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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Anthropological Archives
Title:	Géza Róheim papers
Date:	circa 1930 - circa 1950
Identifier:	NAA.1992-02
Creator:	Róheim, Géza, 1891-1953
Extent:	7.75 Linear feet
Language:	Materials are in English, Hungarian, and German.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Received from the Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research in 1992.

Related Materials

The Special Collections and Archives at the University of California, San Diego holds the Géza Róheim Papers (MSS 46).

Processing Information

The collection is unprocessed. Contact the repository for more information.

Preferred Citation

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Restrictions

Access to the Géza Róheim papers requires an appointment.

Biographical Note

Géza Róheim was born in Hungary and trained in human geography at the universities of Leipzig and Berlin. He went through psychoanalysis under Sandor Ferenczi and became a lay practitioner. He was also among the earliest anthropologists to work within Freudian theory, his earliest works being largely an application of that theory to data gathered from readings. In 1928, Marie Bonapart offered to support Róheim in an expedition which carried him to Somaliland, Australia, Normanby Island, and the United States. Thus between 1928 and 1930, he carried out field work with the Somali, Aranda and Lirittja, Juau, Dobu, and Yuma. In 1938, Róheim took up residence in the United States. In 1938-1939, he was on the staff of Worcester State Hospital in Massachusetts, and following that he was in private psychoanalytic practice in New York. In 1947, he worked among the Navajo.

Scope and Contents

The collection consists of notebooks concerning the Duau, Dobu, and Yuma and some materials on the Australian Aborigines. In addition, there are manuscripts of Róheim's writing and reprints of articles. The existence of Navajo notes has not been determined.

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Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

Aboriginal Australians
Quechan (Yuma/Cuchan)

Cultures:

Aboriginal Australians
Quechan (Yuma/Cuchan)

Types of Materials:

Manuscripts

Places:

Papua New Guinea