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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Smithsonian Institution Archives, Washington, D.C., <a href="mailto:osiaref@si.edu">osiaref@si.edu</a>
<b>Title:</b>	Dean R. Chapman Papers
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## Administrative Information

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## Descriptive Entry

Dean R. Chapman (1922-1995) was an authority on tektites (enigmatic natural glass objects that are found in certain regions of both the Earth's land surfaces and in its deep sea sediments. Tektites have historically been collected along with meteorites). He spent most of his career as an aerodynamicist at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Ames Research Center. Chapman amassed a large collection of tektites which was donated to the National Museum of Natural History. These papers document Chapman's research on the origin of tektites and the development of his collection. They consist of incoming and outgoing correspondence exchanged between Chapman and scientists, museums, collectors, and dealers.

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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:

Tektite

Types of Materials:

Black-and-white negatives  
Black-and-white photographs  
Clippings  
Color photographs

Manuscripts  
Maps  
Picture postcards

Names:

Chapman, Dean, 1925-

## Container Listing

### Box 1

Box 1 of 3	Tektites, Synthetic Glasses and Standards - Analysis and Compositions
Box 1 of 3	Synthetic Glasses - Properties, from Corning
Box 1 of 3	L. Scheiber - Tektite Correspondence, late 1969-1976
Box 1 of 3	Tektite Correspondence, 1960-1962
Box 1 of 3	Tektite Correspondence, 1963
Box 1 of 3	Tektite Correspondence, 1964
Box 1 of 3	Tektite Correspondence, 1965
Box 1 of 3	Chapman - Tektites, 1965
Box 1 of 3	Tektite Correspondence, 1966
Box 1 of 3	Tektites, 1966
Box 1 of 3	Chapman Correspondence, January-June 1967
Box 1 of 3	Tektites, 1967
Box 1 of 3	Tektite Correspondence, 1967
Box 1 of 3	Chapman Correspondence, July-December 1967
Box 1 of 3	Chapman Correspondence, 1968
Box 1 of 3	Tektite Correspondence, 1968
Box 1 of 3	Tektites, 1968
Box 1 of 3	Tektites, 1969
Box 1 of 3	Tektite Correspondence, 1969
Box 1 of 3	Additional Correspondence, 1971
Box 1 of 3	Tektite Correspondence, 1972-1973
Box 1 of 3	Tektites, 1970-1971
Box 1 of 3	Additional Correspondence, 1970

Box 1 of 3 Australian Museum (AM) Correspondence - Chalmers

Box 2

Box 2 of 3 American Meteorite Museum and Laboratory

Box 2 of 3 American Spectrographic Laboratories

Box 2 of 3 Arizona State University (ASU) - Carleton Moore

Box 2 of 3 Bangkok - Department of Mineral Resources

Box 2 of 3 Baker, George

Box 2 of 3 Barnes, Virgil E.

Box 2 of 3 Beyer, William G. (Manila)

Box 2 of 3 Beyer Contract Reports

Box 2 of 3 British Museum

Box 2 of 3 Cassidy, William A.

Box 2 of 3 Chao, Ed

Box 2 of 3 Compston, William

Box 2 of 3 Czechoslovakia

Box 2 of 3 Evans, Bruce F.; Hooker, Ray W.; Hunter, Willson H.

Box 2 of 3 Fudali, Robert F.

Box 2 of 3 Geological Survey

Box 2 of 3 Geological Survey Data

Box 2 of 3 Glass- Microtektites

Box 2 of 3 Hartman, Edwin P.; Macaulay, R.

Box 2 of 3 Core Sediments, Lamont Geological Observatory

Box 2 of 3 LaPaz, Lincoln

Box 2 of 3 Leiden - Rijksmuseum van Geologie en Mineralogie

Box 2 of 3 Macaulay, R.

Box 2 of 3 Marshall, Lloyd

Box 2 of 3 Mason Correspondence, American Museum of Natural History (AMNH)

Box 2 of 3 McColl, Donald H.

Box 2 of 3 Murray, T.

Box 2 of 3 National Museum of Victoria (NMV); Gill, Edmund

Box 2 of 3 Nestor, Thomas A. - Sompong Glinjun

Box 2 of 3 O'Keefe, John A.

Box 2 of 3 Paris Correspondence

Box 2 of 3 Pham, Minh Van; Bown, Beulah

Box 2 of 3 Sanguan Jangtrakul

Box 2 of 3 South Australian Museum (SAM) Correspondence - Borrowed Tektites

Box 2 of 3 Tasmanian Minerals

Box 3

Box 3 of 3 Taylor, Hugh P., Jr.

Box 3 of 3 Thai Lapidary

Box 3 of 3 Tillotson, Dale

Box 3 of 3 United States National Museum (USNM) / Smithsonian Correspondence

Box 3 of 3 Urey, Harold C.

Box 3 of 3 von Koenigswald, G. H. R.

Box 3 of 3 Western Australian Museum (WAM) Correspondence

Box 3 of 3 Tektite Correspondence - Miscellaneous Letters

Box 3 of 3 Shipment List, Chapman Tektite Collection - Shipments 1-11

Box 3 of 3 Shipment List, Chapman Tektite Collection - Shipments 12-17