Title
André Malraux collection

Dates
circa 1957

Extent
1 photographic image (1 print)

Biographical History
Author, adventurer, and statesman, André Malraux (1901-1976) led a diverse life right up until his death. Born in Paris in 1901, Malraux was raised by his mother and maternal grandmother. During his childhood, he had Tourette’s Syndrome, resulting in motor and vocal tics.

At the age of 21, Malraux left for Cambodia to undertake an exploratory expedition into the Cambodian jungle. He was subsequently arrested by French colonial authorities after having removed bas-reliefs from one of the temples he discovered. During the 1930s, Malraux was active in the anti-Fascist Popular Front in France. At the beginning of the Second World War, Malraux joined the French Army. He was captured in 1940 but escaped and later joined the French Resistance. After the war, General Charles de Gaulle appointed Malraux as his Minister for Information (1945-1946). During this post-war period, Malraux also worked on the first of his many books on art. Malraux became a Minister of State in De Gaulle’s 1958-1959 government and France’s first Minister of Cultural Affairs from 1959 to 1969.

Malraux died near Paris in November 1976.

Scope and Content
Collection consists of one color print of Malraux with a number of Jimmy Kewanwytewa’s Kachinas on display in front of him.

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Immediate Source of Acquisition
MNA employee Carlie Mallett received this from an unnamed donor in 1957. Mallett subsequently donated this to the MNA Archives in 1963 (MS-18).
Note
Jimmy Kewanwytewa was the Museum of Northern Arizona’s custodian from 1930-196?, as well as a well-known Kachina carver and singer.

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