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Collection Summary

Repository:	Archives and Special Collections Library, Vassar College Libraries
Creator:	Einstein, Albert, 1879-1955
Title:	Morris and Adele Bergreen Albert Einstein Collection
Dates:	1919-1988
Quantity:	2.2 cubic feet (11 boxes)
Abstract:	Composed mainly of correspondence between Einstein and the executor of his estate, Otto Nathan. Also includes letters from Elsa Einstein to Nathan, as well as some manuscripts, ephemera and photographs of Einstein.
Language of Material	Correspondence in German and English.

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Biographical Note

Albert Einstein was a professor of physics at the University of Zurich and the University of Berlin. From 1933 to his death in 1955 he was a professor at the Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton University.

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Scope and Content Note

Composed mainly of correspondence between Einstein and the executor of his estate, Otto Nathan. A number of letters discuss the fate of Jews in Europe and other aspects of World War II. Others deal with Brandeis University, Jewish affairs in the United States, and personal matters. Also included are letters from Elsa Einstein to Nathan, as well as some manuscripts, ephemera, and photographs of Einstein.

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Arrangement

This collection is organized into 3 series and arranged chronologically within each of those series. [Top](#)

Access and Use

Access

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Subject Headings

Names:

- Beard, Charles A. (Charles Austin), 1874-1948
- Einstein, Elsa, 1876-1936
- Frankfurter, Felix, 1882-1965
- Freud, Sigmund, 1856-1939
- Nathan, Otto, 1893-1987

Organizations:

- Brandeis University

Subjects:

- Intellectuals
- Jews--Europe
- Jews--United States
- Political refugees
- World War, 1939-1945

Document Types:

- Correspondence
- Photographs

VCL Categories:

- Politics
- War and War Crimes

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Encoding Information

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Administrative Information

Preferred Citation

Morris and Adele Bergreen Albert Einstein Collection, Archives and Special Collections Library, Vassar College Libraries.

Processing Information

Arranged and described by Ronald D. Patkus and Rachel Schles. Last updated 2003.

Acquisition Information

Gift of Morris and Adele Bergreen, 2003.

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