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## Papers of Edward Koiki Mabo, 1943-1992 (bulk 1972-1992) [manuscript]

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### Details

Series 8 – Land claim, 1981-1992 – File 11 – Miscellaneous papers, 1987-1988 – Includes correspondence with Murray Island Council; transcripts of court proceedings, February 1987; newspaper cuttings; applications for financial assistance with legal costs; copy of Nonie Sharp's 'Faces of Power in the Torres Strait Islands, the 1980s and the 1930s', a 30-page Australian and New Zealand Association for the Advancement of Science (ANZAAS) Congress paper; and rough working notes.??Series 14 – Magani Malu Kes/Torres Strait Independence Movement, 1980, 1986-1989, 1991 – File 1 – Photocopy of letter from Mabo to George Mye of Darnley Island (1 February 1980) proposing the formation of a Torres Strait Independence movement headed by a 'Torres United Party' and a 'Magani Institute'. Correspondence with Senator Jim Keefe and two roneoed papers by Nonie Sharp on the case for Torres Strait independence, 1980. Newspaper cuttings relating to Torres Strait independence, 1986. Draft petition to Gerry Hand regarding the manner in which the Aboriginal Arts Board and the Australia Council neglected the interests of Torres Strait Islanders, n.d. Proposals for establishment of Mer Health Service, a Torres Strait Travel Agency and a Torres Strait Islanders' Credit Union, 1986. Miscellaneous Magani Malu Kes papers, 1987-1988??Series 16 – Other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander related activities, 1981-1991 – File 2 – Letter from Nonie Sharp (4 January 1985) accompanying a copy of her 'Book of Islanders', a 167-page compilation of oral traditions from the Torres Strait, which formed Appendix B of her 'Springs of Originality Among the Torres Strait Islanders', later published as Stars of Tagai (1993)??Series 16 – Other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander related activities, 1981-1991 – File 3 – Miscellaneous papers, 1981-1991, including correspondence regarding Mabo's participation in the 1987 ANZAAS Congress session, 'Conservation in Aboriginal and Islander Environments'; objectives of the Townsville Aboriginal and Islander Action Group, 1987; papers relating to the Kubin Branch of the Torres Strait Women's Council, 1987; photocopy of 'Autobiography of Mr Wees Nawia' by Nonie Sharp, typescript, 1985; meeting notices for the Aboriginal and Islander Tenants' Association, 1989; papers relating to the Yalga-binbi Institute for Community Development, 1989; and the manuscript of a speech given by Mabo to the 1st National Torres Strait Islander Seminar 'Heritage and Culture: The Road to Recovery', Brisbane, 1991??Loose publications – Publications include M.J. Unwin, Booran; a tale of early Australia (1960), Nonie Sharp, Torres Strait Islands 1879-1979; Theme for an overview (1980), Barbara Miller, The aspirations of Aborigines living at Yarrabah in relation to local management and human rights (1986), Paul Black, Aboriginal languages of the Northern Territory(1980) issues of The Aboriginal Child at School (1983-1989), Mili Mili (1972-1975), Yeperenye Yeye (1982-1985), Mikurrunya (1982-1983), Torres News (1988), and Report of the Interdepartmental Committee on the Torres Strait Islands (1988).

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