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## Collection Overview

Repository:	Smithsonian Institution Archives, Washington, D.C., <i>osiaref@si.edu</i>
Creator:	Adams, Robert McC. (Robert McCormick), 1926-
Title:	Robert McCormick Adams Papers
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## Administrative Information

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## Descriptive Entry

This accession consists of the papers of Robert McCormick Adams (RMA), the ninth Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution. The papers pertain mostly to his career outside of the Smithsonian, such as his teaching career, research and fieldwork, and his affiliation with various professional societies, organizations, and institutions. Materials include correspondence, memoranda, research notes, lectures, photographs, appointment books, evaluations, reviews, newspaper clippings, journal articles, logs, and publications.

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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:

Anthropologists  
Anthropology

### Types of Materials:

Black-and-white photographs

Clippings  
Manuscripts

Names:

Adams, Robert McC. (Robert McCormick), 1926-  
Smithsonian Institution. Office of the Secretary.

## Container Listing

### Box 1

Miscellaneous Papers on Academic Position and Objectives, c. 1943-1993  
Smithsonian Institution - Personal, c. 1984-1993  
Correspondence - Family, c. 1952-1979  
Correspondence (RMA's Appointment as Provost of University of Chicago),  
1982  
Agricultural Settlement on the Diyala Plains - Permanent File, c. 1950-1990  
Uruk, c. 1967-1976  
Lagash Survey, 1969  
Diyala Correspondence, 1959-1983  
City Inevitable and Evolution of Urban Society: Correspondence & Reviews,  
1966-1974  
Archeology: Science or Humanities, 1963-1968  
Gunde Shapur, 1968-1969  
Akkad Survey, 1955-1971  
Iraq, 1990-1994

### Box 2

RMA - Lectures & Papers, 1984-1994  
Correspondence and Photographs - Family, c. 1943-1957  
Smithsonian Events - Programs, 1994, Visitors' Sign-In Log, 1985-1994  
Address Book, undated  
Correspondence (to parents), 1945-1946  
Appointment Books, 1959-1969, 1973-1983  
Heartland of Cities - Comments, Correspondence, c. 1978-1993  
Evaluations, c. 1968-1986

### Box 3

Harvard, c. 1976-1984  
American Anthropological Association, c. 1971-1983

RMA - Personal - National Research Council - Division of Behavioral Science, c. 1982-1984

AAAS (American Association for the Advancement of Science), 1984

RMA - Personal - American Academy of Arts and Sciences, c. 1972-1984

MacArthur Foundation, c. 1979-1984

Unpublished Lectures, Etc. - Chicago, c. 1962-1984

Irrigation, c. 1955-1990

Sumerian Agriculture, c. 1978-1990

Frontiers, Change, Uncertainty, c. 1966-1984

Peer Review, c. 1962-1985

Universities and the Federal Government, c. 1979-1984

NAS (National Academy of Sciences) - RRC (Report Review Committee), c. 1977-1984

Social Sciences: Rationale & Relevance, c. 1972-1986

#### Box 4

Science - Art, c. 1977-1980

Scientific Revolutions, Evolution, and Organization, c. 1969-1979

Trade, c. 1964-1978

Urban Revolution & Evolution, c. 1967-1983

Settlement Patterns, Regional Systems, c. 1962-1976

Locational Analysis, c. 1968-1977

Illicit Antiquities, c. 1968-1978

NSF (National Science Foundation): Soc. Utility of Social Science, c. 1980-1982

Change in Pre-Modern Economics, Societies, c. 1982-1983

Old Course Notes and Examinations, c. 1963- 1985

Scientific Exchanges: Politics and Policies, c.1971-1981

Miscellaneous Correspondence A, c. 1985-1993

Miscellaneous Correspondence B, c. 1985-1994: Robert J. Braidwood

#### Box 5

Miscellaneous Correspondence C, c. 1955-1994: Donald T. Campbell, Paolo Costa

Miscellaneous Correspondence D, c. 1966-1994: I. M. Diakonoff

Miscellaneous Correspondence E, c. 1967-1994: Dale F. Eickleman

Miscellaneous Correspondence F, c. 1960-1993: Walter Fairervis, Robert A. Fernea, A. G. Frank, John M. Fritz

Miscellaneous Correspondence G, c. 1968-1994: Mac Gibson, Marny Golding, Grace Goodell, Oleg Grabar

Miscellaneous Correspondence H, c. 1967-1993: Chris Hamlin, John Hansman, Adnan Hardan

Miscellaneous Correspondence I, c. 1982-1986

Miscellaneous Correspondence J, c. 1970-1992: Thorkild Jacobsen, Greg Johnson

Miscellaneous Correspondence K, c. 1966-1993: F. Katz, Jack Kelso, Horst Klengel, P. Kohl

Miscellaneous Correspondence L, c. 1972-1992: Lamberg-Karlovsky, Ira Lapidus, Curtis E. Larsen, Mogens Trolle Larsen, Heather Lechtman, M. Liverani

#### Box 6

Miscellaneous Correspondence M, c. 1972-1993: Leon Marfoe, Abdullah H. Masry, William H. MacNeill, R. S. Merrill, Michael G. Morony, P. Mortensen

Miscellaneous Correspondence N, c. 1975-1994: Han J. Nissen

Miscellaneous Correspondence O, c. 1976-1992: Joachim Oelsner

Miscellaneous Correspondence P, c. 1957-1993: Fred Plog, Gregory L. Possehl, J. N. Postgate, Daniel T. Potts

Miscellaneous Correspondence Q, 1979

Miscellaneous Correspondence R, c. 1969-1994: C. Redman, Colin Renfrew

Miscellaneous Correspondence S, c. 1970-1994: Robert M. Schacht, Elizabeth Stone

Miscellaneous Correspondence T, c. 1967-1994: Ramila Thapar, M. Tosi, Bruce G. Trigger, Ruth Tringham, John W. Turner

Miscellaneous Correspondence U, c. 1991

Miscellaneous Correspondence V, c. 1960-1984

#### Box 7

Miscellaneous Correspondence W, c. 1959-1994: Harvey Weiss, Robert Wenke, Donald S. Whitcomb

Miscellaneous Correspondence X-Y, c. 1982-1993: Norman Yoffee

Miscellaneous Correspondence Z, c. 1984-1992: Al Zagarell, Paul Zimansky

Miscellaneous Eqp. Etc, c. 1966

Climpop, c. 1976-1986

RMA - Personal - National Academy of Sciences, c. 1970-1985

Iraq - Miscellaneous Correspondence, c. 1956-1986

Iraq - D. G. of Antiquities, c. 1957-1975

Invitations Declined, Postponed, Canceled, Evaded, c. 1971-1985

American Schools of Oriental Research, c. 1980-1985

American Philosophical Society, c. 1974-1985

Arab-Persian Gulf, c. 1970-1975

Europeans and Others, c. 1983

China, c. 1982

#### Box 8

NAS - Council, c. 1981-1984

National Geographic Society, c. 1978-1983

UCSD (University of California, San Diego), c. 1981-1983

Saudi Arabian Archeological Policy, c. 1974-1976

Saudi Arabian Research Materials, c. 1974-1976

Anthropology, c. 1966-1985

Saudi Arabia - Miscellaneous, c. 1976-1980

East Africa, c. 1978-1979

American Academy of Arts and Sciences - Social Science Prize, c. 1975-1979

Oriental Institute - Miscellaneous, c. 1955-1984

Chiapas, c. 1958-1960

Goodchild, c. 1960, and undated

Sociobiology, Reductionism, c. 1970-1980



Photographs (Ceremonial - Copanaguastia - Prehistoric Sites), undated

DDR Akademie Der Wissenschaften, c. 1977-1978

Science in the DDR (East Germany?), c. 1977-1983

RMA - Personal - SSRC Urbanization Symposium, c.1971-1973

Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, c. 1980-1984

Iranian Revolution and American Scholarship, c.1979, and undated

Radiocarbon Dating, c. 1973-1980

Aarhus "ex Oriente Lux" Conference, c. 1980

#### Box 9

Charts and Negatives, Miscellaneous (Teotihuacan, Lowland Maya, and unidentified), undated

Aberta Illustrations, undated

Miscellaneous Illustrations - Mainly Negatives from Publications Used in Surveys, undated

Abu Sarifa, Illustrations, undated

USSR/USA Archaeological Symposia, c. 1977-1985

Illustrations for "The Evolution of Urban Society," undated

Oriental Institute Search Committee, 1983

Education Services, Inc., c. 1964-1976

Lecture Notes - University of California, Department of Anthropology, c. 1955-1963

Britannica, c. 1967-1976

Herat Project, c. 1966, and undated

Chihuahua, c. 1965-1969

Smithsonian Institution, c. 1981

Schmidt Map Photos, undated

Stone - AOS (American Oriental Society) Symposium, 1981

World Picture, Anthropological Frame (Preliminary notes, reference), undated

NSF (National Science Foundation) - SOC74-12491, 1974-1977

Iran, c. 1959-1979: Iran - KDS, Iran - Miscellaneous, Iran Government

Arab Studies, c. 1979-1980

Khuzestan Notes, c. 1963, and undated

Card - "To Robert McCormick Adams...", 1983