Finding Aid to the Chief Dan Katchongva Collection MS.502

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Title: Chief Dan Katchongva Collection
Identifier/Call Number: MS.502
Contributing Institution: Autry National Center, Braun Research Library
Language of Material: English
Physical Description: 0.25 Linear feet (3 folders, 1 oversized folder)
Date (inclusive): 1970-1971
Abstract: Chief Dan Katchongva (1860-1972) was born in Old Oraibi, Arizona. He was a traditional leader and Hopi Chief at Hotevilla, Arizona. This collection consists of material primarily created between 1970-1971. They include photocopies of correspondence from Chief Dan Katchongva to tribal, church, and government leaders; press clippings; and posters related to unidentified flying object (UFO) sightings near Prescott, Arizona and its relation to a Hopi prophecy.
creator: Katchongva, Dan, Chief
Access
Collection is open for research. Appointments to view materials are required. To make an appointment please visit http://theautry.org/research/research-rules-and-application or contact library staff at rroom@theautry.org.
Biographical/Historical note
Chief Dan Katchongva, birth 1860 January 1 and death 1972 February 22, was born in Old Oraibi, Arizona. He was a traditional leader and Hopi Chief at Hotevilla, Arizona.
Scope and contents
This collections consists of photocopies of correspondence from Chief Dan Katchongva to tribal, church, and government leaders; press clippings; and posters. The press clippings and posters relate to unidentified flying object (UFO) sightings near Prescott, Arizona and its relation to a Hopi prophecy.
In the letters, Katchongva demands return of stolen lands, opposes the Hopi Tribal Council and the Peabody Coal Company, and describes true Hopi religion and warns of the “Great Day of Purification” coming soon. All letters written and signed via Katchongva’s secretary, Nonnie Skidmore.
Preferred citation
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Use
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Processing history
Related Archival Materials note
Subjects and Indexing Terms
Goldwater, Barry M. (Barry Morris), 1909-1998
Hermequaftewa, Andrew, d. 1961
Peabody Coal Company (Flagstaff, Ariz.).
Steiger, Sam, 1929-2012
United States. Indian Claims Commission.
Albuquerque Journal
Booklets
Clippings
Correspondence
Hopi Action News
Hopi Indians -- Land tenure
Hopi Indians -- Religion
Indian land transfers
Photocopies
Posters
Prescott (Ariz.)
Prescott Courier
Unidentified flying objects -- Folklore
Unidentified flying objects -- Religious aspects
Winslow (Ariz.)

Correspondence from Chief Katchongva to community and government leaders
1970-1971

Scope and contents
All correspondence in this folder are photocopies.

Folder 1
Mr. Cox, acting Commissioner Bureau of Indian Affairs 1970 December 27
Folder 1
Roger Morton, Department of Interior 1970 December 27
Folder 1
Frisco Johnson, Hopi Tribal Council 1970 December 29
Folder 1
Peter McDonald, Chairman Navajo Tribal Council 1970 December 30
Folder 1
John S. Boyden, attorney Hopi Tribal Council 1970 December 31
Folder 1
Joseph F. Smith, President Latter Day Saints 1971 January 5
creator: Smith, Joseph Fielding, 1876-1972
Folder 1
Richard Nixon, United States President 1971 January 5
Folder 1
David Kennedy, State Department Roving Ambassador 1971 January 6
Folder 1
Honorable Chairman Indian Claims Commissioner 1971 January 8
Folder 1
Councilman Honanie, Hopi Tribal Council 1971 January 10
Folder 1
J. Edgar Hoover 1971 January 11
Folder 1
J.C. Montford, Plant Manager, Peabody Coal Company 1971 January 14
Folder 1
Logan Kouppe, Hopi Tribal Council 1971 January 15
Folder 1
Senator Sam Stieger 1971 January 15
Folder 1
Senator Barry Goldwater 1971 January 16
Folder 1
Legrand Richards, Latter Day Saints 1971 January 20
Folder 1
Senator Wallace Bennett 1971 January 21
Folder 1
Oswald Wild Bear Fredericks, author 1971 January 22
Folder 1
Warren E. Burger, Chief Justice 1971 January 26
Folder 1
Abbott Secaquaptewa, editor of Hopi Action News 1971 January 26
Folder 1
Homer Gilliland, Superintendent Bureau of Indian Affairs 1971 January 27
Folder 1
Thomas Banyuca, Hopi "traitor" 1971 February 8
Folder 1
U. Thant, United Nations Secretary 1971 February 8
Folder 1
John Lansa 1971 March 3
Press Clippings and Ephemera
Access
An item-level inventory of the articles is available from library staff.
Location note
Posters and oversized articles located in "MS Oversized", Box 2.

Folder 2
Prescott Courier articles 1971 March-October
Location note
Articles from August 10, 12, 21 and September 17 in "MS Oversized", Box 2.
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**Hopi Action News articles 1970 September**
Location note
Article from September 17 in "MS Oversized", Box 2.

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**The New Mexican article 1970 October 11**
**Albuquerque Journal article 1970 October 10**
**Prescott Courier special edition issue 1971 Spring**
**Posters about Hopi prophecy and flying saucer meetings undated**
Location note
In "MS Oversized", Box 2.

Folder 3

**Thomas Banyacya reprinted letter 1970 June**
Scope and contents
Letter is addressed to "M. Muller-Fricken (White Star)" in Frankfurt Germany. The reprint was made in 1970. The original letter was created 1961 January 12 from the Independent Hopi Nation, Hotevilla, Arizona.