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Abstract: The Cuban Revolution originated with discontent over the repressive regime of Fulgencio Batista, who sought greater popularity by staging rigged elections in 1954 and 1958. In 1953, student revolutionary Fidel Castro led an attack on a military base. Preparing a major guerilla assault while in Mexico, Castro returned to Cuba in December 1956, and after initial failures retreated to the Sierra Maestra. Over the next months, anti-Batista feeling grew, and after a series of battles, Castro's forces took Santiago on January 2, 1959, and ended the war. The first Soviet trade agreement in 1960 and Castro's seizure of foreign oil company investments slowly drove the U.S. and Cuba apart, leading up to the failed U.S. Bay of Pigs invasion (1961) and the Cuban Missile Crisis (1962). The collection consists of transcripts of radio broadcasts made by Fidel Castro, Carlos Rafael, and other Cuban leaders (1963-64), Cuban, Russian and Brazilian newspapers and pamphlets related to the Cuban Revolution, as well as some Cuban exile literature.
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Scope and Content
Collection consists of transcripts of radio broadcasts made by Fidel Castro, Carlos Rafael, and other Cuban leaders (1963-64). Also contains Cuban, Russian and Brazilian newspapers and pamphlets related to the Cuban Revolution, as well as some Cuban exile literature.

Organization and Arrangement
Arranged in the following series:
1. Transcripts of radio broadcasts, 1963-64 (Boxes 1-3).
2. Cuban pamphlets--Fidel Castro’s speeches (Box 3).
3. Cuban exile bulletins, newspapers, and pamphlets (Boxes 3-4).
4. Cuban, Russian, and Brazilian newspapers (Oversize box 4).

Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library’s online public access catalog.
Castro, Fidel, 1926-.  
Cuba--History--Revolution, 1959--Archival resources.  
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Box 1
Radio broadcast - transcripts.
Box 1
Castro and Carlos Rafael talks, 1963.
Box 2
Box 3
Broadcasts and miscellaneous publications.
Box 3, Folder 1
Radio broadcast - transcript, December 1963.
Box 3, Folder 2
Cuban pamphlets - Fidel Castro’s speeches.
Box 3, Folders 3-5
Miscellaneous exile literature - newspapers, bulletins, etc.
Box 4
Brazilian newspaper supplement - O Globo, January 19, 1962.

Physical Description: (2 copies)

Box 4
Russian newspapers re Castro’s trip to USSR, April 1963.

Physical Description: (3 issues)

Box 4
Miscellaneous Cuban newspapers, v.d.

Physical Description: (8 issues)

Box 4
Cuban exile publications - pamphlets, newspapers, etc., v.d.

Physical Description: (80 issues)