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005 Small Manuscripts Collection  
006 William David Rice Collection  
140 Dear Abby - Vietnam War Scrapbook  
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241 1 album in 0.24 box  
261 In 1967 Private David Rice wrote a letter to advice columnist Dear Abby requesting that citizens write to his fellow soldiers in Vietnam. He received 195,000 letters and 19,000 packages to distribute in the next few months. This record documents his efforts and the publicity that he received.  
270 The scrapbook is a compilation of newspaper and newsletter clippings, letters, photographs, cards, army regulations, envelopes, army mailing labels, and programs. Notable correspondents include Congressman Bob Wilson, Governor Spiro Agnew (Christmas card), Senator Daniel Brewster, Congressman William H. Ayers, Congressman Frank E. Evans, and Governor Charles L. Terry, Jr. Photographs document his distribution efforts, his army base, a meeting with Congressman Wilson, and an autographed photo of Bob Hope.  
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330 No apparent arrangement.  
331 No index.  
332 Handwritten, typed, printed.  
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360 Fair - good condition. Acid, storage, tape damage.  
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