Guide to Norman Mailer. Manuscript of The Deer Park 1955
Descriptive Summary

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Abstract  Photocopy of a typescript draft of the play. Includes a few handwritten changes. The play was later revised by Mailer.

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Biographical Note  Norman Mailer was born in Long Branch, New Jersey in 1923 and raised in Brooklyn, New York. After graduation from Boys High School, he later graduated from Harvard University. Mailer served two years in Leyte, Luzon and Japan during World War II. In 1948, he produced his first novel, The Naked and the Dead, considered by many critics to be one of the most important novels to emerge from the second world war. Mailer's second novel, Barbary Shore, was described by its author as a "product of intense political preoccupation."

Scope Note  "The Deer Park" is an unpublished play version of Norman Mailer's novel of the same title. It is basically a study in human character centering around the movie industry in the twentieth century. The 187-page manuscript is a photocopy of a typescript draft version of the play, with a few hand-written changes. The play was later revised by Mailer.

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