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Guide to the

**Organization of Afro-American Unity (OAAU) collection**

1963-1965

Sc MG 752

## Summary

**Creator:** Organization of Afro-American Unity

**Title:** Organization of Afro-American Unity (OAAU) collection

**Date:** 1963-1965

**Size:** 0.21 linear feet (1 box)

**Source:** Purchase from Peter Bailey, December 2004.

**Abstract:** The Organization of Afro-American Unity (OAAU) was a Black nationalist organization launched by Malcolm X in 1964. The OAAU was a secular institution that sought to unify 22 million non-Muslim African Americans with the people of the African Continent. It was modeled after the Organization of African Unity (OAU), a coalition of 53 African nations working to provide a unified political voice for the continent. The collection includes various OAAU and Malcolm X-related documents, such as two statements issued by Malcolm X in Cairo, August 1964; a typed article that Malcolm X reportedly gave to Peter Bailey, editor of the OAAU newsletter *Blacklash*, at the Hotel Theresa the day before his assassination; and interview transcripts, press releases, and other printed matter. Also included are Bailey's holograph, "Thoughts Written down Immediately after Bro. Malcolm's Assassination"; a two-page statement by Ella Collins, President of OAAU, Inc., announcing "A ten year economic program based upon 360 degrees of knowledge" and the organization's new motto, "Black Ism" (1965); and writings by Carlos Moore and Lebert Bethune of the Afroamerican Committee in Paris about Malcolm X's banning by the French government and his subsequent assassination.

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## Key Terms

### Subjects

Black nationalism

### Names

Bailey, A. Peter

Moore, Carlos

X, Malcolm, 1925-1965

Organization of Afro-American Unity

## Container List

- b. 1 f. 1 Speeches and press releases 1964-1965  
Also includes some flyers and invitations.
- b. 1 f. 2 Carlos Moore on Malcolm X (from St. Clair Drake papers) undated
- b. 1 f. 3 *Transcript of American Experience* 1963 June 16
- b. 1 f. 4 Ella Collins (OAAU, Inc.)
- b. 1 f. 5 Printed matter (cartoon and article) on Malcolm X
- b. 1 f. 6 OAAU materials from Doxey Wilkerson 1964