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Thor Heyerdahl Document Archive

Description and organization of the collection

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Scope and Content/Abstract

The Thor Heyerdahl Archive contains the almost complete photographic and written heritage of the 20th century greatest adventurer and explorer, Thor Heyerdahl, from the conception of the Kon-Tiki expedition in 1946 to his death in 2002. The collection was donated to the Kon-Tiki Museum by Thor Heyerdahl himself in 1983. The first part was transferred the same year and then, after his death, the remaining document files were received.

The archive contains: book manuscripts, articles and speeches manuscripts, diaries, note books, letters, research notes and miscellaneous files.

The collection has been sorted by year and expeditions, following the Categorizing of the Thor Heyerdahl Document Archives.

1. Book manuscripts
2. Article manuscripts
3. Lectures, speeches
4. Film manuscripts
5. Drawings
6. Personal notes
7. Diaries

8. Expeditions
 - 8.1 Preparations
 - 8.2 Members
 - 8.3 Equipment
 - 8.4 Finance
 - 8.5 Log books
 - 8.6 Radio messages
 - 8.7 Reports
 - 8.8 Media (communications, press brief, etc.)
 - 8.9 Communications etc. during the expedition
 - 8.10 Communications etc. after the end of the expedition proper

9. Science and Academics
10. Environment (Green Cross etc.)
11. Politics (One World, etc.)
12. Prizes/Awards/Honors
13. Membership (associations, unions, clubs etc.)

14. Correspondence

- 14.1 Editors and publishers (countries, company name)
- 14.2 Film companies, newspapers, TV, and radio (countries, company name)
- 14.3 Friends (surname, date)
- 14.4 Scientists (surname, date)
- 14.5 General correspondence
- 14.6 Fan mail
- 14.7 Reviews, discussions

15. Economy (tax statement, bill, invoices, bank accounts etc.)

16. Books, pamphlets etc. (not of Thor Heyerdahl)

16. Miscellaneous

Title: Thor Heyerdahl Archive

Dates of creation: 1936-2002

Dates of accumulation: 1947-present

Extent and medium of the unit of description (quantity, bulk or size): boxes sorted by categories, containing folders with the documents