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Summary information

Repository: University of Miami Cuban Heritage Collection

Title: Natasha Mella Papers

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Date: 1860-2010 (date of creation)

Date: circa 1960s-2010s (date of creation)

Physical description: Boxes

**Dates of creation,
revision and deletion:**

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Natasha Mella (1927-2014) was the only daughter of 1920s Communist leader, Julio Antonio Mella (1903-1929), who founded the Primer Partido Comunista Cubano in 1925. Natasha Mella was an intellectual and for two years, a Cuban diplomat as part of the Departamento de Asuntos Asiáticos del Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores, appointed by Roberto Agramonte in 1959. However, Mella left Cuba in 1961 as an exile with her husband and the family settled in Miami, where she continued to publish essays, editorials and radio scripts on Cuban politics and history.

Custodial history

First donation of 7 boxes in April, 2014 and second donation of 4 boxes in July, 2014.

Scope and content

The Natasha Mella Papers contain the personal papers of the Cuban exile intellectual Natasha Mella (1927-2014). The collection contains photographs and audio cassettes of radio programs, conferences, interviews, and other recordings relating to Mella's writings, primarily from her time in exile. There is also correspondence, clippings, and pamphlets which relate to Mella's research on Cuban politics and history as well as correspondence with fellow exiled Cubans. There are numerous speeches, handwritten notes both personal and for research, and essays and articles written by her on Cuban topics for various news and radio outlets, especially in Miami.

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Immediate source of acquisition

Gift of Ileana La Fontissee, April and July 2014.

Restrictions on access

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