

Transcripts and Photographs from the John Peter Collection



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Collection Summary

Title: Transcripts and Photographs from the John Peter Collection

Span Dates: circa 1951-1995, and undated

Creator: Peter, John, 1917-1998

Extent: 9.2 linear feet (15 boxes, approximately 5,250 items)

Language: Collection materials are in English

Location: Recorded Sound Research Center, National Audio-Visual Conservation Center, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

LC Catalog record: <https://lccn.loc.gov/2008647466>

Summary: Photographs and audiotape transcripts used by John Peter in his books on 20th-century architects.

Location: RPA 00179-00188 (boxes 1-10); RPB 00001-00005 (boxes 11-15)

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

People

Fuller, R. Buckminster (Richard Buckminster), 1895-1983--Interviews.

Gropius, Walter, 1883-1969--Photographs.

Johnson, Philip, 1906-2005--Interviews.

Johnson, Philip, 1906-2005--Photographs.

Kahn, Louis I., 1901-1974--Photographs.

Le Corbusier, 1887-1965--Interviews.

Le Corbusier, 1887-1965--Photographs.

Mies van der Rohe, Ludwig, 1886-1969--Interviews.

Mies van der Rohe, Ludwig, 1886-1969--Photographs.

Neutra, Richard Joseph, 1892-1970--Interviews.

Pei, I. M., 1917-2019--Photographs.

Peter, John, 1917-1998--Photographs.

Peter, John, 1917-1998.

Saarinen, Eero, 1910-1961--Photographs.

Wright, Frank Lloyd, 1867-1959--Interviews.

Yamasaki, Minoru, 1912- --Interviews.

Yamasaki, Minoru, 1912- --Photographs.

Organizations

John Peter Collection (Library of Congress) DLC

Subjects

Architecture, Modern--20th century.

Form/Genre

Negatives.

Photographic prints.

Photographs.

Transcripts.

Occupations

Architects--Interviews.

Architects--Photographs.

Provenance

Deposit; acquired from Molly Peter in 2000.

Accruals

No further accruals are expected.

Processing History

Processed by Karen Fishman in 2006.

Copyright Status

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Access and Restrictions

The Transcripts and Photographs from the John Peter Collection are open to research.

Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: [Container number, eg., Box 3], Transcripts and Photographs from the John Peter Collection, National Audio-Visual Conservation Center, Library of Congress.

Biographical Note

John Peter (1917-1998) was the modern living editor at *Look* and *Life* magazines and a radio and television reporter for CBS and NBC. For many years he was head of his own publications consulting firm in New York City, with clients in the United States and Europe.

Tapes and photographs included in the John Peter Collection were used for his book, *The Oral History of Modern Architecture: Interviews with the Greatest Architects of the Twentieth Century*, published in 1994. Photos were also used in his *Masters of Modern Architecture*, 1958. Other books by Peter include *What Time Is It*, 1954; *Aluminum in Modern Architecture*, 1956; *Aluminum in Modern Architecture '58*; *Aluminum in Modern Architecture '60*; and *Design with Glass*, 1964. His children's books include *McCall's Giant Golden Make-it Book*, 1953; *McCall's Giant Golden Make-it Book*, 1961; *McCall's Golden Make-it Book*, 1968; and *My Clock Book*, 1954.

Scope and Content Note

Consists of interview transcripts and photographs used by John Peter in his books on 20th-century architects. Architects who are particularly well represented in these materials include Buckminster Fuller, Walter Gropius, Philip Johnson, Louis Kahn, Le Corbusier, Ludwig Mies van der Rohe, Richard Neutra, I.M. Pei, Eero Saarinen, Minoru Yamasaki, and Frank Lloyd Wright.

In addition to the transcripts and photographs, the larger John Peter Collection contains 164 ten-inch sound tape reels, 279 seven-inch sound tape reels, and 168 sound cassettes, along with 12 personal cassettes and 3 personal seven-inch reels.

Arrangement

The materials are arranged in 2 series:

- Series 1: Transcripts, circa 1951-1995, and undated
- Series 2: Photographs, undated

Description of Series

Container

Series

Series 1. Transcripts, circa 1951-1995, and undated

Transcripts of taped interviews conducted by John Peter for his books on 20th-century architects.

Transcripts are arranged alphabetically by name of the architect interviewed.

Series 2. Photographs, undated

Photographic prints and negatives of modern architects and some of the structures designed by them.

Photographs are arranged by format and size. Thereunder, they are arranged alphabetically by name of architect, followed by structures.

Photographic prints, 8 x 10 inches and smaller

Photographic prints, 11 x 14 inches and smaller

Negatives, small format

Negatives, 8 x 10 inches and smaller

Negatives, 11 x 14 inches

Container List

Container	Contents
	Series 1. Transcripts, circa 1951-1995, and undated
	9 boxes
	RPA 00179-RPA 00187 (box 1-9)
	Transcripts of taped interviews conducted by John Peter for his books on 20th-century architects.
	Transcripts are arranged alphabetically by name of the architect interviewed.
BOX 1 FOLDER 1	Aalto, Alvar
BOX 1 FOLDER 2	Alexander, Robert E.
BOX 1 FOLDER 3	Barthelme, Donald E.
BOX 1 FOLDER 4	Becket, Welton
BOX 1 FOLDER 5	Beckett, William
BOX 1 FOLDER 6	Belluschi, Pietro
BOX 1 FOLDER 7	Bill, Max
BOX 1 FOLDER 8	Bratke, Oswaldo
BOX 1 FOLDER 9	Breuer, Marcel
BOX 1 FOLDER 10-11	Bunshaft, Gordon
BOX 1 FOLDER 12	Candela, Felix <i>See also O'Gorman, Juan</i>
BOX 1 FOLDER 13	Catalano, Eduardo
BOX 1 FOLDER 14	Ciampi, Mario
BOX 1-2	Contini, Edgardo
BOX 1 FOLDER 15-16	Contini transcripts (2 folders)
BOX 2 FOLDER 17	Contini transcripts (1 folder)
BOX 2 FOLDER 18	Dudok, Willem
BOX 2 FOLDER 19	Eames, Charles
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BOX 2 FOLDER 21-26	Fuller, R. Buckminster
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BOX 3 FOLDER 28	Goff, Bruce
BOX 3 FOLDER 29	Goodman, Charles
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BOX 3 FOLDER 32-33	Gruen, Victor
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BOX 3 FOLDER 35	Jacobsen, Arne
BOX 3 FOLDER 36-38	Johnson, Philip
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BOX 4 FOLDER 41	Koch, Carl
BOX 4 FOLDER 42	Kump, Ernest
BOX 4 FOLDER 43-45	Le Corbusier
BOX 4 FOLDER 46	Maekawa, Kunio

Series 1. Transcripts, circa 1951-1995, and undated

Container	Contents
BOX 5 FOLDER 47-49	Mies van der Rohe, Ludwig
BOX 5 FOLDER 50	Nervi, Pier Luigi
BOX 5 FOLDER 51-52	Neutra, Richard
BOX 5 FOLDER 53	Niemeyer, Oscar
BOX 5 FOLDER 54-55	Noyes, Eliot
BOX 5 FOLDER 56	O'Gorman, Juan, with brief comments by Felix Candela
BOX 5 FOLDER 57	Oud, J. J. P. (Jacobus Johannes Peter)
BOX 6 FOLDER 58-59	Pei, I. M.
BOX 6 FOLDER 60-61	Peressutti, Enrico with Ernesto Rogers
BOX 6 FOLDER 62	Ponti, Gio
BOX 6 FOLDER 63-64	Rado, L. L.
BOX 6 FOLDER 65-66	Rapson, Ralph
BOX 6 FOLDER 67-68	Raymond, Antonin
BOX 7 FOLDER 69	Reidy, Affonso Eduardo
BOX 7 FOLDER 70	Rex, John
BOX 7 FOLDER 71	Roberto, Marcelo
BOX 7 FOLDER 72	Roth, Alfred
BOX 7 FOLDER 73	Rudolph, Paul
BOX 7 FOLDER 74-75	Saarinen, Eero
BOX 7 FOLDER 76	Salvadori, Mario
BOX 7 FOLDER 77	Sanabria, Tomas Jose
BOX 7 FOLDER 78	Saughey, Marc-Joseph
BOX 8 FOLDER 79-80	Schweikher, Paul
BOX 8 FOLDER 81	Sert, Jose Luis
BOX 8 FOLDER 82	Steiner, Rudolph
BOX 8 FOLDER 83	Soriano, Raphael
BOX 8 FOLDER 84	Severud, Fred N.
BOX 8 FOLDER 85	Stone, Edward Durell
BOX 8 FOLDER 86	Tange, Kenzo
BOX 8 FOLDER 87	Villanueva, Carlos
BOX 8 FOLDER 88	Walker, Ralph
BOX 8 FOLDER 89	Weidlinger, Paul
BOX 8 FOLDER 90	Will, Philip
BOX 9 FOLDER 91-95	Wright, Frank Lloyd
BOX 9 FOLDER 96	Wurster, William
BOX 9 FOLDER 97-99	Yamasaki, Minoru
BOX 9 FOLDER 100	Yoshimura, Junzo
BOX 9 FOLDER 101	Zetlin, Lev

Series 2. Photographs, undated

6 boxes

RPA 00188; RPB 00001-RPB 00005 (box 10-15)

Photographic prints and negatives of modern architects and some of the structures designed by them.

Photographs are arranged by format and size. Thereunder, they are arranged alphabetically by name of architect, followed by structures.

Series 2. Photographs, undated

Container	Contents
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Photographic prints, 8 x 10 inches and smaller

BOX 10 FOLDER 102	Aalto, Alvar
BOX 10 FOLDER 103	Alexander, Robert E.
BOX 10 FOLDER 104	Barthelme, Donald E.
BOX 10 FOLDER 105	Becket, Welton
BOX 10 FOLDER 106	Bratke, Oswaldo
BOX 10 FOLDER 107	Belluschi, Pietro
BOX 10 FOLDER 108	Catalano, Eduardo
BOX 10 FOLDER 109	Ciampo, Mario
BOX 10 FOLDER 110	Ellwood, Craig
BOX 10 FOLDER 111	Fuller, R. Buckminster
BOX 10 FOLDER 112	Goodman, Charles
BOX 10 FOLDER 113	Gruen, Victor
BOX 10 FOLDER 114	Koch, Carl
BOX 10 FOLDER 115	Kump, Ernest
BOX 10 FOLDER 116	Nervi, Pier Luigi
BOX 10 FOLDER 117	Noyes, Eliot
BOX 10 FOLDER 118	Peressutti, Enrico
BOX 10 FOLDER 119	Rex, John
BOX 10 FOLDER 120	Salvadori, Mario
BOX 10 FOLDER 121	Severud, Fred
BOX 10 FOLDER 122	Soriano, Raphael
BOX 10 FOLDER 123	Walker, Ralph
BOX 10 FOLDER 124	Weidlinger, Paul
BOX 10 FOLDER 125	Will, Philip, Jr.
BOX 10 FOLDER 126	Wurster, William
BOX 10 FOLDER 127	Zetlin, Lev
BOX 10 FOLDER 128	USIS exhibit

Photographic prints, 11 x 14 inches and smaller

BOX 11 FOLDER 129	Bill, Max
BOX 11 FOLDER 130	Breur, Marcel
BOX 11 FOLDER 131	Bunshaft, Gordon
BOX 11 FOLDER 132	Burle Marx, Roberto
BOX 11 FOLDER 133	Candela, Felix
BOX 11 FOLDER 134	Contini, Edgardo
BOX 11 FOLDER 135	Dudok, Willem
BOX 11 FOLDER 136	Eames, Charles
BOX 11 FOLDER 137	Galia, José Miguel
BOX 11 FOLDER 138	Goff, Bruce
BOX 11 FOLDER 139	Gropius, Walter
BOX 11 FOLDER 140	Hentrich, Helmut
BOX 11 FOLDER 141	Jacobsen, Arne
BOX 11 FOLDER 142	Johnson, Philip
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BOX 11 FOLDER 145-146	Le Corbusier
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BOX 12 FOLDER 148-149	Mies van der Rohe, Ludwig
BOX 12 FOLDER 150	Neutra, Richard
BOX 12 FOLDER 151	Niemeyer, Oscar
BOX 12 FOLDER 152	O'Gorman, Juan
BOX 12 FOLDER 153	Oud, J. J. P.
BOX 12 FOLDER 154	Pei, I. M.
BOX 12 FOLDER 155	Prové, Jean
BOX 12 FOLDER 156	Rado, L. L.
BOX 12 FOLDER 157	Rapson, Ralph
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BOX 12 FOLDER 159	Reidy, Affonso
BOX 13 FOLDER 160	Roberto, Marcelo
BOX 13 FOLDER 161	Roche, Kevin
BOX 13 FOLDER 162	Rudolph, Paul
BOX 13 FOLDER 163	Saarinen, Eero
BOX 13 FOLDER 164	Sanabria, Tomas
BOX 13 FOLDER 165	Saugey, Marc
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BOX 13 FOLDER 167	Sert, Jose Luis
BOX 13 FOLDER 168	Stone, Edward Durrell
BOX 13 FOLDER 169	Tange, Kenzo
BOX 13 FOLDER 170	Vegas, Martin
BOX 13 FOLDER 171	Villanueva, Carlos
BOX 13 FOLDER 172	Wright, Frank Lloyd
BOX 13 FOLDER 173	Yamasaki, Minoru
BOX 13 FOLDER 174	Yoshimura, Junzo
BOX 13 FOLDER 175	Miscellaneous - "Tree of Modern Architecture"
Negatives, small format	
BOX 14 FOLDER 176	Alexander, Robert
BOX 14 FOLDER 177	Barthelme, Donald
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BOX 14 FOLDER 179	Belluschi, Pietro
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BOX 14 FOLDER 182	Burle Marx, Roberto
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BOX 14 FOLDER 188	Ellwood, Craig
BOX 14 FOLDER 189	Fuller, R. Buckminster
BOX 14 FOLDER 190	Galia, Jose Miguel with Martin Vegas

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BOX 14 FOLDER 191	Goff, Bruce
BOX 14 FOLDER 192	Goodman, Charles
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BOX 14 FOLDER 195	Gruen, Victor
BOX 14 FOLDER 196	Hentrich, Helmut
BOX 14 FOLDER 197-198	Johnson, Philip
BOX 14 FOLDER 199-203	Kahn, Louis
BOX 14 FOLDER 204	Koch, Carl
BOX 14 FOLDER 205	Kump, Ernest
BOX 14 FOLDER 206-207	Le Corbusier
BOX 14 FOLDER 208	Mies van der Rohe, Ludwig
BOX 14 FOLDER 209	Neutra, Richard
BOX 14 FOLDER 210-211	Niemeyer, Oscar
BOX 14 FOLDER 212	O'Gorman, Juan
BOX 14 FOLDER 213-214	Pei, I. M.
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BOX 14 FOLDER 218-219	Rapson, Ralph
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BOX 14 FOLDER 222	Reidy, Affonso
BOX 14 FOLDER 223	Rex, John
BOX 14 FOLDER 224	Roberto, Marcelo
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BOX 14 FOLDER 230-231	Salvadori, Mario
BOX 14 FOLDER 232	Sanabria, Tomas
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BOX 14 FOLDER 234-235	Schweikher, Paul
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BOX 14 FOLDER 242	Walker, Ralph
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BOX 14 FOLDER 244	Will, Philip, Jr.
BOX 14 FOLDER 245	Wright, Frank Lloyd
BOX 14 FOLDER 246	Wurster, William
BOX 14 FOLDER 247-249	Yamasaki, Minoru
BOX 14 FOLDER 250	Yoshimura, Junzo
BOX 14 FOLDER 251-252	Zetlin, Lev Miscellaneous
BOX 14 FOLDER 253	House of Good Taste
BOX 14 FOLDER 254	John Peter at Hollyhock House and Mallard House

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BOX 14 FOLDER 255	Publicity shots of John Peter in New York City
BOX 14 FOLDER 256	USIA, Washington
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Negatives, 8 x 10 inches and smaller	
People	
BOX 15 FOLDER 260	Aalto, Alvar
BOX 15 FOLDER 261	Le Corbusier
BOX 15 FOLDER 262	Mies van der Rohe, Ludwig
BOX 15 FOLDER 263	Oud, J. J. P.
BOX 15 FOLDER 264	Wright, Frank Lloyd
BOX 15 FOLDER 265	Yamasaki, Minoru
Structures	
BOX 15 FOLDER 266	The Bauhaus by Walter Gropius
BOX 15 FOLDER 267	Cidade Dos Motores Plan by Jose Luis Sert
BOX 15 FOLDER 268	Federal Center, Chicago, by Mies van der Rohe
BOX 15 FOLDER 269	Holyoke Center, Harvard University, by Jose Luis Sert
BOX 15 FOLDER 270	860-880 Lake Shore Drive Apartments by Mies van der Rohe
BOX 15 FOLDER 271	Miro Studio by Jose Luis Sert
BOX 15 FOLDER 272-273	Niemeyer House, Rio de Janeiro, by Oscar Niemeyer 2 envelopes
BOX 15 FOLDER 274	Presidential Palace Model, Cuba, by Jose Luis Sert
BOX 15 FOLDER 275	School of Design, Ulm, by Max Bill
BOX 15 FOLDER 276-277	Spanish Republican Pavilion, 1937 World's Fair, by Jose Luis Sert One interior and one exterior view.
BOX 15 FOLDER 278	Steiner House by Adolf Loos
BOX 15 FOLDER 279-282	Tugendhat House by Mies van der Rohe 4 negatives
BOX 15 FOLDER 283-288	USIS exhibit 6 negatives
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BOX 15 FOLDER 291	Johnson, Philip
BOX 15 FOLDER 292	Kahn, Louis
BOX 15 FOLDER 293	Mies van der Rohe, Ludwig
BOX 15 FOLDER 294	Neutra, Richard
BOX 15 FOLDER 295	Pei, I. M.
BOX 15 FOLDER 296	Saarinen, Eero
BOX 15 FOLDER 297	Wright, Frank Lloyd
BOX 15 FOLDER 298	Wright, Frank Lloyd with John Peter
Structures	
BOX 15 FOLDER 299	Brazilian Pavilion, 1939 World's Fair, by Oscar Niemeyer

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BOX 15 FOLDER 300	Harumi House by Kunio Maekawa
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BOX 15 FOLDER 302	Pampulha Yacht Club by Oscar Niemeyer
BOX 15 FOLDER 303	Techbuilt House by Carl Koch