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Abstract The Origin of Man Symposium was held April 2-4, 1965, at the Center for Continuing Education at the University of Chicago. It was convened by Sol Tax, Professor of Anthropology at the University of Chicago, and sponsored by the Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research. Contains correspondence, lists of participants, reports, financial records, order forms, press releases, photographs, and transcripts and tapes of the symposium.

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Historical Note
The "Origin of Man" symposium was held April 2-4, 1965, at the Center for Continuing Education. It was organized and convened by Sol Tax, Professor of Anthropology at the University of Chicago, and sponsored by the Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research.

The symposium was a working conference of anthropologists, designed to assist the participants in re-thinking and reformulating their views on the origin of man in the light of new information on the subject.
The symposium was occasioned by Louis S.B. Leakey’s visit to the United States. L.S.B. Leakey was the principal anthropologist involved with the archeological work at the Olduvai Gorge in Tanganyika, where the partial remains of several early men were discovered. It was Leakey’s theory that three types of early man-like beings, habilis, Pithecanthropis, and Australopithecus, were living in the gorge simultaneously. This view of man’s origin in opposed to the view traditionally held by anthropologists that of a single line of descent for man.

Scope Note
The "Origin of Man" papers have been organized into two parts. Boxes 2, 3, 4, contain transcripts and tapes of the symposium. Box 1 contains all other materials pertaining to the symposium--preparations for the conference, press coverage, financial arrangements, some of the individual papers presented at the symposium, and correspondence about the symposium.

Related Resources
The following related resources are located in the Department of Special Collections:

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Subject Headings
• Tax, Sol, 1907-
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