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Summary information

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Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Guy Pérez-Cisneros (1915-1953) was a Cuban diplomat and art critic active in the 20th century.

Born in Paris, Pérez-Cisneros was educated in Spain, France, and Cuba, graduating with a doctorate from the University of Havana and later studying journalism.

Pérez-Cisneros held various posts in Cuba's diplomatic corps from 1934 until his death in 1953, while also maintaining his interest in the art world. He was named interim head of the Cuban State Department's Office of the League of Nations and secretary general of the Instituto Nacional de Artes Plásticas (1939). Major writings include *Presencia de ocho pintores* (1937) and *Características de la evolución de la pintura en Cuba* (published posthumously in 1959).

Most notably, Pérez-Cisneros was secretary general of the Cuban delegation to the United Nations Preparatory Committee (1945-1946). In 1949 he was named spokesman for the Cuban commission of UNESCO and Cuban delegate to the fourth assembly of the United Nations. Pérez-Cisneros also served as Cuban delegate to the UN Economic and Social Council for the organization's seventh and eighth assemblies (1952-1953).

He was married to Berta Barreto de los Heros from 1937 until their divorce in 1943. She would later be involved in the freeing of Bay of Pigs political prisoners in the early 1960s. Pérez-Cisneros died unexpectedly in Havana at the age of 38 in 1953.

Scope and content

The Guy Pérez-Cisneros Papers contain correspondence, writings and photographs of Guy Pérez-Cisneros (1915-1953), Cuban diplomat and art critic.

The collection contains correspondence; articles and clippings by Pérez-Cisneros relating to Cuban art; and photograph albums, reports, typescripts and audio recordings of speeches given by the diplomat during his tenure at the United Nations.

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Immediate source of acquisition

Gift of Pablo Pérez-Cisneros, 1998.

Restrictions on access

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Related material

The Cuban Heritage Collection houses the personal papers of Pérez-Cisneros' wife, Berta Barreto de los Heros.

Information about related materials is available at <http://proust.library.miami.edu/findingaids/index.php?p=collections/findingaid&id=262>

Accruals

Biographical material added in 2003 and 2004.

Other notes

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