



Guide to the MGM Grand Hotel Fire Photographs

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Tracinda Corporation
Title:	MGM Grand Hotel Fire Photographs
ID:	PH-00435
Date:	1980
Physical Description:	0.22 Cubic Feet (1 oversized box)
Physical Description:	1.0 Linear Feet
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The MGM Grand Hotel Fire Photographs (1980) is comprised of twenty-eight photographic prints of the MGM Grand Hotel fire, which occurred on November 21, 1980. Photographs show the hotel-casino on fire as well as the resulting damages to the property. The photographs were taken by the Tracinda Corporation which was MGM Grand Hotel owner Kirk Kerkorian's investment holding company.

Preferred Citation

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Historical Background

On the morning of November 21, 1980 a fire broke out at the MGM Grand Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada. 87 people died and over 700 were injured as a result. During the investigation, it was determined that the fire originated from The Deli, one of the five restaurants on the hotel. The Deli was one of the areas on the property that was not sprinklered and did not include heat and smoke detectors. The MGM Grand Hotel fire resulted in improved fire-safety regulation reforms including sprinklers, automatic alarms, room-by-room alerts, and pressurized elevator shafts and stairways.

Sources:

Toplikar, Dave. "MGM Grand, Hilton fires led to improved safety codes." *Las Vegas Sun*, November 21, 2012. <https://lasvegassun.com/news/2012/nov/21/mgm-grand-hilton-fires-led-improved-safety-codes/>.

"MGM." Clark County, Nevada Fire Department. Accessed December 11, 2020. <http://fire.co.clark.nv.us/MGM.aspx>

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Scope and Contents Note

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Arrangement

Materials remain as they were received.

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Administrative Information

Access Note

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Acquisition Note

Materials were donated by the Tracinda Corporation in 2020; accession number 2020-097.

Processing Note

In 2020, Tammi Kim minimally processed the materials during accessioning and created the finding aid in ArchivesSpace.

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Names and Subjects

- Fire
- photographs
- MGM Grand Hotel (1973-1986)

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers
Photographic prints of the MGM Grand Hotel fire and property damage, 1980	oversized box 01