

# 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, and undated

**Creator:** Peter, John, 1917-1998

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

**Language:** Collection materials are in English

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

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

**Location:** RPA 00179-00188 (boxes 1-10); RPB 00001-00005 (boxes 11-15)

## 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.

### People

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, 1917-1998--Photographs.

Peter, John, 1917-1998.

Saarinen, Eero, 1910-1961--Photographs.

Wright, Frank Lloyd, 1867-1959--Interviews.

Yamasaki, Minoru, 1912- --Interviews.

Yamasaki, Minoru, 1912- --Photographs.

### Organizations

John Peter Collection (Library of Congress) DLC

### Subjects

Architecture, Modern--20th century.

### Form/Genre

Negatives.

Photographic prints.

Photographs.

Transcripts.

### Occupations

Architects--Interviews.

Architects--Photographs.

## Administrative Information

### Collection Acquisition

Deposit; acquired from Molly Peter in 2000.

### Additions

No further additions to the collection are expected.

### Processing Information

Processed by Karen Fishman in 2006.

### Use Restrictions

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.

### Access Restrictions

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.

## Biographical Note

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 Note

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.

## Collection Arrangement

The materials are arranged in 2 series:

- Series 1: Transcripts, circa 1951-1995, and undated

- Series 2: Photographs, undated

## Description of Series

### *Container*

### *Series*

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

# Container List

## *Container*

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

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 <i><a href="#">See also O'Gorman, Juan</a></i>
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
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BOX 2	Eames, Charles
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BOX 2	Ellwood, Craig

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

<i>Container</i>	<i>Contents</i>
FOLDER 20	
BOX 2	Fuller, R. Buckminster
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BOX 3	Galia, Jose Miguel with Martin Vegas
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BOX 3	Goff, Bruce
FOLDER 28	
BOX 3	Goodman, Charles
FOLDER 29	
BOX 3	Gropius, Walter
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BOX 3	Gruen, Victor
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BOX 3	Hentrich, Helmut
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BOX 3	Jacobsen, Arne
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BOX 3	Johnson, Philip
FOLDER 36-38	
BOX 4	Kahn, Louis
FOLDER 39-40	
BOX 4	Koch, Carl
FOLDER 41	
BOX 4	Kump, Ernest
FOLDER 42	
BOX 4	Le Corbusier
FOLDER 43-45	
BOX 4	Maekawa, Kunio
FOLDER 46	
BOX 5	Mies van der Rohe, Ludwig
FOLDER 47-49	
BOX 5	Nervi, Pier Luigi
FOLDER 50	
BOX 5	Neutra, Richard
FOLDER 51-52	
BOX 5	Niemeyer, Oscar
FOLDER 53	
BOX 5	Noyes, Eliot
FOLDER 54-55	
BOX 5	O'Gorman, Juan, with brief comments by Felix Candela
FOLDER 56	
BOX 5	Oud, J. J. P. (Jacobus Johannes Peter)
FOLDER 57	
BOX 6	Pei, I. M.
FOLDER 58-59	
BOX 6	Peressutti, Enrico with Ernesto Rogers
FOLDER 60-61	
BOX 6	Ponti, Gio
FOLDER 62	
BOX 6	Rado, L. L.

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<i>Container</i>	<i>Contents</i>
FOLDER 63-64	
BOX 6	Rapson, Ralph
FOLDER 65-66	
BOX 6	Raymond, Antonin
FOLDER 67-68	
BOX 7	Reidy, Affonso Eduardo
FOLDER 69	
BOX 7	Rex, John
FOLDER 70	
BOX 7	Roberto, Marcelo
FOLDER 71	
BOX 7	Roth, Alfred
FOLDER 72	
BOX 7	Rudolph, Paul
FOLDER 73	
BOX 7	Saarinen, Eero
FOLDER 74-75	
BOX 7	Salvadori, Mario
FOLDER 76	
BOX 7	Sanabria, Tomas Jose
FOLDER 77	
BOX 7	Saughey, Marc-Joseph
FOLDER 78	
BOX 8	Schweikher, Paul
FOLDER 79-80	
BOX 8	Sert, Jose Luis
FOLDER 81	
BOX 8	Steiner, Rudolph
FOLDER 82	
BOX 8	Soriano, Raphael
FOLDER 83	
BOX 8	Severud, Fred N.
FOLDER 84	
BOX 8	Stone, Edward Durell
FOLDER 85	
BOX 8	Tange, Kenzo
FOLDER 86	
BOX 8	Villanueva, Carlos
FOLDER 87	
BOX 8	Walker, Ralph
FOLDER 88	
BOX 8	Weidlinger, Paul
FOLDER 89	
BOX 8	Will, Philip
FOLDER 90	
BOX 9	Wright, Frank Lloyd
FOLDER 91-95	
BOX 9	Wurster, William
FOLDER 96	
BOX 9	Yamasaki, Minoru



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

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FOLDER 97-99

BOX 9 Yoshimura, Junzo

FOLDER 100

BOX 9 Zetlin, Lev

FOLDER 101

## 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 Aalto, Alvar

FOLDER 102

BOX 10 Alexander, Robert E.

FOLDER 103

BOX 10 Barthelme, Donald E.

FOLDER 104

BOX 10 Becket, Welton

FOLDER 105

BOX 10 Bratke, Oswaldo

FOLDER 106

BOX 10 Belluschi, Pietro

FOLDER 107

BOX 10 Catalano, Eduardo

FOLDER 108

BOX 10 Ciampo, Mario

FOLDER 109

BOX 10 Ellwood, Craig

FOLDER 110

BOX 10 Fuller, R. Buckminster

FOLDER 111

BOX 10 Goodman, Charles

FOLDER 112

BOX 10 Gruen, Victor

FOLDER 113

BOX 10 Koch, Carl

FOLDER 114

BOX 10 Kump, Ernest

FOLDER 115

BOX 10 Nervi, Pier Luigi

FOLDER 116

BOX 10 Noyes, Eliot

FOLDER 117

BOX 10 Peressutti, Enrico

FOLDER 118

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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
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### **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	
BOX 11	Johnson, Philip

## Series 2. Photographs, undated

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FOLDER 142	
BOX 11	Kahn, Louis
FOLDER 143-144	
BOX 11	Le Corbusier
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BOX 12	Maekawa, Kunio
FOLDER 147	
BOX 12	Mies van der Rohe, Ludwig
FOLDER 148-149	
BOX 12	Neutra, Richard
FOLDER 150	
BOX 12	Niemeyer, Oscar
FOLDER 151	
BOX 12	O'Gorman, Juan
FOLDER 152	
BOX 12	Oud, J. J. P.
FOLDER 153	
BOX 12	Pei, I. M.
FOLDER 154	
BOX 12	Prové, Jean
FOLDER 155	
BOX 12	Rado, L. L.
FOLDER 156	
BOX 12	Rapson, Ralph
FOLDER 157	
BOX 12	Raymond, Antonin
FOLDER 158	
BOX 12	Reidy, Affonso
FOLDER 159	
BOX 13	Roberto, Marcelo
FOLDER 160	
BOX 13	Roche, Kevin
FOLDER 161	
BOX 13	Rudolph, Paul
FOLDER 162	
BOX 13	Saarinen, Eero
FOLDER 163	
BOX 13	Sanabria, Tomas
FOLDER 164	
BOX 13	Saugey, Marc
FOLDER 165	
BOX 13	Schweikher, Paul
FOLDER 166	
BOX 13	Sert, Jose Luis
FOLDER 167	
BOX 13	Stone, Edward Durrell
FOLDER 168	
BOX 13	Tange, Kenzo
FOLDER 169	
BOX 13	Vegas, Martin

## Series 2. Photographs, undated

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Villanueva, Carlos

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BOX 13

Wright, Frank Lloyd

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BOX 13

Yamasaki, Minoru

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BOX 13

Yoshimura, Junzo

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BOX 13

Miscellaneous - "Tree of Modern Architecture"

FOLDER 175

### **Negatives, small format**

BOX 14

Alexander, Robert

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BOX 14

Barthelme, Donald

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BOX 14

Becket, Welton

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Belluschi, Pietro

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Breuer, Marcel

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BOX 14

Bunshaft, Gordon

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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

FOLDER 193-194

## Series 2. Photographs, undated

<i>Container</i>	<i>Contents</i>
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	
BOX 14	Saugey, Marc

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FOLDER 233

BOX 14 Schweikher, Paul

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BOX 14 Sert, Jose Luis

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BOX 14 Severud, Paul

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BOX 14 Soriano, Raphael

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BOX 14 Tange, Kenzo

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BOX 14 Villanueva, Carlos

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BOX 14 Walker, Ralph

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BOX 14 Weidlinger, Paul

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BOX 14 Will, Philip, Jr.

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BOX 14 Wright, Frank Lloyd

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BOX 14 Wurster, William

FOLDER 246

BOX 14 Yamasaki, Minoru

FOLDER 247-249

BOX 14 Yoshimura, Junzo

FOLDER 250

BOX 14 Zetlin, Lev

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Miscellaneous

BOX 14 House of Good Taste

FOLDER 253

BOX 14 John Peter at Hollyhock House and Mallard House

FOLDER 254

BOX 14 Publicity shots of John Peter in New York City

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BOX 14 USIA, Washington

FOLDER 256

BOX 14 USIS exhibit

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

People

BOX 15 Aalto, Alvar

FOLDER 260

BOX 15 Le Corbusier

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BOX 15 Mies van der Rohe, Ludwig

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BOX 15	Oud, J. J. P.
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BOX 15	Wright, Frank Lloyd
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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	
	<b>Negatives, 11 x 14 inches</b>
	People
BOX 15	Gropius, Walter
FOLDER 290	
BOX 15	Johnson, Philip
FOLDER 291	
BOX 15	Kahn, Louis
FOLDER 292	
BOX 15	Mies van der Rohe, Ludwig

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FOLDER 293

BOX 15

Neutra, Richard

FOLDER 294

BOX 15

Pei, I. M.

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BOX 15

Saarinen, Eero

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BOX 15

Wright, Frank Lloyd

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BOX 15

Wright, Frank Lloyd with John Peter

FOLDER 298

#### Structures

BOX 15

Brazilian Pavilion, 1939 World's Fair, by Oscar Niemeyer

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BOX 15

Harumi House by Kunio Maekawa

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BOX 15

Hotel Diamantina, Brazil, by Oscar Niemeyer

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BOX 15

Pampulha Yacht Club by Oscar Niemeyer

FOLDER 302

BOX 15

Techbuilt House by Carl Koch

FOLDER 303