Cruising (motion picture) Collection, 1979-1980 Coll2011.030*

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Abstract: Flyers, clippings, articles, correspondence, article draft, screenplay excerpts, news releases, photographs, production schedule, film publicity, and notes documenting controversy regarding the film Cruising (1980), a crime-drama that elicited opposition from gay and lesbian activists for its portrayal of homosexuality. The collection documents actions directed against the production and release of the film, as well as controversy within the gay and lesbian community over the issue of censorship.
creator: Stop the Movie Cruising.

Scope and Content
Flyers, clippings, articles, correspondence, article draft, screenplay excerpts, news releases, photographs, production schedule, and notes documenting controversy in regard to the production and release of the film Cruising, 1979-1980. The film, a crime-drama, elicited opposition from gay and lesbian activists for its portrayal of homosexuality and violence. The collection documents actions directed against the production and release of the film, as well as controversy within the gay and lesbian community over the issue of censorship. Much of the material was generated by two ad-hoc organizations: "Stop the Movie Cruising" and "People Concerned About the Movie Cruising."

Historical Note
In July of 1979 a writer for the Village Voice published excerpts from writer/director William Friedkin's screenplay for his film Cruising, which elicited strong reactions from gay activists, some of whom subsequently organized efforts to disrupt on-location shooting of the movie. Opposition centered on the film's portrayal of New York's gay men's leather bar scene. Gay and lesbian groups protesting the film's release included "Stop the Movie Cruising," based in San Francisco, and "People Concerned About the Movie Cruising" (Los Angeles). Actions intended to interfere with the production of the film--for example, through pressure on corporate sponsors--produced controversy within the gay community regarding the issue of censorship.

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