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Background on Dean Albertson

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| Albertson, Dean | Robert Rossi | The Springfield Community and the death of Rafael Lecodet. |
| Barreto, Jose | Edward Hannabury | The Springfield North End Community and the riots of 1975. |
| Brid, Frederico | Donald Pratt | The North End Community and the Springfield Riots of August, 1975 |
| Dorman, Franklin A. | Julie Melrose | In search of "The Enemy": The Westover Air Force Base Demonstrations, Spring 1972. |
| Fautleroy, Douglas | Steven Landau | From Selma to Montgomery, March, 1965 (civil rights movement march) |
| Freedman, Peggy | Jeff Cohen | The beginning of the Hampden county Civil Liberties Union, 1946-55 |
| Gonzalez, Mariano Dalou | Michael Ryan | Attica (prison revolt) |
| Lawton, Richard | Bill Henning | Accounts of the Tragedy of the Vietnam War |
| Lovejoy, Sam | Kent Robinson | The Saboteur (toppling the Northeast Utilities meteorological tower used to plan for nuclear power station in Montague, MA), 1974 |
| Rivera, Barbara | Laurence E. Munn | A Whole Combined Thing (Vietnam Peace Action Day Moratorium and Welfare Rights Organization Protest in Springfield, 1969) |
| Roy, Sue | Mitchell Guild | The North End Riots as seen by the Springfield Press |
| Rudolph, Leslie | Kevin Homewood | The Progressive Americans (Third Cuban Brigade, 1970) |
| Sousa, Gerald | Donald Parker | Prison Reform in the Massachusetts Prison System: A Sociological Gimmick (restrictions) |
| ----- | Stephen Romano | Weatherman: Bringing the War Home |
| Weissman, Jon | James Gagne | Springfield Area Movement for a Democratic Society: A Brief History |
| Whitney, Ron | Laurence E. Munn | A whole Combined Thing (Vietnam Peace Action Day Moratorium and Welfare Rights Organization Protest in Springfield 1969) |

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Access

Restrictions apply to Gerald Sousa interview as stipulated in his permission form.

Provenance

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Westover Air Force Base (Mass.)

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