



# The Wittliff Collections

## Guide to the Richard Woodward Collection of Cormac McCarthy.

1985-1996-2022

Collection SWWC-155

### Descriptive Summary

<b>Creator:</b>	Woodward, Richard B.
<b>Title:</b>	Guide to the Richard Woodward Collection of Cormac McCarthy.
<b>Dates:</b>	1985-1996-2022
<b>Abstract:</b>	Richard B. Woodward wrote the influential 1992 profile of Cormac McCarthy entitled "Cormac McCarthy's Venomous Fiction" for the New York Times. Includes correspondence, notes, draft, and 3 audiocassette tapes of an interview with McCarthy, all relating to the 1992 article.
<b>Identification:</b>	SWWC-155
<b>Extent:</b>	.5 Linear Feet, 1 boxes
<b>Language:</b>	English
<b>Repository:</b>	The Wittliff Collections, Texas State University

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## **Administrative Information**

### **Physical Location**

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### **Conditions Governing Access**

Collection is open for research.

The digital files of the audiocassettes can only be accessed onsite.

### **Immediate Source of Acquisition**

Purchase, 2022.

### **Preferred Citation**

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### **Controlled Access Headings**

- Authors -- Interviews
- Authors, American

## Detailed Description of the Collection

### Series I: New York Times Profile on Cormac McCarthy, 1992

Box	Folder	
1	1	Correspondence with Katherine Bouton (New York Times Magazine) - Letter from Woodward to Bouton pitching the story idea for a McCarthy profile, December 2, 1991. Assignment letter from Bouton to Woodward, January 14, 1992 , 1991-1992
1	2	Transcription notes of recorded interviews with McCarthy in El Paso, 9 pages, February 1992
1	3	Notes from telephone conversations with McCarthy , February 1992  January 18, 1991 (as recounted in a letter to “Robert”), 3 pages October 17, 1993, 1 page February 2, 1994, 1 page May 3, 1996, 1 page
1	4	Notes from interviews with McCarthy’s friends and acquaintances, 16 pages. Includes Shelby Foote, John Sepich, Saul Bellow, Daniel Halperin, Albert Erskine, Jerry Mills, Larry Brown, Larry Johnson, Dick Pearce, Richard Marius, Jim Dykes, John Sheddan, Leslie Garrett, Annie Delisle , undated
1	5	Draft of McCarthy profile with notes, 21 pages, April 1, 1992
1	6	Draft of McCarthy profile, 14 pages, April 2, 1992

### Series II: Correspondence, 1992-1996, 2022

1	7	Dykes, Jim, undated
1	8	Johnson, Larry, 1992  January 24, 1992. Includes lengthy recollection of a 1989 meeting between Johnson, McCarthy, and Robert Wegner, as well as 3 snapshots taken at the time. Also includes notes from Johnson’s telephone conversation with McCarthy in 1990  April 1992, postcard April 12, 1992, 1 page
1	9	McCarthy, Cormac , 1994-1996  Woodward to McCarthy, December 11, 1994 Woodward to McCarthy, January 1, 1996 McCarthy to Woodward, undated (Inn of the Mountain God’s note paper)
1	10	Sepich, John, 1992, 1992  January 14, 1992, 1 page. Includes 2-pages of corrections to Notes on Blood Meridian January 24, 1992, 1 page March 3, 1992, 2 pages March 30, 1992, 1 page
1	11	Woodward’s notes on various meetings and conversations with Cormac McCarthy, 2022

### **Series III: Articles and Reviews, 1985-1996**

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| 1 | 12 | Print-out containing Washington Post review of Blood Meridian, March 13, 1985                                     |
| 1 | 13 | Mills, Jerry Leath. McCarthy author biography to be published in Contemporary Southern Writers, September 9, 1991 |
| 1 | 14 | Telegraph with Cormac McCarthy cover story, includes note from author Mick Brown, April 16, 1996                  |
| 1 | 15 | Photocopies of several articles on and reviews of McCarthy's work, undated  |

### **Series IV: Audio Cassettes, 1992**

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| 1 | 16 | Three audiocassettes containing recorded interviews with Cormac McCarthy. Conducted by Richard Woodward in El Paso , 1992 |
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