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**MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY.
OFFICE OF THE REGISTRY OF GUESTS**

Records, 1953-1974.

Archival Collection - AC 76

3 volumes in 1 manuscript box and 1 flat box

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HISTORICAL NOTE

The Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Office of the Registry of Guests opened on 3 September 1953, with the purpose of assisting the president and the faculty in extending hospitality to MIT visitors. The Registry was responsible for scheduling and assisting international visitors to the Institute and for securing delegates to represent MIT at a variety of academic functions at other institutions. Types of visitors included ambassadors, guest or visiting fellows, and casual guests. Upon their reception at the Registry, MIT visitors would sign an official MIT Guest Book of "handmade paper in full leather binding" that was "not only a handsome example of the bookbinder's art but is becoming an increasingly valuable addition to the Institute records"¹. The Registry existed until 1976, when it was consolidated with the MIT Information Center.

PROVENANCE NOTE

The collection was transferred to the Institute Archives in November 1981.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection consists of three bound volumes containing signatures of visitors to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. The first dates from 12 June 1953 through 5 March 1963. The second dates from 7 June 1963 through 29 February 1968. The third dates from 4 March 1968 through 16 October 1974.

¹ MIT Report of the President, 1953-1954, pp. 199-201.

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