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NAME OF COLLECTION	JOHN HARVEY FOSTER
ACCESSION NO	1997.0085
CATEGORY	University, individuals
ACTIVITY	Academics - History
DATE RANGE	1970-1994
DATE OF TRANSFER	12 th August 1997
SIZE OF COLLECTION	8 archive boxes Photograph Object
HISTORICAL NOTE	<p>John Foster was born in 1944 in Melbourne. After undergraduate studies at the University of Melbourne and postgraduate studies in Britain and Germany, Foster returned to Melbourne University in 1970 to lecture in modern German and Jewish history until illness forced his early retirement in 1993. Editor of 'Community of Fate: Memoirs of German Jews in Melbourne', Foster's illness sadly prevented him completing his major study of German-Jewish industrialists between 1880 and 1940. Gardening was one of his passions (he was a descendant of Taylor gardeners) and he wrote about garden design. Foster was also author of 'Take me to Paris, Johnny', a book that paid tribute to Foster's partner Juan Cespedes who died in 1987. The book was shortlisted for the 1993 Age Book of the Year. John Foster died on 6 May 1994.</p>
ACCESS CONDITIONS	Access: Open

LISTED BY Sophie Garrett
DATE 26th May 2009

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NAME FOSTER, JOHN HARVEY

SEX M GROUP Other personal papers

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ACTIVITY/IES Historian

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LOCATION/S Melbourne

New York

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QUANTITY 8 archive boxes

DESCRIPTION Personal Papers: Correspondence, 1970s-1994; material relating to Juan Lespedes; drafts and other items relating to John Foster's _Take me to Paris Jimmy_; photographs. Correspondence relating to Jewish Affair, Council of Christians and Jews.

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Object

PERSONS Lespedes, Juan

ORGANIZATIONS Council of Christians and Jews

PLACES Cuba

New York

Melbourne

SUBJECTS Jewish affairs Homosexuality IDS Acquired Immune Deficie

RELATED COLLECTIONS Previous accesions

DATE TRANSFERRED 12 August 1997

TRANSFEROR Rickard, Dr. John

TEL.NO.

ADDRESS

LOCATION OF ORIGINAL

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John Harvey Foster Papers - Second Accession

Box no Description

Miscellaneous and Other Correspondence

- 1 Folders extracted from Box Files containing unsorted correspondence c 1970s
- 2 Further 1970s correspondence, unsorted
Sundry correspondence, 1980-90
Ditto , 1984-92
- 3 Ditto 1993-94
Ditto 1987-94
Ditto Letters received during JF's illness, 1993-94

Personal items: six diaries, 1985, 1989-1993; one address book; and one notebook of recipes, in both Juan's and JF's handwriting

- 4 JF's MA Thesis (carbon copy)
Material relating to aids
Folder of material relating to Jewish affairs including Council of Christians and Jews
Folder of photocopies (re Christian/Jews)
Envelope of material relating to Liffman Family
Football Record, Game of the Century, 7 May 1992, with ticket to the MCG
Folder Labelled, "Stephen Warne, Tim Winton Degrees"
John Harvey Foster, Degree Certificates, oversize but left in loose rolls in archive box

Material Relating to *Take Me To Paris Johnny*

- 5 Two Typescripts of manuscript
Ditto, marked up by editor
Manuscript of Chapter 1
Disk of manuscript
Newspaper Reviews
Two notebooks, (?loose) notes
Correspondence relating to *Take Me To Paris Johnny*
Letters from the publisher
National Geographic, issue with major article on Havana

Material relating to Juan Cespedes

- 6 Letters to JC
Letters to and from John Foster
Immigration/Residential Status papers for JC
Folders relating to clothes [and fashion?]
Photographs - Juan Cespedes
Photograph Album/Folio
Envelope of photographs

- 7 Envelope containing correspondence with JC's family (in Spanish)
Material relating to JC's death
Folder containing letters to John Foster regarding JC's death
Miscellaneous papers relating to JC's time in New York, college, etc
- 8 Juan Cespedes' dancing shoes, two pairs.

Draft: as boxed and from John Rickard's carton list only
Leigh Swancott, 26 August 1997.

Note: this list was typed with name Juan Lespedes, corrected to Cespedes,
26 May 2009, by SGarrett