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Collection Overview

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Date:	1937.
Extent:	0.15 Cubic feet (1 box)
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Language:	English

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Russell H. Varian, gift, 1958

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Biographical / Historical

Russell H. Varian was co-inventor of the klystron tube, important in the development of radar. Varian worked at various times for Stanford University, Humble Oil Company, Farnsworth Television Corporation, and the Sperry Gyroscope Company, before founding Varian Associates with his brother Sigmund.

Scope and Contents

Two notebooks, April 12-July 14 and July 14-September 8, 1937, documenting development of the klystron tube at Stanford University.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Electrical science and technology
- Klystron tube
- Radar

Types of Materials:

- Notebooks -- 1900-1950

Names:

- Electricity and Modern Physics, Division of, NMAH, SI.
- Varian Associates.