Finding Aid for the Western Behavioral Sciences Institute Records LSC.0615

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Abstract: Western Behavioral Sciences Institute (WBSI) was founded in 1958 in La Jolla, California by Richard Farson, Wayman Crow and Paul Lloyd as an independent, nonprofit organization devoted to research, education and advanced study in human affairs. Collection consists of correspondence, office management files, proposals and grant applications, contractor files, trustees' minutes, teaching materials, publicity files, reports, newsletters, conference schedules and literature, photographs of symposium organizers and participants, audiocassette tapes of lectures and seminars, and videotapes of WBSI publicity and documentaries.

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Preferred Citation

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

Transferred by UCSD Mandeville Special Collections Library, circa 1998.

Custodial History

This collection was previously acquired from the Western Behavioral Sciences Institute by the UCSD Mandeville Special Collections Library in 1992.

Processing Information

Processed by Russell Johnson, 2003. Files were received in good order, and no re-organization was undertaken. Most individual file folders were labeled by the record creators with (1) a brief code indicating the content's format, agency, or project, and (2) title. The files were minimally processed. Contents were re-foldered and relabeled with the brief code (serving as a "series" indicator) and folder title; the date or date range of a folder's content was not determined.

Box labels constructed by UCSD were transcribed into the container list, for example:


Line 1 ("MSS 226 / MSS 1992.27 (179)/") = UCSD collection number / annual accession number Line 2 ("WBSI Records") = UCSD collection title Line 3 ("19-B-5") = unknown; perhaps shelving location? Line 4 ("Corr: A-Army") = Box contents' series and range of label titles Line 5 ("[Box] 1") = UCSD carton number; the word "Box" supplied by UCLA

Folder "series" and titles were transcribed in upper- and lower-case according to appearance on folder labels.

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Biographical / Historical

Western Behavioral Sciences Institute (WBSI) was founded in 1958 in La Jolla, California by Richard Farson, Wayman Crow and Paul Lloyd as an independent, nonprofit organization devoted to research, education and advanced study in human affairs. Its early work included group encounter sessions involving psychologists such as Carl Rogers. From 1981-1991, WBSI's School of Management and Strategic Studies (SMSS; later the International Executive Forum, IEF and the International Leadership Forum, ILF) pioneered the use of teleconferencing and computer conferencing in leadership development, policy formation, education, health, social welfare and the formation of global communities of influence.

Scope and Contents
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Western Behavioral Sciences Institute -- Archives