

# **Wilhelm Reich Papers**

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## Collection Summary

**Title:** Wilhelm Reich Papers

**Span Dates:** 1920-1952

**ID No.:** MSS6429

**Creator:** Reich, Wilhelm, 1897-1957

**Extent:** 300 items ; 1 containers ; .4 linear feet

**Language:** Collection material in English and German

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

**Summary:** Psychologist and biophysicist. Correspondence, minutes, writings by Reich and others, explanatory notes by Reich, lists, programs, and photographs. The bulk of the collection consists of photocopies, transcripts, and translations of correspondence to and from Reich concerning the development of his theories, his break with Sigmund Freud and the psychoanalytic movement in 1934, and his involvement with communist and socialist movements in Austria and Germany during the 1920s and 1930s.

## 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

Eitingon, M. (Max), 1880-1943--Correspondence.

Fenichel, Otto--Correspondence.

Ferenczi, Sándor, 1873-1933--Correspondence.

Freud, Anna, 1895-1982--Correspondence.

Freud, Sigmund, 1856-1939--Correspondence.

Malinowski, Bronislaw, 1884-1942--Correspondence.

Reich, Wilhelm, 1897-1957.

### Subjects

Communism--Austria.

Communism--Germany.

Psychoanalysis.

Psychology.

Socialism--Austria.

Socialism--Germany.

### Occupations

Biophysicists.

Psychologists.

## Administrative Information

### Provenance

The papers of Wilhelm Reich, psychologist and biophysicist, were given to the Library of Congress by the Sigmund Freud Archives in 1952. Additional items were purchased in 1999.

### Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Wilhelm Reich is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

### **Access and Restrictions**

The papers of Wilhelm Reich are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. 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, Wilhelm Reich Papers, Sigmund Freud Collection, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

## **Scope and Content Note**

The papers of Wilhelm Reich (1897-1957) span the years 1920-1952 and include correspondence, minutes, writings by Reich and others, explanatory notes by Reich, lists, programs, and photographs. The papers are in German and English. The bulk of the collection consists of photocopies, transcripts, and translations of correspondence to and from Reich concerning the development of Reich's theories, his break with Sigmund Freud and the psychoanalytic movement in 1934, and his involvement with communist and socialist movements in Austria and Germany during the 1920s and 1930s. Prominent correspondents include Max Eitingon, Otto Fenichel, Sándor Ferenczi, Anna Freud, and Bronislaw Malinowski.

## **Arrangement of the Papers**

This collection is arranged alphabetically by type of material .

## Container List

<i>Container</i>	<i>Contents</i>
<b>BOX 1</b>	Correspondence
<b>BOX 1</b>	Original letter to [Oskar?] Bumbacher, 1939
<b>BOX 1</b>	Photocopies, transcriptions, and translations, 1920-1942 (9 folders)
<b>BOX 1</b>	List of documents and letter regarding collection, 1952
<b>BOX 1</b>	Minutes and related material regarding the Verband für proletarische Sexualreform und Mutterschutz, 1932-1935
<b>BOX 1</b>	Miscellany, 1926-1934
<b>BOX 1</b>	Photographs, 1952, undated
<b>BOX 1</b>	Writings
<b>BOX 1</b>	By others, 1929-1936, 1952
<b>BOX 1</b>	By Reich, 1932-1938