

# **Transcripts and Photographs from the John Peter Collection**

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## Collection Summary

**Title:** Transcripts and Photographs from the John Peter Collection

**Inclusive Dates:** circa 1951-1995, undated

**Creator:** Peter, John, 1917-

**Extent:** 9.2 linear feet (15 boxes)

**Language:** Collection materials are in English

**Repository:** Recorded Sound Reference Center, Motion Picture, Broadcasting and Recorded Sound Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

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

**Location:** RPA 00179-RPA 00188; RPB 00001-RPB 00005

## Key Subjects and Formats

The following headings represent names, topics, places, and formats of major significance in the collection.

### Names

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- --Photographs

Peter, John, 1917- --Photographs

Saarinen, Eero, 1910-1961--Photographs

Yamasaki, Minoru, 1912- --Photographs

Yamasaki, Minoru, 1912- --Interviews

Wright, Frank Lloyd, 1867-1959--Interviews

John Peter Collection (Library of Congress)

### Topics

Architects--Interviews

Architects--Photographs

### Forms of Material

Transcripts

Photographs

Photographic prints

Negatives

## Administrative Information

### Acquisition of the Materials

Deposit; acquired from Molly Peter in 2000.

### Additions

No further additions to the collection are expected.

## Processing Information

Processed by Karen Fishman in 2006.

## Restrictions on Use of the Materials

Restrictions exist on copying, quoting, or publishing materials included in the collection. For additional information, contact a reference librarian in the Recorded Sound Reference Center, Motion Picture, Broadcasting and Recorded Sound Division, Library of Congress, Washington, DC, 20540-4690; (202) 707-7833.

## Restrictions on Access to the Materials

The Transcripts and Photographs from the John Peter Collection are open for 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, Motion Picture, Broadcasting and Recorded Sound Division, Library of Congress.

## Biography of John Peter

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

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 of the Materials

The materials are arranged in 2 series:

- Series 1: Transcripts
- Series 2: Photographs

## Description of Series

### *Container*

### *Series*

#### **Series 1. Transcripts, circa 1951-1995, 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**

# Detailed Description of the Transcripts and Photographs from the John Peter Collection

<i>Container</i>	<i>Contents</i>
	<b>Series 1. Transcripts, circa 1951-1995, undated</b>
	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	Aalto, Alvar
FOLDER 1	
BOX 1	Alexander, Robert E.
FOLDER 2	
BOX 1	Barthelme, Donald E.
FOLDER 3	
BOX 1	Becket, Welton
FOLDER 4	
BOX 1	Beckett, William
FOLDER 5	
BOX 1	Belluschi, Pietro
FOLDER 6	
BOX 1	Bill, Max
FOLDER 7	
BOX 1	Bratke, Oswaldo
FOLDER 8	
BOX 1	Breuer, Marcel
FOLDER 9	
BOX 1	Bunshaft, Gordon
FOLDER 10-11	
BOX 1	Candela, Felix <a href="#">See also O'Gorman, Juan</a>
FOLDER 12	
BOX 1	Catalano, Eduardo
FOLDER 13	
BOX 1	Ciampi, Mario
FOLDER 14	
BOX 1-2	Contini, Edgardo
BOX 1	Contini transcripts
FOLDER 15-16	
	(2 folders)
BOX 2	Contini transcripts
FOLDER 17	
	(1 folder)
BOX 2	Dudok, Willem
FOLDER 18	
BOX 2	Eames, Charles
FOLDER 19	

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

<i>Container</i>	<i>Contents</i>
BOX 2 FOLDER 20	Ellwood, Craig
BOX 2 FOLDER 21-26	Fuller, R. Buckminster
BOX 3 FOLDER 27	Galia, Jose Miguel with Martin Vegas
BOX 3 FOLDER 28	Goff, Bruce
BOX 3 FOLDER 29	Goodman, Charles
BOX 3 FOLDER 30-31	Gropius, Walter
BOX 3 FOLDER 32-33	Gruen, Victor
BOX 3 FOLDER 34	Hentrich, Helmut
BOX 3 FOLDER 35	Jacobsen, Arne
BOX 3 FOLDER 36-38	Johnson, Philip
BOX 4 FOLDER 39-40	Kahn, Louis
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
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

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<i>Container</i>	<i>Contents</i>
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

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

### *Container*

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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.

### **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  
Peressutti, Enrico

## Series 2. Photographs, undated

### *Container*

### *Contents*

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FOLDER 118	
BOX 10	Rex, John
FOLDER 119	
BOX 10	Salvadori, Mario
FOLDER 120	
BOX 10	Severud, Fred
FOLDER 121	
BOX 10	Soriano, Raphael
FOLDER 122	
BOX 10	Walker, Ralph
FOLDER 123	
BOX 10	Weidlinger, Paul
FOLDER 124	
BOX 10	Will, Philip, Jr.
FOLDER 125	
BOX 10	Wurster, William
FOLDER 126	
BOX 10	Zetlin, Lev
FOLDER 127	
BOX 10	USIS exhibit
FOLDER 128	

### **Photographic prints, 11 x 14 inches and smaller**

BOX 11	Bill, Max
FOLDER 129	
BOX 11	Breur, Marcel
FOLDER 130	
BOX 11	Bunshaft, Gordon
FOLDER 131	
BOX 11	Burle Marx, Roberto
FOLDER 132	
BOX 11	Candela, Felix
FOLDER 133	
BOX 11	Contini, Edgardo
FOLDER 134	
BOX 11	Dudok, Willem
FOLDER 135	
BOX 11	Eames, Charles
FOLDER 136	
BOX 11	Galia, José Miguel
FOLDER 137	
BOX 11	Goff, Bruce
FOLDER 138	
BOX 11	Gropius, Walter
FOLDER 139	
BOX 11	Hentrich, Helmut
FOLDER 140	
BOX 11	Jacobsen, Arne
FOLDER 141	

## Series 2. Photographs, undated

<i>Container</i>	<i>Contents</i>
BOX 11 FOLDER 142	Johnson, Philip
BOX 11 FOLDER 143-144	Kahn, Louis
BOX 11 FOLDER 145-146	Le Corbusier
BOX 12 FOLDER 147	Maekawa, Kunio
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
BOX 12 FOLDER 158	Raymond, Antonin
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
BOX 13 FOLDER 166	Schweikher, Paul
BOX 13 FOLDER 167	Sert, Jose Luis
BOX 13 FOLDER 168	Stone, Edward Durrell
BOX 13 FOLDER 169	Tange, Kenzo

## Series 2. Photographs, undated

### *Container*

### *Contents*

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BOX 13	Vegas, Martin
FOLDER 170	
BOX 13	Villanueva, Carlos
FOLDER 171	
BOX 13	Wright, Frank Lloyd
FOLDER 172	
BOX 13	Yamasaki, Minoru
FOLDER 173	
BOX 13	Yoshimura, Junzo
FOLDER 174	
BOX 13	Miscellaneous - "Tree of Modern Architecture"
FOLDER 175	

### **Negatives, small format**

BOX 14	Alexander, Robert
FOLDER 176	
BOX 14	Barthelme, Donald
FOLDER 177	
BOX 14	Becket, Welton
FOLDER 178	
BOX 14	Belluschi, Pietro
FOLDER 179	
BOX 14	Breuer, Marcel
FOLDER 180	
BOX 14	Bunshaft, Gordon
FOLDER 181	
BOX 14	Burle Marx, Roberto
FOLDER 182	
BOX 14	Candela, Felix
FOLDER 183	
BOX 14	Catalano, Eduardo
FOLDER 184	
BOX 14	Ciampi, Mario
FOLDER 185	
BOX 14	Contini, Edgardo
FOLDER 186	
BOX 14	Dudok, Willem
FOLDER 187	
BOX 14	Ellwood, Craig
FOLDER 188	
BOX 14	Fuller, R. Buckminster
FOLDER 189	
BOX 14	Galia, Jose Miguel with Martin Vegas
FOLDER 190	
BOX 14	Goff, Bruce
FOLDER 191	
BOX 14	Goodman, Charles
FOLDER 192	
BOX 14	Gropius, Walter

## Series 2. Photographs, undated

<i>Container</i>	<i>Contents</i>
FOLDER 193-194	
BOX 14	Gruen, Victor
FOLDER 195	
BOX 14	Hentrich, Helmut
FOLDER 196	
BOX 14	Johnson, Philip
FOLDER 197-198	
BOX 14	Kahn, Louis
FOLDER 199-203	
BOX 14	Koch, Carl
FOLDER 204	
BOX 14	Kump, Ernest
FOLDER 205	
BOX 14	Le Corbusier
FOLDER 206-207	
BOX 14	Mies van der Rohe, Ludwig
FOLDER 208	
BOX 14	Neutra, Richard
FOLDER 209	
BOX 14	Niemeyer, Oscar
FOLDER 210-211	
BOX 14	O'Gorman, Juan
FOLDER 212	
BOX 14	Pei, I. M.
FOLDER 213-214	
BOX 14	Peressutti, Enrico
FOLDER 215	
BOX 14	Rado, L. L.
FOLDER 216-217	
BOX 14	Rapson, Ralph
FOLDER 218-219	
BOX 14	Raymond, Antonin
FOLDER 220-221	
BOX 14	Reidy, Affonso
FOLDER 222	
BOX 14	Rex, John
FOLDER 223	
BOX 14	Roberto, Marcelo
FOLDER 224	
BOX 14	Roche, Kevin
FOLDER 225	
BOX 14	Rudolph, Paul
FOLDER 226-227	
BOX 14	Saarinen, Eero
FOLDER 228-229	
	Some with John Peter.
BOX 14	Salvadori, Mario
FOLDER 230-231	
BOX 14	Sanabria, Tomas
FOLDER 232	

## Series 2. Photographs, undated

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### *Contents*

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BOX 14 FOLDER 233	Saugey, Marc
BOX 14 FOLDER 234-235	Schweikher, Paul
BOX 14 FOLDER 236-237	Sert, Jose Luis
BOX 14 FOLDER 238	Severud, Paul
BOX 14 FOLDER 239	Soriano, Raphael
BOX 14 FOLDER 240	Tange, Kenzo
BOX 14 FOLDER 241	Villanueva, Carlos
BOX 14 FOLDER 242	Walker, Ralph
BOX 14 FOLDER 243	Weidlinger, Paul
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
BOX 14 FOLDER 255	Publicity shots of John Peter in New York City
BOX 14 FOLDER 256	USIA, Washington
BOX 14 FOLDER 257-259	USIS exhibit

### **Negatives, 8 x 10 inches and smaller**

#### People

BOX 15 FOLDER 260	Aalto, Alvar
BOX 15 FOLDER 261	Le Corbusier
BOX 15	Mies van der Rohe, Ludwig

## Series 2. Photographs, undated

### Container

### Contents

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FOLDER 262

BOX 15

Oud, J. J. P.

FOLDER 263

BOX 15

Wright, Frank Lloyd

FOLDER 264

BOX 15

Yamasaki, Minoru

FOLDER 265

#### Structures

BOX 15

The Bauhaus by Walter Gropius

FOLDER 266

BOX 15

Cidade Dos Motores Plan by Jose Luis Sert

FOLDER 267

BOX 15

Federal Center, Chicago, by Mies van der Rohe

FOLDER 268

BOX 15

Holyoke Center, Harvard University, by Jose Luis Sert

FOLDER 269

BOX 15

860-880 Lake Shore Drive Apartments by Mies van der Rohe

FOLDER 270

BOX 15

Miro Studio by Jose Luis Sert

FOLDER 271

BOX 15

Niemeyer House, Rio de Janeiro, by Oscar Niemeyer

FOLDER 272-273

2 envelopes

BOX 15

Presidential Palace Model, Cuba, by Jose Luis Sert

FOLDER 274

BOX 15

School of Design, Ulm, by Max Bill

FOLDER 275

BOX 15

Spanish Republican Pavilion, 1937 World's Fair, by Jose Luis Sert

FOLDER 276-277

One interior and one exterior view.

BOX 15

Steiner House by Adolf Loos

FOLDER 278

BOX 15

Tugendhat House by Mies van der Rohe

FOLDER 279-282

4 negatives

BOX 15

USIS exhibit

FOLDER 283-288

6 negatives

BOX 15

West Columbia Grade School

FOLDER 289

#### Negatives, 11 x 14 inches

#### People

BOX 15

Gropius, Walter

FOLDER 290

BOX 15

Johnson, Philip

FOLDER 291

BOX 15

Kahn, Louis

FOLDER 292

## Series 2. Photographs, undated

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BOX 15	Mies van der Rohe, Ludwig
FOLDER 293	
BOX 15	Neutra, Richard
FOLDER 294	
BOX 15	Pei, I. M.
FOLDER 295	
BOX 15	Saarinen, Eero
FOLDER 296	
BOX 15	Wright, Frank Lloyd
FOLDER 297	
BOX 15	Wright, Frank Lloyd with John Peter
FOLDER 298	
	Structures
BOX 15	Brazilian Pavilion, 1939 World's Fair, by Oscar Niemeyer
FOLDER 299	
BOX 15	Harumi House by Kunio Maekawa
FOLDER 300	
BOX 15	Hotel Diamantina, Brazil, by Oscar Niemeyer
FOLDER 301	
BOX 15	Pampulha Yacht Club by Oscar Niemeyer
FOLDER 302	
BOX 15	Techbuilt House by Carl Koch
FOLDER 303	