



# Berlin (Theodore H.) papers

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## Summary Information

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## Biographical / Historical

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Theodore H. Berlin (1917-1962), a theoretical physicist who came to The Rockefeller University in 1962 and died suddenly in 1962. He joined the Rockefeller University Faculty with Mark Kac and George Uhlenbeck to develop a department of theoretical physics. In the short time that Dr. Berlin was at the University he so endeared himself to his colleagues that a Memorial Garden on campus was developed in his memory.

During World War II, while still a graduate student, Dr. Berlin worked on the development of the proximity fuse. His academic work was concerned with the electronic structure of molecules, and his thesis was on the quantization and electric interaction in diatomic molecules. Finally his work turned toward theoretical physics.

Married Patricia May Cleary, 1944 Children: Geoffrey N., Dennis A., Michael K., Alexander L.

Member of: American Physical Society (Fellow) Sigma Xi Phi Beta Kappa

Editor: Journal of Chemical Physics Physical Review Physical Review Letters

Chronology	
1917	Born May 8, New York City
1939	B.S. Chemical Engineering, Cooper Union Institute of Technology
1940	M.S., University of Michigan
1944	Ph.D., University of Michigan (Horace H. Rackham Fellow)
1944-1946	Research physicist, University of Michigan
1946-1947	Lecturer, Johns Hopkins University
1948-1949	Associate Professor, Northwestern University
1949-1954	Associate Professor, Johns Hopkins University
1952-1953	Guggenheim Fellow, Institute of Advanced Science
1955-1961	Professor, Johns Hopkins University
1961-1962	Professor, The Rockefeller University
1962	Appointed to Board of Editors of The Physics of Fluids, starting January 1st Died November 16 and buried in Prospect Hill Cemetery, Baltimore, Maryland

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## Scope and Contents

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Biographical material, correspondence, manuscripts, notes and notebooks, reprints, and photographs. Includes administrative correspondence with Brookhaven National Laboratory (1949-1962) and Johns Hopkins University (1952-1962). Correspondents include Kasimir Fajans, Sam Goudsmit, Mark Kac, S. Katsura, Lawrence Kubie, G. Uhlenbeck, and C. N. Yang.

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## Arrangement

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As received.

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## File Plan

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## Related Materials

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### Related Materials

At his death a good deal of his correspondence and some notes were sent by Dr. Uhlenbeck (at the wish of Mrs. Berlin) to Kasimir Fajans to be handled with the Fajans papers in the Michigan Historical Collection, Rackham Building, Ann Arbor, Michigan. A smaller group was sent to H. A. Gersch, Georgia Institute of Technology (see Box 1, Folder 2).

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## Collection Inventory

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Title/Description	Instances
Biographical material	box 1      folder 1
Who's Who photocopy	
Photographs	
Portrait	
Photograph with C.N. Yang	

Memorial Garden		
Employment record		
Pre-employment correspondence		
Detlev Bronk		
Copy of letter to Sam Goudsmit		
Copy of letter from Mark Kac to Sam Goudsmit		
Administrative correspondence		
Correspondence re: arrangements after death		
Obituary Rockefeller Institute Quarterly		
Correspondence		
Correspondence about T. Berlin papers	box 1	folder 2
<b>Scope and Contents</b>		
Between G. Uhlenbeck, K. Fajans, M. Kac and H.A. Gersch.		
A-C, 1952-1960	box 2	folder 3
Albrecht, M.C.		
American Physical Society		
Anderson, Richard L.		
Andriola, J.		
Bauer, Norman		
Beardon, Alan J.		
Breit, Gregory		
Burdell, E.S.		
Burlew, John S.		
Cohen, E.G.D.		
Cohen, Leslie		
Cole, F.T.		
Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art, E.S. Burdell President		
Coulson, C.A.		
<b>Scope and Contents</b>		
1948-1949 Discussion of assumptions in the Berlin thesis.		
Cryder Sales		

1949-1962

box 1

folder 4

**Scope and Contents**

Brookhaven National Laboratory; ca. 1 in administrative correspondence; serving as consultant.

D-F, 1950-1960

box 1

folder 5

Dieke, G.

Dresden, Max

Erpenbeck, J.J.

Falkoff, D.

Feldman

Fierz, M.

Ford, George W.

**Scope and Contents**

Counter examples Kahn-Uhlenbeck theory

Ford, Joseph

**Scope and Contents**

Discussion of work.

1952-1962

box 1

folder 6

Fajans, Kasimir

1951-1962

box 1

folder 7

Guggenheim Foundation, 1951-1962 (bulk)

**Scope and Contents**

Mainly while a Guggenheim Fellow

G-K, 1952-1960

box 1

folder 8

Gelinas, R.W.

Gersch, H.

Gildart, Lee

Goddard, D.R.

Golovin, N.E.

Gordon, Lewis

Gordon Research Conference



Goudsmit, Sam		
Gourary, B.S.		
Greenberg, Mayo		
Groot, Siep de		
Gursey, Fega		
Hamilton, G.		
Hearon, J.Z.		
Herman, R.		
Holmen, R.E.		
International Congress of Theoretical Physics		
Ising, E.		
Ingraham, R.L.		
Jehle, H.		
Journal of the Optical Society		
Kirkwood, J.G.		
1952-1962	box 1	folder 9
Johns Hopkins University Administration		
<b>Scope and Contents</b>		
Recommendations and evaluations		
<b>Arrangement</b>		
Arranged alphabetically		
1959-1960	box 1	folder 10
Johns Hopkins University		
<b>Biographical / Historical</b>		
Acting Chairman of the Physics Department.		
1957-1958	box 1	folder 11
Johns Hopkins University		
<b>Scope and Contents</b>		
Prepared replies for University President to H.C. Dudley on his re-examination of the theory of relativity		
1953	box 2	folder 1

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Joost, Res

**Scope and Contents**

2 manuscripts with cover letters.

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1950-1960

box 2

folder 2

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Kac, Mark

**Scope and Contents**

With discussions of formulae. Includes unidentified snapshot.

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1951-1960

box 2

folder 3

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Katsura, S.

**Scope and Contents**

Includes discussions of problems; manuscript; curriculum vita; publications; 2 reprints.

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1960-1961

box 2

folder 4

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Kubie, Lawrence

**Scope and Contents**

On theories of education for creative productivity.

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L-O, 1951-1960

box 2

folder 5

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Lax, Mel

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Lenard, A.

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Lidiard, Alan

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Lipps, F.W.

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Macek, Andrej

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McGlenn, W.D.

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McIlvaine, W.D.

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Madansky, Leon

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Markshak, R.E.

**Scope and Contents**

Includes article on Soviet trip.

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Mathematical Reviews

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Mathot, V.

Mayer, Joseph E.		
Menzel, D.E.		
Mercier, Andre		
Meselson, M.		
Miller, Park H.		
Minkowski, J.M.		
Moe, Henry Allen		
Mohling, F.		
Moroi, David S.		
Mountain, R.D.		
Muntner, J.M.		
Nall, J.		
Owens, Lloyd		
P-R, 1951-1957	box 2	folder 6
Painter, Sidney (Mrs.)		
Park, David		
Plano, Richard		
Rasetti, Franco		
Rittner, E.S.		
Robertson, Harry S.		
Rodberg, Leonard		
Rosenblatt, Samuel		
S1952-1960	box 2	folder 7
Saperstein, M.R.		
Scientists' Committee for Radiation Information		
Shapiro, Anatole		
Shipley, E.		
Siegerst, Arnold		
Singswald, M.		
Sternberg, S.		
Stein, Clara		
1955	box 2	folder 8

Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics		
T-V, 1950-1960	box 2	folder 9
Thomas, C.		
Thomsen, John S.		
Tolhoek, H.		
Uhlenbeck, G.		
Van Hove, L.		
1949-1950	box 2	folder 10
United States Department of the Navy		
<b>Scope and Contents</b>		
Primarily with Elliott Montroll on grant proposal.		
W1948-1958	box 2	folder 11
Wannier, G.H.		
Ward, J.		
Warner, Douglas		
Weiss, G.		
Weng,...?, Harold		
Wette, F.W. de		
Weland, G.W.		
Witten, Louis		
Woodburne, L.S.		
1950-1959	box 2	folder 12
Yang, C.N.		
1953, 1958	box 2	folder 13
Zernow, L.		
<b>Scope and Contents</b>		
Including dissertation		
Zwansig, Robert		
Reprints and tyoscripts of publications and lectures	box 2	folder 14-15
Notebooks	box 3	

## Scope and Contents

Various problems and theories. Looseleaf binder contains notes on literature.

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Assorted Notes	box 4	folder 1-8
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## Scope and Contents

Groups of notes, undated, unnamed. Folder 1 has labeled notebook: Light and matter; theory of elementary particles. Folder 2 has labeled notebook: Magnetohydrodynamic waves.

## Arrangement

Pages are consecutively numbered as problems and theories worked out and so arranged.

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Assorted Notes	box 5
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## Scope and Contents

Groups of notes.

## Arrangement

Pages are consecutively numbered. Notes are held together by a title of a problem or theory.

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Assorted lecture notes	box 5	folder 1
Notes on the theory of graphs	box 5	folder 2
Notes on statistical mechanics	box 5	folder 3
Notes on quantum mechanics	box 5	folder 4
Notes on crystallography	box 5	folder 5
Notes on the Raleigh problem	box 6	folder 1
Notes on Feynman's Lagrangian method	box 6	folder 2
Notes on Fokker Planck equation	box 6	folder 3
Notes on statistical physics	box 6	folder 4
Notes on field theory	box 6	folder 5
Notes on low temperature	box 6	folder 6
Notes on Kac's "Random walk in the presence of absorbing barriers"	box 6	folder 7
Notes on green function treatment of Schrodiner equation	box 6	folder 8
Notes on the Schwinger Hamiltonian	box 6	folder 9
Notes on free particle absorbing wall	box 6	folder 10

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Notes on Quantum electrodynamics Pt. I	box 6	folder 11
Notes on Quantum electrodynamics Pt. II	box 6	folder 12
Dissertation, 1944	package 1	

### **Biographical / Historical**

In fulfillment of Ph.D. requirements at the University of Michigan.