



Guide to the John F. Cahlan oral history interview

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Cahlan, John Francis, 1902-1987
Contributor:	Ralph Roske Oral History Project on Early Las Vegas
Title:	John F. Cahlan oral history interview
ID:	OH-00153
Date:	approximately approximately 1975
Physical Description:	3 Digital Files (0.0885 GB) MP3, PDF/A
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	Oral history interview with John Cahlan conducted by an unknown interviewer in 1975 for the Ralph Roske Oral History Project on Early Las Vegas. Cahlan discusses the Nevada Test Site and the role of Basic Magnesium for the atomic testing. Cahlan additionally discusses the image of Las Vegas, Nevada as the entertainment capital of the world and the work of journalism in shifting the image to the recreational aspects of the area, such as Lake Mead and Mount Charleston.

Preferred Citation

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Scope and Contents Note

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Acquisition Note

University of Nevada, Las Vegas History Professor Ralph Roske donated materials for this oral history project to UNLV Libraries Special Collections and Archives in the 1980s.

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Names and Subjects

- Oral histories (document genres)

- Nevada National Security Site (Nev.)
- Journalists -- Nevada -- Las Vegas -- Biography
- Lake Mead National Recreation Area (Ariz. and Nev.)
- Basic Magnesium, Inc.