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Summary Information

Repository:	Rare Book and Manuscript Library
Creator:	Hawk, David R.
Title:	Cambodia witness exhibit materials
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Date [inclusive]:	1981-1987
Physical Description:	1 linear foot 52 Photographs, 1 Map, and 2 Files in 3 Oversized Boxes; Text Panels in 1 Oversized Box
Language of the Material:	English .
Abstract:	The collection includes 52 photographs and a map that were part of the Cambodia Witness Exhibit (1983). It also includes the exhibit brochure, catalog list, and a file on the exhibit from its coordinator, Joan Libby. The photographs were taken by David Hawk during two trips to Cambodia in March 1981 and April 1982. The exhibit includes images of the prison at Tuol Sleng, prisoners (from existing files), survivors, mass graves, and the destruction of temples and churches. The exhibit was curated by Joan Libby for Amnesty International (USA)

Preferred Citation

Identification of specific item; Date (if known); Amnesty International of the USA, Inc.: Cambodia Witness Exhibit, Box and Folder; Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Columbia University Library.

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Biographical / Historical

Amnesty International (AI), a non-governmental organization (NGO), was founded in 1961 to campaign for internationally recognized human rights. In its early years, the main focus of AI's campaigns was to free prisoners of conscience. Within a short time, its mandate expanded to include campaigning for prompt and fair trials for all political prisoners, to end extrajudicial

executions and disappearances, and to abolish the death penalty, torture and other cruel treatment or punishment. The organization also works to bring perpetrators of these abuses to justice in accordance with international standards.

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Biographical / Historical

Amnesty International of the USA, Inc. (AIUSA) is the United States section of Amnesty International. AIUSA was incorporated in 1966. The section is governed by a Board of Directors. The work of the section is carried out through the national office, regional offices, networks, country specialists (co-groups), student groups and local groups.

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Biographical / Historical

The photographs for the Cambodia Witness Exhibit were taken by David Hawk during two trips to Cambodia in March 1981 and April 1982. Hawk had worked on Cambodian relief and refugee issues while based in Bangkok, Thailand during 1980-1981. Hawk later became the Director of the Cambodian Documentation Commission in the mid-1980s and directed the Cambodia Office of the U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights in the 1990s. He has also been involved in other human rights issues.

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Biographical / Historical

The Cambodia Witness Exhibit was organized and sponsored by Amnesty International USA, of which David Hawk is a former executive director (1974-1978), and was first shown in Washington D.C. in April 1983.

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Summary

The bulk of the collection consists of both black & white and color photographs used in the Cambodia Witness Exhibit (1983).

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Summary

The first series contains two paper files of material related to the exhibit. The first file contains the exhibit brochure and the catalog list of exhibit materials. The catalog list includes a number, title and caption for all exhibit items, except for three "optional" photographs of executed prisoners and a map of Cambodia. The second file contains documentation on the exhibit kept by its coordinator, Joan Libby. Other files on the Cambodia Witness Exhibit may be found in other record groups of the archives of Amnesty International of the USA, Inc.

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Summary

The second series contains the exhibit material. The photographs are filed using the titles, numbers and original order described by the exhibit's catalog list. The three "optional" exhibit photographs and the map are filed last.

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Summary

The photographs document several subjects: Tuol Sleng (Images of the interior and exterior of the prison); prisoners (Images of entry photographs and of executed prisoners taken from existing records in Cambodia); survivors (Images include surviving prisoners, Buddhist monks and nuns, and Cham, an ethnic minority); mass graves and memorials (Images of sites at Cheung Ek, Tonle Bati, Ta Mon, and Siem Reap); and destroyed religious buildings (Images

are predominantly of destroyed Buddhist temples. There is one image of the site of a destroyed Catholic cathedral).

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Summary

The exhibit text panels will be scanned and copies included in the collection for use and reference.

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Arrangement

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Restrictions on Access

This collection is located on-site.

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This collection has no restrictions.

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

accn number: Source of acquisition--Joan Libby. Method of acquisition--Donation;; Date of acquisition--March 2007.

Ownership and Custodial History

The material was originally deposited at the University of Colorado at Boulder by Amnesty International USA's National Office in the 1990s. The material was deposited with the Rare Book and Manuscript Library at Columbia University in February 2006. The exhibit coordinator's file on the exhibit was donated to the library by Joan Libby in March 2007.

Processing Information

Papers processed Catherine N. Carson June 2007.

Accruals

Materials may have been added to the collection since this finding aid was prepared. Contact rbml@columbia.edu for more information.

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Related Materials

Related Materials

There is additional material related to David Hawk's work and the Cambodia Witness Exhibit in the Cambodia Documentation Commission Records, 1985-1990, held by Division of Rare and Manuscript Collections at Cornell University

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Controlled Access Headings

- Extrajudicial executions -- Cambodia
- Human rights -- Cambodia
- Mass burials -- Cambodia
- Memorials -- Cambodia
- Prisoners -- Cambodia
- Prisons -- Cambodia
- Cambodia -- History -- 1975-1979
- Cambodia -- Politics and government -- 1975-1979
- Photographic prints
- Hawk, David R.
- Libby, Joan
- Amnesty International USA
- Party of Democratic Kampuchea
- Tuol Sleng (Prison : Phnom Penh, Cambodia)

Collection Inventory

Series I: Files on the Exhibit, 1981-1987

Title/Description	Instances
Exhibit Brochure and Catalog List, 1983	box Flat Box 745 folder 1
Exhibit Coordinator's File on the Exhibit, 1981-1987	box Flat Box 745 folder 2

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Series II: Exhibit Materials, 1983

Title/Description	Instances
CAT #1--Angkor Wat	box Flat Box 746 folder 1
CAT #2--Cheung Ek Enclosure--Top Down View	box Flat Box 746 folder 2
CAT #3--Three Young Women	

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	box Flat Box 746	folder 3
CAT #4--Blindfolded Skulls	box Flat Box 746	folder 4
CAT #5--Entry Photo	box Flat Box 746	folder 5
CAT #6--Barbed Wire	box Flat Box 746	folder 6
CAT #7--Tuol Sleng Exterior	box Flat Box 746	folder 7
CAT #8--Photograph of Painting	box Flat Box 746	folder 8
CAT #9--Entry Photo	box Flat Box 746	folder 9
CAT #10--Body on Stretcher	box Flat Box 745	folder 3
CAT #11--Tuol Sleng Hallway	box Flat Box 745	folder 4
CAT #12--Tuol Sleng Interior	box Flat Box 746	folder 10
CAT #13--Leg Irons	box Flat Box 745	folder 5
CAT #14--Cell Interior	box Flat Box 745	folder 6
CAT #15--Interrogation Room	box Flat Box 746	folder 11
CAT #16--Executed Prisoner	box Flat Box 745	folder 7
CAT #17--Mr. Ung Pech	box Flat Box 746	folder 12
CAT #18--Documents	box Flat Box 745	folder 8
CAT #19--Executed Prisoner 24-9-77	box Flat Box 745	folder 9
CAT #20--Executed Prisoner 11-10-77	box Flat Box 745	folder 10
CAT #21--Tonle Bati Mass Grave	box Flat Box 746	folder 13
CAT #22--Tonle Bati Detail	box Flat Box 746	folder 14
CAT #23--Mr. Mom Chhot		

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	box Flat Box 745	folder 11
CAT #24--Tonle Bati, 1982	box Flat Box 746	folder 15
CAT #25--Cheung Ek Grave Pits	box Flat Box 746	folder 16
CAT #26--Cheung Ek, 1982	box Flat Box 746	folder 17
CAT #27--Cheung Ek Enclosure	box Flat Box 746	folder 18
CAT #28--Ta Mon Mass Grave	box Flat Box 746	folder 19
CAT #29--Mrs. Ieng Sopheong Survivor	box Flat Box 745	folder 12
CAT #30--Kampot Grave	box Flat Box 747	folder 1
CAT #31--Siem Reap Mass Grave	box Flat Box 747	folder 2
CAT #32--Cham Survivors	box Flat Box 747	folder 3
CAT #33--Buddhist Survivors	box Flat Box 747	folder 4
CAT #34--Ampil Bey Destroyed Temple	box Flat Box 747	folder 5
CAT #35--Monks Quarters Destroyed	box Flat Box 747	folder 6
CAT #36--Catholic Cathedral Site	box Flat Box 745	folder 13
CAT #37--Cham Survivors Seated	box Flat Box 747	folder 7
CAT #38--Destroyed Temple Takeo	box Flat Box 747	folder 8
CAT #39--Destroyed Library	box Flat Box 747	folder 9
CAT #40--Monk and Buddha Head	box Flat Box 745	folder 14
CAT #41--Buddha Head	box Flat Box 747	folder 10
CAT #42--Tep Rang Sey Temple/Warehouse	box Flat Box 747	folder 11
CAT #43--Pichey Udong Temple/Destroyed		

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	box Flat Box 745	folder 15
CAT #44--Mr. Heng Chor and Family	box Flat Box 747	folder 12
CAT #45--Buddhist Nuns	box Flat Box 747	folder 13
CAT #46--Tuol Sleng	box Flat Box 747	folder 14
CAT #47--Prisoner Photos on Wall Tuol Sleng	box Flat Box 747	folder 15
CAT #48--Cheung Ek Enclosure/Skulls	box Flat Box 747	folder 16
CAT #49--Tonle Bati, 1982	box Flat Box 747	folder 17
Optional Exhibit Photograph--Executed Prisoner	box Flat Box 747	folder 18
Optional Exhibit Photograph--Executed Prisoner	box Flat Box 745	folder 16-17
Map--Vietnam; Laos and Cambodia Scope and Contents (This map was framed over a duplicate copy of an exhibit photograph. It is not listed in the Catalog List.)	box Flat Box 747	folder 19
Exhibit Text Panels	box 4	

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