

Armand Hammer Papers

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Collection Summary

Title: Armand Hammer Papers

Span Dates: circa 1508-1989

ID No.: MSS77751

Creator: Hammer, Armand, 1898-1990

Extent: 50 items ; 1 container plus 1 oversize ; 1.2 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Summary: Business executive, philanthropist, and art collector. Chiefly correspondence documenting Hammer's career as a citizen diplomat (particularly to the Soviet Union), humanitarian, and art collector gathered for an exhibition honoring him at the Library of Congress in 1989, including also a facsimile edition of the *Codex Hammer* (a notebook of Leonardo da Vinci) and a photograph album.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

People

Andropov, IU. V. (IUrii Vladimirovich), 1914-1984--Correspondence.
Begin, Menachem, 1913-1992--Correspondence.
Brezhnev, Leonid Il'ich, 1906-1982--Correspondence.
Carter, Jimmy, 1924- --Correspondence.
Chernenko, K. U. (Konstantin Ustinovich), 1911-1985--Correspondence.
Eisenhower, Dwight D. (Dwight David), 1890-1969--Correspondence.
Getty, J. Paul (Jean Paul), 1892-1976--Correspondence.
Gorbachev, Mikhail Sergeevich, 1931- --Correspondence.
Hammer, Armand, 1898-1990.
Johnson, Lady Bird, 1912-2007--Correspondence.
Johnson, Lyndon B. (Lyndon Baines), 1908-1973--Correspondence.
Lenin, Vladimir Il'ich, 1870-1924--Correspondence.
Leonardo, da Vinci, 1452-1519.
Nixon, Richard M. (Richard Milhous), 1913-1994--Correspondence.
Reagan, Ronald--Correspondence.
Roosevelt, Eleanor, 1884-1962--Correspondence.
Roosevelt, Franklin D. (Franklin Delano), 1882-1945--Correspondence.
Sadat, Anwar, 1918-1981--Correspondence.
Salk, Jonas, 1914- --Correspondence.
Thatcher, Margaret--Correspondence.

Subjects

Art--Collectors and collecting.
Diplomacy.
Exhibitions--Washington (D.C.)
Humanitarianism.

Places

Soviet Union--Foreign relations--United States.
United States--Foreign relations--Soviet Union.

Titles

Codex Hammer.

Occupations

Art collectors.

Entrepreneurs.

Administrative Information

Provenance

The papers of Armand Hammer, business executive, philanthropist, and art collector, were donated by Hammer to the Library of Congress in 1989.

Processing History

The papers of Armand Hammer were arranged and described in 1995. The finding aid was revised in 2009.

Transfers

Some photographs have been transferred to the Prints and Photographs Division where they are identified as part of the Armand Hammer Papers.

Copyright Status

Copyright in the unpublished writings of Armand Hammer in these papers and in other collections of papers in the custody of the Library of Congress has been dedicated to the public.

Access and Restrictions

Restrictions apply governing the use, photoduplication, or publication of items in this collection. Consult reference staff in the Manuscript Division for information concerning these restrictions. In addition, many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Armand Hammer Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Armand Hammer (1898-1990) date from circa 1508 to 1989 and include items gathered for an exhibition honoring Hammer which featured highlights from his archival collection. The items were on display at the Library of Congress in January and February of 1989. The correspondence documents Hammer's activities as citizen diplomat, humanitarian, and art collector from 1922 through 1988 and includes letters from presidents Jimmy Carter, Dwight D. Eisenhower, Lyndon B. Johnson, Richard M. Nixon, Ronald Reagan, and Franklin D. Roosevelt; first ladies Lady Bird Johnson and Eleanor Roosevelt; Soviet officials IU. V. Andropov, Leonid Il'ich Brezhnev, K. U. Chernenko, Mikhail Sergeevich Gorbachev, and Vladimir Il'ich Lenin; and other officials and dignitaries such as Menachem Begin, J. Paul Getty, Anwar Sadat, Jonas Salk, and Margaret Thatcher. Another item is a facsimile edition of the *Codex Hammer*, a notebook of Leonardo da Vinci, circa 1508. A photograph album entitled "Dr. Armand Hammer Presents His Papers to the Library of Congress" shows scenes from the opening of the exhibit in 1989.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged alphabetically by type of material.

Container List

<i>Container</i>	<i>Contents</i>
BOX 1	Exhibit items, circa 1508, 1922, 1932, 1940, 1958-1988 <i>See also Oversize</i>
BOX 1	Photograph album, 1989
BOX OV 1	<i>Codex Hammer</i> , circa 1508, with annotations, 1987