United Nations peacekeeping mission in the Republic of the Congo. The collection also contains materials on the early independence movement in Angola in the early 1960s; Portuguese colonialism; and various Angolan organizations in exile, including the General League of Angolan Workers, the National Liberation Front of Angola (FNLA), Roberto Holden's Government of the Republic of Angola in Exile, and the Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola (MPLA). Documents related to the Ivory Coast consist of vocational education materials, printed matter, and other training materials for a conference of regional Peace Corps directors held in Abidjan in 1967.

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**Language of the Material:** Multiple languages In English and French.

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## **Key Terms**

### **Geographic Names**

Africa -- Politics and government

Angola -- Politics and government -- 1961-1975

Congo (Democratic Republic) -- Politics and government

### **Subjects**

National liberation movements -- Angola

### **Names**

Lumumba, Patrice, 1925-1961

McAdams, David

Roberto, Holden

Tshombe, Moïse

General League of Angolan Workers

Institut politique congolais

Mouvement national congolais

Movimento Popular de Libertação de Angola

Peace Corps (U.S.). Africa Region

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- b. 1 f. 4 Lumumba, Patrice
- b. 1 f. 5 Printed matter

### Angola

- b. 1 f. 6 General League of Angolan Workers and other organizations
- b. 1 f. 7 Roberto Holden and FNLA (National Liberation Front of Angola)
- b. 1 f. 8-9 Peace Corps training program, Ivory Coast 1967-1968
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