Guide to the Orange County Group Documents on Gays and Homosexuality
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Historical Background
The Orange County Group was a Marxist-Leninist study group that formed within and eventually broke from the August 29th Movement (ATM), a Chicano communist organization that took its name from the historic August 29, 1970 Chicano Moratorium demonstration against the Vietnam War in Los Angeles, California. According to Orange County Group documents, the group decided to break its ties with the ATM when "ATM directed the leader of our study group to expel the gay comrades in our group." The group's writings argued for the removal of existing negative attitude towards gay issues in the Marxist-Leninist movement.
Scope and Content Summary
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Arrangement
This collection is not arranged.
Subjects and Indexing Terms
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