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GENERAL INTRODUCTION

PROVENANCE

The papers were received from the Royal Society of London in March 2002.

DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

The catalogue is a supplement to that compiled in 1999 (NCUACS catalogue no.84/5/99). The material is arranged in sections and numbered to follow the sequence of the previous catalogue and should be used in conjunction with it.

The material, which is almost entirely correspondence, is presented in the order shown in the list of contents. It covers the period 1951-1963.

Section A, Biographical and personal, includes invitations relating to academic, committee and public service, as well as a little personal correspondence.

Section E, University of Oxford, is by far the major part of the supplement. It all relates to the Department of Geology and Mineralogy, and includes substantial files of correspondence from geologists and colleagues wishing to visit or work there, or to recruit from its students.

Sections G, Lectures and meetings, and H, Publications, are very scanty.

Section K, References and recommendations, contains refereeing by Wager of papers for publication, and also some personal and academic references.

Section L, Correspondence, is mainly shorter items on research and publications, requests for information and the like.

There is also an index of correspondents.

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