Guide to the Perry Adams Papers

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Abstract: Files relating to Isla Vista organizations and issues; correspondence (1980) and typescript draft of Adams’ unpublished study Murder from Within, co-authored with Fred T. Newcomb, alleging the JFK assassination was engineered by the U.S. Secret Service; and scattered issues of newspapers, mainly of Isla Vista, Santa Barbara, and California alternative press.
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Acquisition Information

Biography
Horace Perry Adams was born in Covina, California on December 18, 1938. After briefly attending the University of Buffalo in New York, he enlisted in the Army and served in Europe during the 1950s. While in France, he met his wife, Bonnie. They returned to California to be married, and Adams studied Political Science at San Jose State College. In 1965, the couple moved to Goleta, California, and soon Adams was working at the University of California Santa Barbara's Davidson Library, where he would remain for the next 29 years. In the late 1960s and early 1970s, he collaborated with Fred T. Newcomb on a book detailing their theories about the Kennedy assassination. Although the work would ultimately fail to find a publisher, the manuscript was widely circulated among conspiracy theorists, and he and Newcomb appeared in a segment on the NBC TV news magazine Inside Report in 1990. Perry Adams retired from the library in the spring of 1996 after being diagnosed with cancer. He died at his home in Goleta on March 13, 1997.

Arrangement
The collection contains:

Isla Vista Files. Mainly relating to Isla Vista organizations such as the Isla Vista Community Service Center (IVCSC). Printed reports and other publications have been removed and cataloged separately. More extensive files relating to these organizations are located in the Isla Vista Archives (SBHC Mss 41).

Murder from Within. Correspondence (1980) and typescript draft of Adams' unpublished study, co-authored with Fred T. Newcomb, which alleges that the assassination of President John F. Kennedy was engineered by the United States Secret Service.

Newspapers. Scattered issues, mainly of Isla Vista, Santa Barbara, and California alternative press titles.

Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

Adams, Perry
United States. Secret Service.

Isla Vista Files
Box 1
Box 1
Isla Vista Community Council - re incorporation, 1973
Box 1
Isla Vista Community Development Corporation - "The Isla Vista Adventure: A Commie-Tragedy," by Yoni [Harris], Sept. 1973
Box 1
Isla Vista Community Service Center (IVCSC) - Board of Directors files, 1971-1973
Box 1
Isla Vista Recreation and Park District - Board of Directors and other files, ca. 1972-1973
Box 1
"NLF: Ten Years," 1970
Box 1
Patriot Party, 1969
Box 1
Box 1
Miscellany - incl. national reports on bank burning, ca. 1970-1972

Murder from Within
Additional Note
Correspondence (Oct. 1980) and typescript draft of Adams' unpublished study, co-authored with Fred T. Newcomb, which alleges that the assassination of President John F. Kennedy was engineered by the United States Secret Service.

Newspapers
Additional Note
Scattered issues, mainly of Isla Vista, Santa Barbara, and California alternative press titles. Some items have been incorporated into cataloged titles, mainly the Isla Vista Town Crier.

Box 2
Arts in Progress (literary supplement of the Isla Vista Town Crier), 1974
Box 2
CHPAOC [Chicano Political Action Organizing Committee] (Santa Barbara, CA), 1972
Box 2
Cherokee Examiner (South Pasadena, CA), 1969
Box 2  Christian News-American (Santa Barbara, CA), 1968-1969
Box 2  Community Newsletter (Santa Barbara, CA), [1969]
Box 2  Electric Rainbow (Santa Barbara, CA), 1967
Box 2  I.V. Free Press (Isla Vista, CA), 1973
Box 2  The Initiative (Isla Vista, CA), 1971
Box 2  Isla Vista Quarterly (Isla Vista, CA), 1972
Box 2  The Movement [SNCC] (San Francisco, CA), 1967
Box 2  New Left Notes [SDS], (Chicago, IL), 1969
Box 2  Probe (UCSB), 1969 - incl. articles by Perry and Bonnie Adams; a longer run of this newspaper also is held by Special Collections and has been cataloged separately
Box 2  Rainbow People (Gresham, OR), ca. 1970
Box 2  Renaissance (Goleta, CA), 1970
Box 2  San Diego Door to Liberation (San Diego, CA)
Box 2  Santa Barbara Resistance Newsletter (Goleta, CA), 1968
Box 2  Santa Barbara Weakly Citizen Harold (Santa Barbara, CA), 1968