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IDENTITY STATEMENT

Reference: ICS172
Title: Elizabeth O'Kelly letters from
Cameroons and Sawarak
Dates: c1950-c1965
Level: fonds
Extent and Medium: 2 volumes, 3 items
Name of Creator: O'Kelly, Elizabeth (b1915) colonial
officer

CONTEXT

Biographical/Administrative History: Elizabeth O'Kelly served as a rural development officer in the British Cameroons, 1950-1962. She subsequently worked in Sarawak, 1962-1965, advising the Government there on programmes for rural women. Subsequently, she worked on rural development programmes in Indonesia, Bangladesh, and Viet Nam. Among her publications are "Aid and Self Help" (Ernest Benn, 1973).

CONTENT

Scope and Content: Volumes of typescripts letters from the British Cameroons, 1950-1962, and Sarawak, 1962-1965. Includes detailed descriptions of her work, tribal wars in Cameroon. Sarawak subjects include coming of independence, confrontation with Indonesia, rebellion in Brunei, infiltration by Chinese communists.

ACCESS AND USE

Language of Scripts: English
Conditions of Access: Open for research although at least 24 hours notice should be given.

- ICS172/1 Eleven Exciting Years: letters from a woman colonial officer serving in the Cameroons in the 1950s** **1965, 2002**
- Typescript copies of letters written from Buea, British Cameroons, 1950-1952, and Nsaw, Bamenda Province, British Cameroons, 1952-1961. Includes detailed descriptions of her work, tribal wars, preparations for independence. Also includes letter of October 2002 giving some background to these letters and her experiences in Cameroon. Also list of Elizabeth O'Kelly's publications.
- 1 volume, 2 items
- ICS172/2 Borneo in the Sixties - letters from Sarawak** **1965, 2004**
- Typescript copies of letters, 1962-1965 Includes detailed descriptions of Elizabeth O'Kelly's work on programmes for rural women. Topics also include preparations for independence, confrontation with Indonesia, infiltration by Chinese communists. Also includes letter by Elizabeth O'Kelly of March 2004 giving some background to the letters and her experiences in Borneo.
- 1 volume, 1 letter