

Albert Einstein Papers
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Collection Summary

Title: Albert Einstein Papers

Span Dates: 1916-1953

ID No.: MSS19596

Creator: Einstein, Albert, 1879-1955

Extent: 40 items

Extent: 1 container

Extent: 0.2 linear feet

Language: Collection material in German and English

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

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Summary: Physicist. Correspondence and manuscripts of writings including a fair copy of Einstein's 1905 paper concerning the theory of relativity titled "Zur Elektrodynamik bewegter Körper," and manuscripts of "Einheitliche Feldtheorie" and "Das Bi-Vektor Feld."

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

People

Aron, Willy, 1902- --Correspondence.

Carathéodory, Constantin, 1873-1950--Correspondence.

Einstein, Albert, 1879-1955.

Freud, Sigmund, 1856-1939--Correspondence.

Subjects

Physics.

Relativity (Physics)

Occupations

Physicists.

Provenance

The papers of Albert Einstein, physicist, were received in the Library of Congress by transfer, by purchase from various sources, and by gift of Einstein, the Kansas City Life Insurance Company, William T. Kemper, Jr., and others between 1938 and 1996.

Processing History

The papers of Albert Einstein were arranged and described in 1996. The collection was revised in 2000. The finding aid was revised in 2009.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Albert Einstein is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The papers of Albert Einstein 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, Albert Einstein Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Albert Einstein (1879-1955) span the years 1916-1953 and consist of originals and reproductions of correspondence and writings by Einstein. The writings include an autographed fair copy of his 1905 paper concerning the theory of relativity, "Zur Elektrodynamik bewegter Körper," made by Einstein in 1943 and donated by him to promote the sale of war bonds through the activities of the Book and Authors War Bond Committee in World War II. An autographed manuscript of "Das Bi-Vektor Feld," was also donated to promote the war effort. "Einheitliche Feldtheorie," signed by Einstein, was presented to the Library in 1938.

Correspondents include Willy Aron, Constantin Carathéodory, and Sigmund Freud. The Freud correspondence consists of negative photostats of letters exchanged between Freud and Einstein in 1932 regarding the nature and possible prevention of war and later published as *Why War?*

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged alphabetically by type of material.

Container List

Container	Contents
BOX 1	Correspondence
BOX 1	Aron, Willy, 1931-1949
BOX 1	Carathéodory, Constantin, 1916
BOX 1	Freud, Sigmund, 1932
BOX 1	Miscellaneous, 1926-1953
BOX 1	Writings
BOX 1	"Das Bi-Vektor Feld," 1943-1944
BOX 1	"Einheitliche Feldtheorie," 1938
BOX 1	"Zur Elektrodynamik bewegter Körper," 1943