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## THE PYRAMIDS AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS COLLECTION, 1985

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## **HISTORICAL SKETCH**

The Pyramids were designed for the College Life Insurance Company by the architecture firm Roche-Dinkeloo & Associates. The buildings, which are made of concrete and mirrored glass, were completed in 1970. At the time of construction, the College Life Insurance Company was rapidly expanding and was looking for a design that could grow with the company, allowing them to continue to add up to nine buildings. Due to the site location at the intersection of a main thoroughfare of the city and a highway, the architects wanted to give the site a strong identity in addition to having functional flexibility for office space. In the end, just three buildings were constructed, each of which are connected to each other in two ways: underground and by bridges above the ground.

Sources:

“College Life Insurance Company Headquarters”  
<http://www.krjda.com/Sites/CollegeLifeInfo1.html>

“Pyramids Facts” <http://www.indypyramids.com/facts.html>

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

This collection contains five black and white aerial photographs showing The Pyramids buildings, which are located at 3000-3500 DePauw Boulevard, Indianapolis, IN 46268. The photos also show the intersection of I-465 and Michigan Road, the housing developments to the east of the buildings, and the commercial buildings along Michigan Road.

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Aerial Views of The Pyramids, Indianapolis, IN by  
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