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LANCE LEROY COLLECTION

14-008

Creator:

LeRoy, Lance [Lansing B. LeRoy, Jr.], b. May 26, 1930- December 17, 2015

Type of Material:

Manuscript materials, performance documents, iconographic items, sound recordings, correspondence, and reproductions of various materials.

Physical Description:

12.5 linear feet of manuscript material, including 152 reel-to-reel tapes and 36 video materials

Dates:

1950-2013

RESTRICTIONS:

All materials in this collection are subject to standard national and international copyright laws. Center staff are able to assist with copyright questions for this material. Manuscript Box 13 is restricted for open use to ensure privacy of personal information. These material may be made available at the archivists' discretion and with prior arrangements.

Provenance and Acquisition Information:

This collection was donated to the Center by Lanny LeRoy, son of Lance LeRoy. Center for Popular Music Director Greg Reish picked up the collection from the home of Mr. LeRoy in Hendersonville, TN and transported it to the Center on July 23, 2014.

Arrangement:

The original arrangement scheme for the collection was maintained during processing. The exception to this arrangement was the audio/visual materials, which in the absence of any original order, are organized by format; larger photograph files in the manuscript collection were moved to one box for preservation and storage purposes. Digital media that were located on discs in the collection are now stored on the CPM server. Please contact center staff for access to these items.

Subject/Index Terms:

LeRoy, Lance
International Bluegrass Music Association

Flatt, Lester
The Bluegrass Cardinals
Bluegrass Music
Concert agents
Contracts

Agency History/Biographical Sketch:

Lance LeRoy, from northern Georgia, was an artist manager and agent who started the Lancer Agency. Through his company, he most notably represented Lester Flatt & The Nashville Grass from 1969 to 1979, followed by the group The Bluegrass Cardinals. Mr. LeRoy produced photographs and articles for bluegrass trade magazines including *Bluegrass Unlimited*. His photographs were used as publicity photographs for many of the artists he represented. He often wrote liner notes for their albums. LeRoy brought many industry leaders together and led various meetings that would develop into the International Bluegrass Music Association (IBMA) in 1985. Mr. LeRoy received the IBMA Award of Merit (Distinguished Achievement Award) in 1994 and was inducted into The International Bluegrass Hall of Fame in 2000.

Scope and Content:

This collection consists of materials collected and used by artist manager Lance LeRoy and his agency company the Lancer Agency. The manuscript papers consist of handwritten notes, newspaper clippings, articles from magazines, correspondence, photographs, performance documents, various industry contracts, forms, and accounting records. Also included are reel to reel tapes of performances.

Collection Contents (Folder/Box List):

All folder labels are original to Lance LeRoy. 13 boxes total.

Box #	Folder #	Description
Box 1		Manuscripts - IBMA
	Folder 1	IBMA Exhibit Booth File
	Folder 2	IBMA List of Associations
	Folder 3	IBMA Committee; Balloting
	Folder 4	IBMA Award recipients file
	Folder 5	IBMA Award of Merit committee
	Folder 6	IBMA Hotel Reservations
	Folder 7	IBMA Award Show File
	Folder 8	IBMA Board of Directors Nominating Committee
	Folder 9	IBMA General File 1/1/91
	Folder 10	IBMA Convention File 1/1/91
	Folder 11	IBMA Hall of Honor nominating committee File
	Folder 12	IBMA Nominating committee File #2
	Folder 13	IBMA Convention Directory advertising
	Folder 14	IBMA Hall of Honor File
	Folder 15	IBMA Hall of Honor 1998 Career Profiles
	Folder 16	IBMA Fan Fest File
	Folder 17	IBMA Showcase File

- Folder 18 IBMA Bluegrass Museum File
- Folder 19 IBMA Trust Fund File
- Folder 20 IBMA Hall of Honor Plaques (copies, etc.)
- Folder 21 IBMA future Nashville convention dates
- Folder 22 IBMA 2000 Hall of Honor Plaques
- Folder 23 IBMA 2000 Career Profiles (edits)
- Folder 24 IBMA Hall of Honor Profiles 2002 forward
- Folder 25 IBMA Hall of Honor – copies of ballots
- Folder 26 IBMA career profiles 2009 forward
- Folder 27 IBMA Career Profiles 2004
- Folder 28 IBMA 2006
- Folder 29 IBMA Hall of Honor Criteria & Inductees

Box 2 Manuscripts – Contracts (1969-1987)

- Folder 1 Allied Entertainers, Inc. pending contracts
- Folder 2 Contracts 1969 & 1970
- Folder 3 Contracts 1969 & 1970
- Folder 4 Lester Flatt Show Contract file 1971
- Folder 5 1972 contract file
- Folder 6 Contract copies 1973
- Folder 7 Contract copies 1974
- Folder 8 Contracts file copies 1979
- Folder 9 Contracts – file copies 1980
- Folder 10 Contracts – Artists copies 1981
- Folder 11 Contracts file copies 1981
- Folder 12 Contracts – Artists copies 1982
- Folder 13 Contracts file copies 1982
- Folder 14 Contracts – Artists copies 1983
- Folder 15 Contracts – file copies 1983
- Folder 16 Contracts file copies 1984
- Folder 17 Contracts Union copies
- Folder 18 Contracts file copies 1985
- Folder 19 Contracts 1986
- Folder 20 Contracts 1987

Box 3 Manuscripts Contracts (1987-2005)

- Folder 1 Contracts 1987
- Folder 2 Contracts 1988
- Folder 3 Contracts 1990
- Folder 4 Contracts 1996
- Folder 5 Contracts 1997
- Folder 6 Contracts 1998
- Folder 7 Contracts – 1999
- Folder 8 Contracts – 2000
- Folder 9 Contracts – 2001
- Folder 10 Contracts – 2002

Folder 11 Contracts – 2003
Folder 12 Contracts – 2004
Folder 13 Contracts – 2005

Box 4 Manuscripts Contracts (2006-2013)

Folder 1 Contracts – 2006
Folder 2 Contracts – 2007
Folder 3 Contracts – 2008
Folder 4 Contracts – 2009
Folder 5 Contracts – 2010
Folder 6 Contracts – 2011
Folder 7 Contracts – 2012
Folder 8 Contracts – 2013

Box 5 Manuscripts

Folder 1 Nashville Branch, Inc.
Folder 2 Handbills from other festivals
Folder 3 Performance contract file copies (basic recent form)
Folder 4 Lancer Agency obsolete professional photos and promo pieces (PHOTOS)
Folder 5 Insurance Policies (recent 99-09 LeRoy personal)
Folder 6 Nashville – Bluegrass Music Assoc. meeting, etc.
Folder 7 Parkers Lake, KY festival
Folder 8 Pitney Bowes File
Folder 9 US Postal service bulk mailing permits, etc.
Folder 10 Songs. (manuscript lyric/types/edited)
Folder 11 South central bell Tel.
Folder 12 Carl Story
Folder 13 Marty Stuart (unopened vision PHOTO labs)
Folder 14 Bill Grant & Delia Bell (Promo PHOTOS)
Folder 15 Lewis Family File (PR pieces; vision PHOTOS; notes)
Folder 16 Telegram copies
Folder 17 Time Life Books; Inc.
Folder 18 Union contracts not sent
Folder 19 Overseas tours (schedules, postcards, passports) (Netherlands/Germany)
Folder 20 Japan Tour March-April 1977 Osborne Brothers
Folder 21 ABC Pictures (advertisements)
Folder 22 Barry Berrier PHOTO file (8x10s)
Folder 23 Barry Berrier publicity file
Folder 24 CMH Records Royalty Summary (early 2000s)
Folder 25 Bluegrass Unlimited correspondence
Folder 26 Bluegrass Bulletin extra copies
Folder 27 Bluegrass Bulletin master copies
Folder 28 Bluegrass Now General folder
Folder 29 Bluegrass Now raw interviews
Folder 30 Federal tax ID number
Folder 31 Flatt & Scruggs 45 rpm singles (list)

Folder 32 Francotyp Postalia [postage machine]
 Folder 33 Gibson Guitar CO (festival info)
 Folder 34 Tim Graves & Cherokee
 Folder 35 Stephen Helton & Flint River Boys general file
 Folder 36 Stephen Helton & Flint River Boys photo file (PR PHOTOS)
 Folder 37 Stephen Helton & Flint River Boys publicity File
 Folder 38 Broadcast Music Inc. writers clearance form
 Folder 39 Correspondence – copies (1990s-00s)
 Folder 40 Directions to dates
 Folder 41 Disc collectors publications
 Folder 42 Dish Network (service contract)
 Folder 43 Raymond Fairchild & Crowe Brothers (PR PHOTOS)
 Folder 44 Fax Cover sheet – master copy
 Folder 45 Linda Lay & Appalachian grass PHOTO file
 Folder 46 International Bluegrass/IBMA newsletters
 Folder 47 Lewis family general file
 Folder 48 Lilly Brothers – general file
 Folder 49 Liner notes for albums copies
 Folder 50 Logos – master copies (GOO; LeRoy; Pine Castle, etc.)
 Folder 51 Longview general file (PR PHOTOS)
 Folder 52 Jimmy Martin – file (Memorial service; SLIDES, contracts, etc.)
 Folder 53 Star photo Co.

Box 6

Manuscripts

Folder 1 Check copies Jan-June 1974 Lester Flatt Show
 Folder 2 Check copies March – May 1979 Lester Flatt Show
 Folder 3 Bluegrass Unlimited – general file
 Folder 4 Bluegrass Unlimited – raw interview texts
 Folder 5 Bluegrass Unlimited – completed story texts
 Folder 6 Bluegrass Unlimited – story text in progress
 Folder 7 Mark Newton Band – general file
 Folder 8 Osborne, Bobby general file
 Folder 9 CMH Records
 Folder 10 Calendars
 Folder 11 Canadian Tax Exemption: Forms (also any border-crossing, etc.)
 Folder 12 Christmas card list
 Folder 13 Various Whos playing where newsletters
 Folder 14 Newspaper clippings (org & Xerox)
 Folder 15 Nashville Talent services, Inc. – Lester Flatt Photographs file copies
 Folder 16 Jimmy C. Newman PHOTO file (Negatives, slides, prints)
 Folder 17 Jimmy C. Newman Publicity file (PHOTOS)
 Folder 18 Record Companies – names and addresses
 Folder 19 Ryman slides; old crowd, Sally mtn show @ SPBGMA etc.
 Folder 20 Tribune showprint Inc. – blank order forms

Box 7

Manuscripts

- Folder 1 Bluegrass Unlimited “notes & queries” columns
- Folder 2 Booking agency License & agreements
- Folder 3 Unlabeled (negative ID tags)
- Folder 4 Broadcast Music, Inc. – publisher clearance forms (blanks)
- Folder 5 Broadcast Music, Inc. – Writers affiliation agreements (late 1970s-80s)
- Folder 6 Canadian forms & Info
- Folder 7 Big Country Music copyright forms
- Folder 8 Big Country Enterprise blank forms
- Folder 9 Albums in progress
- Folder 10 The Bluegrass Cardinals general file
- Folder 11 The Bluegrass Cardinals general file (clippings. Correspondence)
- Folder 12 Big Country Enterprise Royalty Income & payments (mid 1970s)
- Folder 13 Southern/CBS/Big Country Royalty info (1980s)
- Folder 14 CMH Records – Artists & Producers contracts
- Folder 15 Cathedral caverns festival
- Folder 16 Chillicothe, Illinois Festival File
- Folder 17 Christmas mailing lists
- Folder 18 Jim Clark
- Folder 19 Club lists
- Folder 20 Code-A-Phone instructions
- Folder 21 College lists
- Folder 22 College tour working papers
- Folder 23 File PHOTOS & NEGATIVES Harold Morrison & Smoking Bluegrass
- Folder 24 Charlie McCoy – file
- Folder 25 MCI
- Folder 26 Lonzo & Oscar file
- Folder 27 Nashville Talent Service, Inc. Lester Flatt 1976 contracts
- Folder 28 Music vault publishing royalty statements (late 70s – early 80s)
- Folder 29 Nashville Bluegrass Association
- Folder 30 Mike Snider Trio general file
- Folder 31 Mike Snider PHOTO file
- Folder 32 The Lester Flatt Show monthly Billing
- Folder 33 Postage machine file
- Folder 34 Printing master copes
- Folder 35 Problem file
- Folder 36 Promoters list corrected
- Folder 37 Recipes
- Folder 38 Record auction bids pending

Box 8

Manuscripts

- Folder 1 Parmley, David & Rhonda Vincent correspondence re country demos
- Folder 2 The Larry Stephenson Band
- Folder 3 Tennessee gentleman
- Folder 4 Thacker, George photo file
- Folder 5 Thacker, George publicity file
- Folder 6 Tri-State Bluegrass Association advertising

Folder 7 Garry Thurmond, Steve Helton & Flint River Boys IBMA Showcase File
Folder 8 Travelers, The PHOTO file
Folder 9 US Pest Protection Inc.
Folder 10 Staley, Wade
Folder 11 Ralph Stanley
Folder 12 Starday Records – Master list of numbers and titles
Folder 13 State Hall Income tax forms
Folder 14 State Income tax forms
Folder 15 Sullivan Family
Folder 16 Sullivan Family #2
Folder 17 Texas Tunes
Folder 18 Larry Sparks
Folder 19 Spicher, Buddy file
Folder 20 Lynn Morris
Folder 21 Martin, Jimmy Bluegrass Unlimited interview material 9/95
Folder 22 Monroe, James File
Folder 23 Bill Monroe Bluegrass hall of fame
Folder 24 Recording discography
Folder 25 Union claims pending
Folder 26 Various Bluegrass Bands' BIOS
Folder 27 Video cassette warranty; instructions
Folder 28 The Village Singers publicity file
Folder 29 The Village Singers general file
Folder 30 Want list – LPs
Folder 31 Paul Williams general file
Folder 32 Barry Willis – file
Folder 33 Wise, Chubby file
Folder 34 Norman Wrights & Kevin Church
Folder 35 Thacker, George general file
Folder 36 Gary Brewer general file
Folder 37 Gary Brewer publicity
Folder 38 Dave Freeman auctions
Folder 39 Collett, Jim Gifford Hollow Promotions
Folder 40 Broadcast Music Inc. publisher affiliation agreements
Folder 41 Big Country Music copies of correspondence (contains manuscript music)
Folder 42 Buddy Durham
Folder 43 Willma Lee Cooper – file
Folder 44 Glibertsville Kentucky Fest
Folder 45 Big Timer Bluegrass
Folder 46 Allnet
Folder 47 Country Gazette
Folder 48 Country Music Association – Radio Station list
Folder 49 Deposit records on dates
Folder 50 bluegrass unlimited advertising file
Folder 51 CMH Records Price lists, contracts etc
Folder 52 Correspondence - copies

Folder 53 Correspondence - copies
Folder 54 Correspondence - copies

Box 9 Manuscripts – Lester Flatt tax and bank files

Folder 1 Income tax filings 1968 Lester Flatt
Folder 2 Income tax filings 1967 Lester Flatt
Folder 3 Income tax filings 1966 Lester Flatt
Folder 4 Income tax filings Flatt & Messenger (1968)
Folder 5 Income tax filings Flatt & Scruggs
Folder 6 Lester Flatt's Bluegrass Park Bank Statements, checks
Folder 7 Lester Flatt's Bluegrass Park N.C. Employment Sec Reports
Folder 8 Lester Flatt's Bluegrass Park Federal Tax Deposits
Folder 9 Lester Flatt's Bluegrass Park North Carolina tax deposits
Folder 10 The Lester Flatt Show State Quarterly Contrib. report
Folder 11 Income Tax Filing 1978 Lester Flatt
Folder 12 Income Tax Filing 1977 Lester Flatt
Folder 13 Income Tax Filing 1976
Folder 14 Income Tax Filing 1975
Folder 15 Income Tax Filing 1974
Folder 16 Lester Flatt Show 1974 Income & Expense file
Folder 17 Unlabeled Cattle investment paperwork
Folder 18 Omega Ranches Inc. Charlie Brindell
Folder 19 Contracts 1989
Folder 20 Income tax filings 1973 Lester Flatt
Folder 21 Income tax filings 1972
Folder 22 Income tax filings 1971
Folder 23 Income tax filings 1970
Folder 24 Income tax filings 1969
Folder 25 Coors lawsuit file
Folder 26 Typewriter warranty
Folder 27 Lester Flatt important papers (court docs, bank statements etc.)
Folder 28 Lester Flatt Federal tax deposits
Folder 29 Lester Flatt insurance information
Folder 30 Lester Flatt insurance policies
Folder 31 Martha White 5lb cornmeal coupon
Folder 32 Martha White 5lb flour coupon

Box 10 Manuscripts

Folder 1 Flatt, Lester Estate File # 1
Folder 2 Flatt, Lester Estate File # 2
Folder 3 Flatt, Lester Estate File # 3
Folder 4 PHOTOGRAPHS to keeps – various artists
Folder 5 J. B. LeRoy Personal things to keep
Folder 6 Jomeokee campgrounds purchase 11/1974
Folder 7 Newspapers clippings
Folder 8 Newspapers clippings

Folder 9 Royalty statements
Folder 10 Royalty statements
Payroll books

Box 11 Manuscript boxes/check books (1974-1996)

Lester Flatt Show Check copies June 1, 1975 – Dec 31, 1975
Lester Flatt Show Check copies Jan 1, 1976 – June 30, 1976
Check Box Jan 1, 1992 – Dec 31, 1996 Lancer Agency
Check box cancelled checks 8/13/84-12/31/91 Lancer Agency
1975 Earning records
Check book 8/76-7/77 Lester Flatt
Check book 12/74-6/79 Big Country Enterprises
Check book 9/77-6/79 Lancer Agency

Box 12 Photographs/Negatives/Contact Sheets

Dunnellon, Fla Crowd Scene (oversized)
Paul Williams (oversized)
New Coon Creek Girls (oversized)
New Coon Creek Girls (6 folders)
New Coon Creek Girls at Lester Flatt Cabin
New Coon Creek Girls Grassy, MO
New Coon Creek Girls/ Bluegrass Cardinals/Deanie Richardson/Country Gazette
New Coon Creek Girls at Opry
Opryland & Grand Ole Opry New Coon Creek Girls
New Coon Creek Girls/ Bluegrass Cardinals
New Coon Creek Girls July 1989
New Coon Creek Girls Homestead, FL
New Coon Creek Girls; Nashville Fairgrounds Fan fair
Renfro Valley Barn Dance and Bluegrass Festival – Old Joe Clark & New Coon Creek Girls
Bluegrass Cardinals 1987
Bluegrass Cardinals (4 folders)
Parkers Lake KY - Bluegrass Cardinals
Owensboro, KY - Bluegrass Cardinals
Bluegrass Cardinals on Grand Ole Opry 4/29/89
Bluegrass Cardinals File Photos & Negative File #2
Bluegrass Cardinals/Osborne Brothers/Crowd Scene
Jemison AL – Bluegrass Cardinals & BSTDB
IBMA 1989/ Bluegrass Cardinals on Opry/Monroe & Kendell
Bluegrass Cardinals/Lincolnton City Limits
Lonesome Standard Time (6 folder)
Lonesome Standard Time Jan 1994
Lonesome Standard Time at American Music Shop Taping
Lonesome Standard Time & New Coon Creek Girls
Mineral VA - Lonesome Standard Time/ New Coon Creek Girls
Lonesome Standard Time/Lewis Family
Grand Ole Opry Birthday 1992/ Lonesome Standard Time album release

Johnson Mountain Boys/Squires/ New Coon Creek Girls
Johnson Mountain Boys – Lucketts VA
Johnson Mountain Boys/Bluegrass Cardinals
Dunnellon, FL/Johnson Mountain Boys Single Record & EP
Johnson Mountain Boys
Lewis Family/ New Coon Creek Girls/ Lonesome Standard Time
Lewis Family Record
Lewis Family (2 folders)
Lewis Family Festival
Mike Snider Trio at Grand Ole Opry 6/2/90 (induction)
Mike Snider Cassette
Mike Snider (3 folders)
The Del McCoury Band 1990
Del McCoury Band/Mike Snider Trio
Del McCoury Band/ Mike Snider signing autographs
Del McCoury Band (4 folders)
Opryland – Del McCoury Band
Parmley & McCoury (3 folders)
Jimmy Martin (2 folders)
Jimmy Martin IBMA 95 Osborne Brothers
Old Monroe home place
Hillsdale, NY/Mineral, VA
Crowd Scene Dunnellon, Fla
Homestead, Fla
Chuck Wagon Gang
Studio 19 Pinecastle Nov 1992
Studio 19 Pinecastle Jan 1993
Session at Studio 19
Jekyll Island/Josh at Hilltop/Bluegrass Cardinals and Little Roy
Jekyll Island/Gillis Brothers
Jekyll Island
Chubby Wise & Carlton Haney Players
Tree Setting Scene
Johnny Russell
Lonesome River Band/ Wayne Lewis Band
Lonesome River Band
Gary Brewer Photo File
Gary Brewer Publicity Photos/Garry Thurmond/Norman & Tony
IBMA Convention Louisville, KY/Gary Brewer/ The Village Singers
Village Singers
The Village Singers Photo File
Gary Thurmond, Steve Helton & The River Boys
Glen Duncan, Larry Cordle & Lonesome Standard Time/SPBGMA Awards
Contact Sheet Dunnellon, FL Crowd scene
Virginia Squires – Opryland
Wayne Lewis in The Grand Ole Opry

Buddy Spicher's Texas Dance Band
Spicher Dance Band
Tenn Hoedown Show
Hall of Honor Plaques – Lilly Bros & Don Stover, Dave Freeman
Daisy Lang
IBMA 2000 plaques/Flint River Boys group photos
Flint River Boys 2001
Lilly Brothers
Cherokee NC Crowd Scene
Culpeper, VA Festival
Traci Todd/Charlie Walker/Monroe/Gillis Bros/Lost & Found
Dunnellon FL/Lincolnton, GA 1996
Canton, TX/Summerville, WV
Monroe, Scruggs at Opry / IBMA plaques
Lebanon TN/Renfro Valley KY Festival
L. Cordle & G. Duncan
Sullivan Family
IBMA Plaques – Stanley Bros, Reno & Smiley, Jim & Jesse, Mac Wiseman
Garry Thurmond, Steve Helton & The Flint River Boys
Gov. Davis & Bill Carlisle – Lincolnton GA Festival
Barry Bevier
IBMA Plaques 1996 inductees
Owensboro, 1996
Bean Blossom IN/ Louisa KY
Myrtle Beach SC
Berea & Renfro Valley LA
Albany OK/Louisville KY
Random Scenes Owensboro, KY
Greeneville, TN
Longview
Glenn & Bobby
IBMA Meeting 1990
Big Timber Band
Paul Williams Photo File

Box 13 – RESTRICTED

Please contact archivist for use of these materials.

Folder 1 Lester Flatt Show Payroll information, w-4s
Folder 2 Bluegrass Unlimited writer agreements
Folder 3 Broadcast Music Inc. Copies of completed writer clearance forms
Folder 4 Insurance policies

Digital Files

Documents

1998 IBMA Hall Of Honor Candidate Profiles_Non-Performers
1998 IBMA Hall Of Honor Candidate Profiles_Non-Performers-2

1998 IBMA Hall Of Honor Candidate Profiles_Performers
2000 IBMA Hall Of Honor Candidate Profiles
2001 IBMA Hall Of Honor Candidate Profiles
2002 IBMA Hall Of Honor Candidate Profiles_Non-Performing
2002 IBMA Hall Of Honor Candidate Profiles_Performing
20000505 IBMA Hall Of Honor Candidate Profiles_Myrt's Copy

Publicity Photos

Bobby Osborne & Rocky Top Express_Lancer Agency
Bobby Osborne Solo_@ Opry House_Opry & Rounder
Bobby Osborne306_Solo with Mandolin_Opry & Rounder
DSCF3199_The Lewis Tradition_2010
Paul Williams with Mandolin_8 X 10_Rebel_20051014
Paul Williams16x20

Materials Cataloged Separately:

Per Center policy, certain formats are cataloged separately for accessibility, including digital materials listed above, video and sound recording materials. [For a complete list of separated materials, please contact the archivist.]

Location:

All manuscript materials are located in the special collections storage area filed by accession number. Audio/visual materials are located in special collections storage area.

Related Materials:

The Center holds other bluegrass related manuscript collections, notably the Doug Seroff Country Music Collection, Tom Morgan Collection (still in process) and the Charlie Walker Collection. Special collection sheet music, performance documents, trade catalogs, photographs, sound recordings, rare books, and reading room materials related to the subjects of bluegrass and country music are also held by the Center and searchable through the CPM website database or MTSU Walker Library catalog.

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