

# Guide to the Center for Information on America Records

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**CALL NUMBER:** MS 1855

**CREATOR:** Center for Information on America

**TITLE:** Center for Information on America records

**DATES:** 1951-1985

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 16 linear feet

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The records consist of correspondence with fund granting agencies and academicians who wrote for the Center for Information on America's publications, subject files, financial records, copies of the Center's publications and related circulation files, and administrative records.

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Thayer Scudder, 2005.

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## Biographical / Historical

The Center for Information on America was founded in 1951 in Washington, Connecticut. Townsend Scudder 3rd (1900-1988) served as executive director during its existence. Its purpose was devoted to the broad aim of furthering public understanding of this country's self-governing process and the issues faced in continuing the successful operation of democracy. The goals of the Center were realized through a series of publications, including Vital Issues, Grass Roots Guides on Democracy and Practical Politics, and Capital. The Center closed in 1985.

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## Arrangement

The papers are arranged by type of material.

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## **Selected Search Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### **Names**

Scudder, Townsend, 1900-

### **Corporate Body**

Center for Information on America