Jack Kerouac collection, 1950-1978

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Jack Kerouac collection, 1950-1978
Call Number: Manuscript Collection No. 1185
Extent: .75 linear feet (2 boxes)
Abstract: Collection of material related to poet Jack Kerouac including correspondence, a proof copy of "Zen for the West" with four handwritten poems by Kerouac, and the corrected typescript for Jack's Book: An Oral Biography of Jack Kerouac.
Language: Materials entirely in English.

Administrative Information

Restrictions on Access
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Jack Kerouac papers, New York Public Library.

Source
Purchase, 2011.

Citation
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Biographical Note

Scope and Content Note
The collection consists mostly of correspondence written by and received by Jack Kerouac from circa 1950-1959 as well as a corrected typescript of Jack's Book: An Oral Biography of Jack Kerouac. Correspondence includes letters from Kerouac to Neal Cassady (circa 1950), Kerouac to Gregory Corso (circa 1950), and Joyce Glassman to Kerouac (1957-1958). The collection also includes a proof copy of Sohaku Ogata's "Zen for the West" (1959), which has four handwritten poems by Kerouac inscribed in it.

Arrangement Note
Arranged by record type.
## Container List

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| 2   | 8      | Applications, Variety Players Troup (Lowell, Massachusetts), 1940  
Typescript applications with autograph responses include Jack Kerouac and six  
high-school friends who formed the Variety Players Group, a radio theater  
ensemble. Materials from accession 2016-12-14. |
| 2   | 7      | Correspondence, Kerouac to Leo Green, 1957-1958 |
| 1   | 1      | Correspondence, Kerouac to Neal Cassady, circa 1950 |
| 1   | 2      | Correspondence, Kerouac to Gregory Corso, circa 1950 |
| 2   | 6      | Correspondence, Kerouac (as Howard Malcolm-Marton) to Sebastian Sampas (as  
"the Inferior One"), 1940 |
| 2   | 9      | Correspondence, Neal Cassady to Kerouac, 1950 December 17  
A letter from Neal Cassady to Jack Kerouac known as the "Joan Anderson  
letter." |
| 1   | 3      | Correspondence, Joyce Glassman to Kerouac, 1957-1958 |
| 2   | 11     | Envelope, Allen Ginsberg to Neal Cassady, 1952 December 4 |
| 2   | 10     | Manuscript, annotated, *Dharma Bums*, undated |
| 1   | 4      | Ogata Sohaku, "Zen for the West" (1959), proof copy |
| 2   | 5      | Radioscript, *The Spirit of ’14*, circa 1941  
Typescript one-act play written by Jack Kerouac published in *Atop an  
Underwood: Early Stories and Other Writings*.