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## Collection Overview

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## Administrative Information

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## Scope and Contents

Concerns archaeological field work in the area of the Monte Alban ruins in Oaxaca. Letter written by Ayme in Oaxaca describes his excavations in three areas. The first at an hacienda called Nazarene, at the foot of Monte Alban; a second along a river bank, one mile west of the hacienda, and a third just north of the Oaxaca road, a mile east of Nazarene. The report describes the tombs he encountered and includes rough sketches of these structures and a few of the artifacts. At the close of the letter, Ayme asks for additional funds to continue his work, so as to "put...into your hands a superb, unequalled collection of Mexican antiquities."

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## Local Note

The United States National Museum has a fairly large collection of Zapotec funerary urns and assorted ceramic objects donated by Ayme. For details, see list in Anthropology Processing Lab, United States National Museum.

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## Local Note

The Manuscript bears a stamp which reads, "Bureau of American Ethnology. Manuscript Vault. April, 1926."

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## Local Note

autograph document

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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:

Mexico -- Monte Alban -- Nazarene  
Zapotec

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Zapotec