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### Collection Overview

**Repository:** Smithsonian Institution Archives, Washington, D.C., osiaref@si.edu  
**Title:** Richard B. Roberts Notebook  
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**Date:** 1938-1939  
**Extent:** 1 volume.  
**Creator:** Roberts, Richard B. (Richard Brooke), 1910-  
**Language:** English

### Administrative Information

#### Prefered Citation
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#### Historical Note
Richard Brooke Roberts (1910-1980), physicist and biophysicist, participated in the experiment in which the splitting of the uranium atom was first observed in 1939. At the time, he was a Fellow at the Carnegie Institution in Washington, D.C.

### Descriptive Entry
This notebook contains Roberts' laboratory data and notes for the period September 1938 to April 1939, including notes on the atom-splitting experiment. The volume also contains a letter from Roberts to his father, giving the background of the experiment.

### Names and Subject Terms
This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

**Subjects:**  
- Biophysicists  
- Nuclear fission  
- Physicists  
- Physics
Types of Materials:
Laboratory notebooks

Names:
Carnegie Institution of Washington
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Container Listing

Box 1

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