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Abstract: Correspondence, clippings, flyers, legal documents, book notes, organizational prospectus, notes, legal expense records, mailing lists, invoices, personal advertising inquiries, private periodicals (personal), photographs, and other material from Richard L. Schlegel, 1959-1972. Schlegel was a gay civil rights activist who pursued a wrongful termination suit against the Department of the Army to the Supreme Court. During the 1960s and early 1970s he also published two quarterly gay publications based in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
creator: Schlegel, Richard L.

Biographical Note
Richard L. Schlegel was a gay civil rights activist and publisher who pursued a wrongful termination suit against the Department of the Army to the Supreme Court. In addition, during the 1960s and early 1970s he published two gay quarterly publications based in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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Scope and Content
Correspondence, clippings, flyers, legal documents, book notes, organizational prospectus, notes, legal expense records, mailing lists, invoices, personal advertising inquiries, periodicals, photographs, and other material from gay activist and publisher Richard L. Schlegel, 1959-1972. Schlegel was a gay civil rights activist who pursued a wrongful termination suit (circa 1959) against the Department of the Army to the Supreme Court. During the 1960s and early 1970s, he published two mail-order gay quarterly publications: PACE, a Playboy-style magazine for gay and bisexual men, and Gay Male Swinger, “a vehicle for our gay correspondence club”) based in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The collection has two emphases: Schlegel v. United States, Schlegel's wrongful termination suit; and correspondence related to Schlegel's PACE and Gay Male Swinger. Three folders contain domestic and international correspondence largely concerned with personal advertisements to Gay Male Swinger.

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