Descriptive Summary

Title: Jiro Onuma papers

Dates: 1904-1990

Collection Number: 2000-27

Creator/Collector:

Extent: 2 manuscript boxes

Repository: GLBT Historical Society
San Francisco, California 94103

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Language of Material: English

Access
Collection is open for research.

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Acquisition Information

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Indexing Terms
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