Inventory of the Forrest Ralph Pitts papers

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Abstract: Correspondence, reports, notes, and slides relating to the population of Okinawa and to social and economic conditions on Okinawa in the post-World War II period.
Physical Location: Hoover Institution Archives
Creator: Pitts, Forrest Ralph, 1924-
Access
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Biographical Note
Pitts served in the US Navy during World War II. He received a BA in oriental languages and literature, an MA in Far Eastern studies, and a PhD in geography, all from the University of Michigan. For many years, he was the executive director of the International Geographical Union Commission on Quantitative Methods and editor of Korean Studies. He eventually became emeritus professor of the geography department at the University of Hawaii at Manoa.
Pitts was best known for developing formal quantitative approaches in geography, spatial diffusion, simulation modeling, and the use of computers in geographic research. His research was marked by extensive fieldwork in Okinawa, Japan, and Korea.
Scope and Content of Collection
The collection includes Postwar Okinawa, a 1955 anthropological study by the Pacific Science Board and the National Research Council to which Pitts contributed chapters on geography, agricultural history, rural economy, and population issues. In addition to correspondence related to the report, the collection also includes 1,400 Kodachrome slides that document the Ryukyu Islands before US military bases were constructed there seventy years ago.
Subjects and Indexing Terms
Okinawa Island (Japan)--Economic conditions.
Okinawa Island (Japan)--Pictorial works.
Okinawa Island (Japan)--Population.
Okinawa Island (Japan)--Social conditions.
Slides (Photography).

Box/Folder 1 : 1
Pacific Science Board 1953-1954
Scope and Contents note
Correspondence, field notes, and first drafts generated by the Suttles, Pitts and Lebra
Okinawa field work

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