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MS 2008-18 Two amulets  
collected in Bafodea, Sierra Leone

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	National Anthropological Archives
<b>Title:</b>	MS 2008-18 Two amulets collected in Bafodea, Sierra Leone
<b>Date:</b>	1979
<b>Identifier:</b>	NAA.MS2008-18
<b>Creator:</b>	Prussin, Labelle (Collector)
<b>Extent:</b>	2 Sheets (59 x 40 centimeters and 33 x 22 centimeters; colored inks)
<b>Language:</b>	Amulets are inscribed in Arabic.
<b>Digital Content:</b>	<a href="#">Image(s): Two amulets collected in Bafodea, Sierra Leone</a>

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## Administrative Information

### Other Archival Materials

Original amulet that Simon Ottenberg collected is at the Smithsonian's National Museum of African Art.

### Citation

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## Scope and Contents

Two amulets (called "hatumere" by the Fulbe and "sebe" by the Mande) collected by Labelle Prussin in Bafodea, Sierra Leone in 1979. One is a copy that Labelle Prussin had made of an amulet inscribed in Arabic. The original amulet was later collected by Simon Ottenberg and is now in the collections of the Smithsonian's National Museum of African Art. The other amulet is an Arabic inscribed sheet of paper previously mounted over the lintel of the entrance to the Chief's house in Bafodea.

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## Local Numbers

NAA MS 2008-18

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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:

Amulets  
Limba (African people)

Cultures:

Limba (African people)

Places:

Sierra Leone -- Arabic scripts