

**Armand Hammer Papers**  
**A Finding Aid to the Collection in the Library of Congress**



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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

**Extent:** 1 container plus 1 oversize

**Extent:** 1.2 linear feet

**Language:** Collection material in English

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

**LC Catalog record:** <https://lccn.loc.gov/mm89077751>

**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 LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

### People

Andropov, I'U'. V. (I'U'rii 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, 1914-1995--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.

## **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**

The papers of Armand Hammer 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, 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 I. 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

Container	Contents
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