Series Number: S00514

Series Title: Memoir personal reference material

Dates: 1955-2011

Extent: 4.04 m of textual material

4 photographs

2 audiocassette tapes

Scope and Content: Series consists of records Simpson brought together from amongst his records as key material to consult in preparing the manuscript of his memoir, A Canadian Odyssey. He also considered these records the best reference material for researchers on the themes covered in the manuscript: chapter 1, the African Student Foundation; chapter 2, Crossroads Africa; chapter 3, Black history in Canada; chapter 4, "Canada's racist roots"; chapter 5, Canada's journey to multiculturalism; chapter 6, the story of Canadian University Service Overseas (CUSO); chapter 7, educating Canadians about Africa, the African Diaspora and international development; chapter 8, discovering the "Fourth World" of First Nations in Canada including the Justice Berger Commission on the Mackenzie Valley Pipeline, the No Pipeline Now Coalition organized and facilitated by Simpson, and the Northwest Territories Special Committee on Education; chapter 9, Canada's International Development Research Centre; chapter 10, from educator to entrepreneur at the University of Western Ontario; chapter 11, 1990-2011, life at the Banff Centre and the creation of the Innovation Expedition; and the epilogue. The records in the series include newspaper clippings, articles, professional and personal correspondence, newsletters, memoranda, reports, IDRC trip reports, promotional and fundraising campaign material, brochures, speeches, research papers, project records, notes, government publications, books, contact files, meeting minutes, volunteer/student lists, curriculum resources, thesis research notes, secondary sources, and bibliographies. More recent records include research, planning notes, chapter drafts, and planning records for the public dialogues held on Canadian Black history and Africa (chapters 1 and 2).

Restrictions on Access and A number of files in the series are closed to researchers due to material

Use: containing personal information of third parties. Researchers wishing to consult this material must speak to the archivist to enter into a researcher agreement.

**Arrangement:** The series is arranged in chronological order by chapter. Some records, added in

later boxes, do not follow this arrangement.

Language of Material Note: Series contains records in French and Japanese.

Other Notes: 1. This series documents activities and organizations that are all further

represented by other series in the fonds.