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Guide to the James Earl Jones collection 1972-1973 Sc MG 330

Summary

Creator: Jones, James Earl

Title: James Earl Jones collection

Date: 1972-1973

Size: 0.21 linear feet (1 box)

Source: Gift of Marvin Rosen, July 1984.

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Abstract: James Earl Jones is an actor whose career spans more than seven decades. He has performed in numerous films, television productions, and theater productions. Some of the theater productions in which he has been featured include The Great White Hope and Fences (for which he received Tony Awards). He received an Academy Award nomination for the film version of The Great White Hope, and Emmy Awards for his roles in Heat Wave and Gabriel's Fire. This collection consists of correspondence between James Earl Jones and Errol John regarding a proposed film based on John Fuller's book The Interrupted Journey. The film was to follow Betty and Barney Hill's encounter with an UFO and their "abduction" by its inhabitants, as described in Fuller's book. Also included are a script for the film, an article, and Jones's notes for the film.

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Key Terms

Subjects African American actors

African Americans in the motion picture industry African Americans in the performing arts Unidentified flying objects in motion pictures

Names

Fuller, John G. (John Grant), 1913-1990 Hill, Barney, 1922-1969 Hill, Betty (Eunice) Jones, James Earl

Container List

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