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MS 7597 Chinese money for the dead

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	National Anthropological Archives
<b>Title:</b>	MS 7597 Chinese money for the dead
<b>Identifier:</b>	NAA.MS7597
<b>Date:</b>	undated
<b>Extent:</b>	2 Items (pieces ; 20x8.2 cm)
<b>Creator:</b>	ANONYMOUS Thayer, A.T.
<b>Language:</b>	Undetermined

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## Administrative Information

### Provenance

Gift of A.T. Thayer, received in 1925. Transferred to the archives by Chang-su Houchins, November 3, 1994.

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## Scope and Contents

The Chinese term jingyi (literally, clothing blessed by the Buddhist scripture) refers also to the paper money made for the dead. It is a rectangular piece of paper with the design of incised strings of coins in the center. It is burned so that the dead will receive holdy blessings and have money for use in the netherworld.

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## Local Note

Information from Huey-ing Jeng, museum inter from George Washington University, and Chang-su Houchins, of the Department of Anthropology.

## Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Chinese -- money for dead  
Chinese -- mortuary custom  
mortuary custom -- Chinese

Cultures:

Chinese -- money for dead  
Chinese -- mortuary custom