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INTRODUCTION
The papers contain correspondence, reports, newspapers, special studies, projects, and meeting minutes on the passage of a National Arts Council bill and creation of the Missouri Council of the Arts.

DONOR INFORMATION
The papers were donated to the State Historical Society of Missouri by Mrs. J.R. Henderson on 31 May 1979 (Accession No. 2246).

ORGANIZATIONAL SKETCH
In the fall of 1962, Missouri Governor John M. Dalton appointed 25 members to form the Governor’s Committee on the Arts. The Committee was incorporated as the Missouri Council on the Arts. The Committee surveyed organizations interested in furthering the cultural life of our state and raising the standards of the arts, and also facilities for the performing arts such as theaters and museums. Two conferences were held for those interested in raising cultural awareness. Each conference was attended by more than 300 people. The council also sought the advice of others who had set up other state programs.

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