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Fonds Description

178 video cassettes.
6 audio cassettes.

Administrative History

_Bitter Paradise: The Sell-Out of East Timor_ began as a film project with Elaine Briere’s working trip to the former Portuguese colony in 1975: she was the last independent photographer permitted to enter East Timor before the Indonesian invasion in that year. Through a series of filmed interviews and seminars and speeches involving Canadian businessmen, politicians, public servants and activists, Briere uncovers Canadian participation with Indonesian companies in business activities taking place in East Timor during the period, 1975-1990. In addition, the documentary reveals the lives of East Timorese families and individuals who engage in the liberation struggle in East Timor, Europe and in Canada. Finally, the documentary engages members of western organizations (TAPOL, the East Timor Alert Network) that seek to bring awareness of the Indonesian occupation of East Timor to the world. Briere films rallies in Canada in support of the liberation struggle, attempts (unsuccessfully) to publicly question Canadian and Indonesian political and government leaders on the occupation, and sympathetically portrays young Timorese who employ stories and song, along with public speaking, to enlighten Canadian audiences (including labour organizations) regarding the occupation and destruction of the island nation, its peoples and cultures.

Elaine Briere is a Vancouver documentary-maker, photographer, journalist and social justice activist. Her documentary, _Bitter Paradise: The Sell-Out of East Timor_, won the best political documentary award at the Hot Docs Festival, North America’s preeminent documentary film showcase, in 1997. In addition to her work on East Timor, which includes a published collection of photographs (_Testimony: Photographs of East Timor_, Between the Lines, 2004), Briere has directed a documentary on Canadian merchant seamen, _Betrayed: The Story of Canadian Merchant Seamen_ (1997), and has produced photo-journalism and print articles for _The Tyee, Briarpatch, Our Times_ and other publications dedicated to labour and social justice issues. Briere’s photographs have appeared in many publications including, _Carte Blanche Photography_ 1 (2004); _The Other Mexico: The North American Triangle Completed_ (1996), _South East Asia Tribal Groups and Ethnic Minorities_ (1987) and _The Family of Women_ (1979). Her photographs have been featured in exhibits in Canada, Japan, Sweden and the United States.
Scope and Content

The fonds consists primarily of video recordings of interviews, meetings, seminars, performances, and local footage shot in Canada, the United Kingdom, the United States, East Timor and Indonesia. It consists of 178 video recordings including 97 beta tapes (large and small), 80 VHS tapes and a broadcast DVD and 6 audio recordings. Many of the video elements include both a beta and VHS copy. The fonds is divided into three series. The largest consists of beta and VHS tapes of raw footage and background research shot or collected by Briere from Canada, the United Kingdom, Indonesia and East Timor. This series also includes six audio recordings. There is a separate series of video recordings of lectures and interviews with Noam Chomsky regarding East Timor recorded during his visit to Vancouver in March 1996. The third series consists of beta masters of the finished documentary, including video in NTSC and PAL formats, and English, French and Swedish language versions.

Much of the content of Bitter Paradise consists of interviews with Canadian and foreign individuals engaged in the events in East Timor, either as businessmen, bureaucrats or politicians working with the Indonesian government on trade and development projects in East Timor, or as activists, dissidents, and supporters of the liberation movements within the island nation. In Canada, interviews with Warren Allmand, David Kilgour and Sven Robinson (federal Members of Parliament), David Webster of the East Timor Alert Network, Geoffrey Robinson (Amnesty International, now UCLA History Department), portray the interests of those supporting the resistance, while Colin Baker (Simons Engineering), David Mundy (Kilbourn Engineering) and Ron Richardson (Asia Pacific Foundation) identify business and development opportunities in East Timor and Indonesia for Canadian companies. There are insights on East Timor supplied through interviews with local and international actors including Noam Chomsky, Carmel Budiardjo (an Indonesian dissident and founder of TAPOL) an Amnesty International prisoner of conscience, Constancio Pinto (former guerilla fighter and currently Timor Leste Ambassador to Washington) and Muchtar Pakpahan, a labour leader jailed repeatedly in Indonesia who, in 2011, resigned as head of the Indonesian Labour Party. The documentary also includes live footage from international broadcasters (BBC, Australian Broadcasting Corp.) of the Dili Massacre (Santa Cruz Cemetery) in November 1991, when more than 260 protesters were killed by Indonesian troops. The broadcast filming of that event, first shown on ITV, UK in 1992, was pivotal in the campaign to bring western nations to apply pressure for independence, achieved a decade later.

The fonds also contains archival film footage from the Portuguese era of East Timor, film on projects being undertaken in the country by the Roman Catholic Church, smuggled footage of the East Timorese resistance movement in countryside, footage of
Indonesian troops being trained in Australia and of the Indonesian invasion of East Timor.
Series Descriptions

151 video cassettes.
6 audio cassettes.

Series consists primarily of video recordings of interviews, speeches and events shot or collected by Briere for use in “Bitter Paradise”.

**Noam Chomsky series.** – 1996.
19 video cassettes.

Series consists of video recordings of lectures and discussions involving Noam Chomsky during his visit to Vancouver and includes an interview with Briere.

**Finished masters series.** – 1997.
7 video cassettes.
1 DVD.

Series consists of various formats for the final masters of the production of “Bitter Paradise”.
File List

RAW FOOTAGE/BACKGROUND RESEARCH SERIES

VT 2254.001  Warren Allmand Liberal M.P. Ottawa  [Beta/VHS]
VT 2254.002  Colin Baker, businessman H.A. Simons Engineering  [Beta/VHS]
VT 2254.003  Bella Gallhos, Timorese refugee  [Beta/VHS]
VT 2254.004  Bella Gallhos, Timorese refugee  [Beta/VHS]
VT 2254.004a Bella painting  [Beta/VHS]
VT 2254.005  Carmel Budiardjo, TAPOL, U.K. (human rights group)  [Beta/VHS]
VT 2254.006  Continuation of tape 5  [Beta/VHS]
VT 2254.007  Continuation of tape 6 plus John Taylor (author)  [VHS]
VT 2254.007a John Taylor continued  [Large Beta/VHS]
VT 2254.008  Constancio Pinto, Timorese refugee (now Timor Ambassador to US)  [Beta/VHS]
VT 2254.009  Continuation of tape 8  [Beta/VHS]
VT 2254.010  Continuation of tape 9  [Beta/VHS]
VT 2254.011  Donald Gutstein (professor SFU on Project Censored)  [Beta/VHS]
VT 2254.012  Continuation of tape 11 (plus Fedoni CIDA engineer on West Timor)  [VHS]
VT 2254.013  David Kilgour (Liberal M.P. Ottawa)  [Beta/VHS]
VT 2254.014  Dave Mundy, (businessman in Indonesia)  [Beta/VHS]
VT 2254.015  Dave Mundy & Bruce Langarius (real estate in Indonesia)  [Beta/VHS]
VT 2254.016  Bruce Langarius continued.  [Beta/VHS]
VT 2254.017  Ron Richardson Asia Pacific Foundation, Vancouver Convention Center  [Beta/VHS]
VT 2254.018  Continuation of tape 17  [Beta/VHS]
VT 2254.019  Continuation of tape 18  [Beta/VHS]
VT 2254.020  Geoffrey Robinson, Indonesia expert, Amnesty Inter., UBC interview  [Beta/VHS]
VT 2254.021  Continuation of tape 20  [Beta/VHS]
VT 2254.022  Continuation of tape 21  [Beta/VHS]
VT 2254.023  Svend Robinson M.P. N.D.P. Burnaby, B.C.  [Beta/VHS]
VT 2254.024  Continuation of tape 23  [Beta/VHS]
VT 2254.025  Parliamentary tour & interview with Sharon Scharfe  [Beta/VHS]
VT 2254.026  David Webster, East Timor Alert Network activist  [Beta/VHS]
VT 2254.027  John Wigle, Kilborn Engineering (mining in Indonesia)  [Beta/VHS]

VT 2254.030  Muchtar Pakpahan labour union activist, Indonesia  [Beta/VHS]
VT 2254.031  Continuation of tape 30  [Beta/VHS]
VT 2254.032  Contancio Pinto, Timorese refugee, talk at Kits Comm. House, [Beta/VHS]
VT 2254.033  Continuation of tape 32 [Beta/VHS]
VT 2254.034  Continuation of tape 33 [Beta/VHS]
VT 2254.035  Constancio and Bella at Kitsilano beach [Beta/VHS]
VT 2254.036  Ottawa nightclub, Aze singing Timorese songs [Beta/VHS]
VT 2254.037  Bella Gallhos speaking at Concordia University, Montreal [Beta/VHS]
VT 2254.038  Continuation of tape 37 [Beta/VHS]
VT 2254.039  Tour of Parliament, carrying of the Mace [VHS] (Note: See tape 25 for Beta copy)

VT 2254.042  Poverty in Indonesia, CBC-SFU [Beta]
VT 2254.043  Indonesian Embassy Ottawa, ceremony for Museum of Civilization [Beta/VHS]
VT 2254.044  Elaine at home in office [Beta]
VT 2254.045  Elaine at home in office [Beta]
VT 2254.046  Aze Guterres, Timorese refugee, story of massacre on Mt. Matebian [Beta/VHS]
VT 2254.047  Continuation of tape 46 [Beta/VHS]
VT 2254.048  Aze Guterres and Abe Soares, Timorese refugees interview [Beta/VHS]
VT 2254.049  Catholic Church tape donated footage of projects in E. Timor [VHS]
VT 2254.049a/b Catholic Church tape donated footage of projects in E. Timor [Beta (2)]

VT 2254.051  Indonesian Business Seminar, Pan Pacific Hotel, Vancouver [VHS]
VT 2254.052  Indonesian Consulate demo/ talk Abbotsford College [VHS]
VT 2254.053  Candlelight demonstration VAG, plus B&W stills [Beta]
VT 2254.054  John Taylor, wild sound, plus Abbotsford Air show [Large Beta]
VT 2254.055  B-roll, Jakarta Indonesia, Armed Forces Day parade shot by Celine Rumalean [VHS]
VT 2254.056  B-roll, Jakarta Indonesia, Armed Forces Day parade shot by Celine Rumalean [VHS]
VT 2254.057  Parliamentary debates on policy in East Timor [Large Beta/VHS (2)]

VT 2254.060  Free East Timor demo, Ottawa. [Beta]
VT 2254.061  Free East Timor demo, Ottawa. [Beta]
VT 2254.062  Canadian Labour Congress Convention 1996 [Beta/VHS]
VT 2254.063  Muchtar Pakpahan address to CLC 1996 [Beta/VHS]
| VT 2254.066 | Protest at Garuda Airlines office in Vancouver; Elaine speaks, others, but no sound recording, 52:36 – 58:21 [VHS] |
| VT 2254.066a | *** Copies of tapes 66, 67, 68, 69 73 all appear on one Large Beta tape. Unfortunately there may be some discrepancies in the content or the numbering between what appears on the beta tape and the VHS version [Large Beta] |
| VT 2254.067 | Hunger strike at Kim Campbell’s constituency office / Indonesian Day – Vancouver Museum [VHS] |
| VT 2254.068 | SFU Panel on Indonesia Project 00:00 – 1:33:00 / Elaine meeting Timor refugee (Isabel Galhos?) at Van. airport 1:33:00 – 1:55:00 / Still images of E. Timor 37:36 – 41:38 / Photos of Elaine with travelers perhaps in Timor, 41:38 – 44:27 (no sound for remainder of tape) / Night scene at a vigil with Elaine talking to unidentified male about E. Timor of 1986, 44:27 – 47:42 / Film footage taken at an air show / Vancouver, highways, construction, then UBC campus at Main Library 58:41 – 1:03:00 / Air show return, 1:03:00 – 1:06:00 / Protest at Garuda Airlines office, 1:06:00 – 1:31:00 / UBC campus, 1:31:00 – 1:34:00 / Horses, farm shoots, family gathering, art gallery, perhaps an Indian Reserve, totem poles, 1:34:00 – 2:00:00 [VHS] |
| VT 2254.069 | Vancouver Art Gallery Lilien speech 0:00:01 – 0:27:40 / Canadian-Indonesian Business Council, Vancouver Chapter, Pan Pacific Hotel, 0:27:41 – 2:00:00 [VHS] |
| VT 2254.070/071 | 70/71 together on one tape – (70) – ASEAN F.M. Conference/Indo Investment seminar and (71) TEAM Canada [Large beta, VHS] |
| VT 2254.073 | Elaine giving a lecture on E. Timor; then attending a seminar at SFU on the Indonesia Project, 28:22 – 38:21 (see VT 2254.066a) |
| VT 2254.074 | Elaine interviews Foreign Affairs [VHS] |
| VT 2254.076 | Australian Broadcasting Corp. ABC on E. Timor issue [Beta] |
| VT 2254.078 | ABC Archives, Indonesian troops training in Australia. [Beta/VHS] |
| VT 2254.079 | Media File CBC with Jim Nunn [Beta/VHS] |
| VT 2254.082 | Philips Petroleum offshore rig, South China Sea [Beta/VHS] |
| VT 2254.083a | Indo TV – Abri, Suharto’s speech [VHS] |
| VT 2254.083b | Indo TV – Armed Forces Day- flag worship, Suharto music video [VHS] |
| VT 2254.085 | TV: APEC ’94 [VHS] |
VT 2254.086  APEC – BBC & CBC  November 13, 1994  [VHS]
VT 2254.090  Canadian Ambassador to Indonesia Laurence Dickenson CPAC  [Beta]
VT 2254.092  INCO in Indonesia  [Beta]
VT 2254.095  Indonesian invasion of Timor footage  [Beta]

VT 2254.100  Motion Control  [Large Beta]  B&W stills
VT 2254.101  Archival footage of tribals in East Timor, Lisbon National Archives
Portugal & B&W stills, [Large Beta]
VT 2254.102  Animation of stills [Large Beta]
VT 2254.103  Motion control pick up shots  [Beta]
VT 2254.104  “There is Only One Word – Resist” (1996)  Produced and Directed by
Jill Hickson  [VHS]
VT 2254.105  Dili Massacre footage BBC, Max Stahl  [Beta/VHS]
VT 2254.106a  Irian Jaya Asmat donated by Ian MacKenzie  [Beta/VHS]
VT 2254.106b  Second tape
VT 2254.107a  Smuggled footage of Timorese guerillas in the bush during the
Indonesian occupation  [Beta/VHS]
VT 2254.107b  Smuggled footage of Timorese guerillas in the bush during the
Indonesian occupation  [Beta/VHS]
VT 2254.108  Film ”Death of a Nation”  (1994) by John Pilger  [VHS]
VT 2254.109  “In Cold Blood” (CBC The Journal) – Dili Massacre 1992  [VHS]
VT 2254.110  “Massacre in Timor – The Journal  February 5, 1992  [VHS]
VT 2254.111  Max Stahl footage British journalist who filmed Dili Massacre  [Large
Beta]
VT 2254.112  Max Stahl footage  [Large Beta]
VT 2254.113a  Riots – Indo TV 1996  [VHS]
VT 2254.113b  TEAM Canada – January ’96  [VHS]
VT 2254.113c  Freeport-Moran/Bre-x Venture  [VHS]
VT 2254.113d  Tape #2 – Peace Mission in East Timor – Genevieve Appleton  [VHS]

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NOAM CHOMSKY SERIES (talks given on March 5, 1996)

VT 2254.114  Noam Chomsky with UBC students tape  [Large Beta]
VT 2254.115  UBC - Press panel  [Beta]
VT 2254.116a   Ridge Theatre talk – “Peace in the Middle East” [Large Beta]
VT 2254.116b   Ridge Theatre talk – “Peace in the Middle East” [Large Beta]
[Note: Also 5 small betas listed as 116]
VT 2254.117a   A&B Queen Elizabeth Theatre – “Bringing the Third World Home” [Large Beta]
VT 2254.117b   A&B Queen Elizabeth Theatre – “Bringing the Third World Home” [Large Beta]
[Note: Also 5 small betas listed as 117]
VT 2254.118a   Elaine Briere’s interview with Noam Chomsky [Beta/VHS]
VT 2254.118b   Elaine Briere’s interview with Noam Chomsky [Beta/VHS]

RAW FOOTAGE/BACKGROUND RESEARCH SERIES (cont.)

Archival Footage Pre-Invasion Portugal

VT 2254.119   Large PAL format footage taken by Catholic priest in Timor pre-invasion. [Large Beta]
VT 2254.120   A&B Portugese National Archives, Lisbon. [Beta(2)/VHS].

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FINISHED MASTERS SERIES

VT 2254.121   3/4 inch tape [Large Beta]
VT 2254.122   Long Version NTSC format [Large Beta]
VT 2254.123   Long Version PAL format [Large Beta]
VT 2254.124   Superless Master, (no subtitles) [Large Beta]
VT 2254.125   47-minute version of film for commercial television [Large Beta]
VT 2254.126   French language version for Radio Quebec [Large Beta]
VT 2254.127   Swedish language version for Swedish National television [Large Beta]
VT 2254.128   DVD copy (1997)
Audio Recordings (Cassettes)

AT 3789  "Sunday Morning" CBC Radio report on East Timor (December 8/85)
          Prof. Noam Chomsky speaks on “Benign Terror: Why the West
          Ignores East Timor” at U. of Toronto  (December 13/85)

AT 3790  David Kilgour (Can. MP)/Tamako Nakanishi (Amnesty Int.)/Anny
          Clwyd (Wales MP)/Michael Robert-Soborne

AT 3791  “East Timor” on “Morningside” CBC (November 21, 1991)/ Lillian “As
          It Happens”/Pat Walsh/Megan Brownstone

AT 3792  Rui Auartin Santos/Agus Tammidzi/Jose Luis Gutteres/Sydney Jones
          (Asia Watch)/Vidigal Amaro (Port. Parliamentarian)

AT 3793/4  M & E stereo recordings for Bitter Paradise long and short version.
            [DAT (2)]
            (Note: Originally labeled as 113a/b by Briere)