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Date of Visit: Call number(s) and title(s) of materials requested:

Researcher Status

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___ Museum, Gallery, Archive, Library  Please specify:  

___ Writer, Critic, Journalist  Please specify:  

___ Other  Please specify:  

Purpose of Visit

Research Topic(s) or Title:  Please check primary purpose: 

___ Research Paper/Essay  

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___ Other (please specify)  

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- **Books, notebooks, files, and other materials must be placed on the shelves in the Reading Room**
- **Pencils only, no pens**
- **Keep all materials flat on the table and handle as gently as possible**
- **Materials may not be removed from clear sleeves**
- **The 3rd floor is a quiet zone. Please set your cell phone to the mute or vibrate function.**
- **Special Collections call slips may be submitted until 5 pm on Tues, Wed, Fri and Sat and until 7 pm on Monday and Thursday.**
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1. All patrons are required to fill out a registration form. This completed form will be kept confidential and on file for 1 year. If you return to the Special Collections Reading Room, please let the desk staff that you have an existing registration form.

2. Please handle all materials with great care and attention. Turn pages gently and lay your pencil down while you are handling the materials. When taking notes, please make sure your notepaper is on the table, and not on top of materials. You must wear gloves provided by the staff when handling photographs and negatives. Items with fragile bindings must be supported in cradles. Please ask for assistance when needed.

3. While using our materials, you may have only loose paper, pencil, laptop computer, and camera with you at the table. Paper and pencils are available at the Reading Room desk. Handbags must be closed and kept underneath your table. All coats, briefcases, book bags, and other personal property must be checked at the coatroom on the 3rd floor.

4. To protect our fragile materials, food, drink, chewing gum, and candy are not allowed.

5. You may request up to 4 items at a time, but you may use only one at a time.

6. It is critical that folders retain their order within a box. When you remove a folder, please use the marker provided to hold its location. Remove only one folder at a time. Please be sure all materials are returned neatly to each folder before returning it to the container.

7. If you discover materials in need of preservation, or materials that appear to be out of order, please bring them to the attention of the Reading Room staff immediately.

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