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Historical Collections

Guide to Collection

Merrell, Theodore R., Jr.

Theodore R. Merrell papers, 1968 - 1982  
[bulk 1969-1974]

MS 228

4 boxes  
2.6 linear ft.

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**ACQUISITION:** The collection was donated by Ted Merrell in May 2006. Acc. No. 2006-010.

**ACCESS:** The collection is available for viewing, however; the photographs may not be photocopied.

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**PROCESSING:** Original order has been maintained. The documents were housed in acid free boxes. Materials in this accession were accompanied by photographs of Amchitka which were housed in PCA450, Box 2. Two reels of motion picture film and five reels of audio tape were transferred to AV004.

## BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Theodore Reed Merrell, Jr., (Ted) was born in Superior, Wisconsin on June 12, 1923. He attended St. Olaf College until 1943, when he served in the Army during World War II. After the war, he completed a B.A. at St. Olaf in 1948 and a M.A. in Zoology and Fisheries at the University of Michigan in 1949. After serving six years as a fishery research biologist for the Oregon State Fish Commission, he became a Fishery Research Biologist at the Auke Bay Laboratory, Bureau of Commercial Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, near Juneau, Alaska.

During a period from 1969-1974 he represented the Federal Bureau of Commercial Fisheries on Amchitka during underground tests of the nuclear warhead for the proposed Spartan U.S. Anti-Intercontinental Ballistic Missile System. He reviewed research of the Atomic Energy Commission-sponsored ecological studies, monitored the activities of AEC contractors and recommended measures to minimize harmful impacts on the environment.

He married Doreen Gillett in 1946 and they have four children: Ted III, Bruce, Susan and Melinda.

## SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTE

Materials in the collection include field notes, engineering reports, archeological reports, bioenvironmental reports, radiochemical analyses, maps, high speed photographs, clippings, and correspondence relating to the underground testing of the nuclear warhead for the proposed Spartan U.S. Anti-Intercontinental Ballistic Missile System, conducted by the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission on Amchitka Island, Alaska. The collection relates to Project Milrow, the Cannikin Project, and Project Long Shot.

Correspondence and report files document the negotiations between the Atomic Energy Commission and the National Marine Fisheries Service, leading up to Ted Merrell's participation in the testing program.

## SUBJECTS

Project Ganja (Milrow)  
Project Milrow  
Cannikin Project (LCSH)  
Project Long Shot

Amchitka Island (Alaska) (LCSH)  
U.S. Atomic Energy Commission (LCSH)  
United States. Department of the Interior (LCSH)  
    U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (LCSH)  
    Bureau of Commercial Fisheries  
Merrit, Bill  
Campbell, Ernest D.  
Fuller  
Kohlhoff, Dean  
Merrell, Theodore R., Jr.