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# Guide to the Association of Cambridge Scientists Records 1945-1946



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## **Descriptive Summary**

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| <b>Identifier</b> | ICU.SPCL.ACS  |
| <b>Title</b>      | Association of Cambridge Scientists. Records  |
| <b>Date</b>       | 1945-1946   |
| <b>Size</b>       | 1 linear feet (2 boxes)   |
| <b>Repository</b> | Special Collections Research Center<br>University of Chicago Library<br>1100 East 57th Street<br>Chicago, Illinois 60637 U.S.A.   |
| <b>Abstract</b>   | The Association of Cambridge Scientists was founded in late 1945 as a response to the growing controversy over the use of atomic energy. Membership consisted of scientists in the Boston area and composed mainly of staff at Harvard University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. The main purpose of the association was "to inform the general public on scientific matters when such information is pertinent to matters of public policy." The collection consists of 1 linear foot and contains correspondence, memoranda, press releases, committee minutes, and newsletters for the Association of Cambridge Scientists and associated organizations. |

## **Information on Use**

### **Access**

The collection is open for research.

### **Citation**

When quoting material from this collection the preferred citation is:

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### **Historical Note**

The Association of Cambridge Scientists was founded in late 1945 as a response to the growing controversy over the use of atomic energy. Membership in the organization was open to scientists in the Boston area and composed mainly of persons on the staff of Harvard University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. The main purpose of the association was "to inform the general public on scientific matters when such information is pertinent to matters of public policy." The association also wished to stimulate discussion among scientists on these public questions through cooperation with similar organizations in the United States and overseas.

## Scope Note

The Association of Cambridge Scientists records cover the years 1945 to 1946 and contain press releases and statements issued by the association; correspondence from interested individuals and from similar organizations. Newsletters, press releases and statements from these sister organizations make up the majority of the collection. The association was affiliated with the Federation of American Scientists.

## Related Resources

Browse finding aids by topic.

## Subject Headings

- Association of Cambridge Scientists
- American Association of Scientific Workers
- Association of Los Alamos Scientists
- Association of Manhattan Project Scientists
- Association of New York Scientists
- Association of Oak Ridge Scientists
- Association of Pasadena Scientists
- Association of Philadelphia Scientists
- Association of San Diego Scientists
- Association of Scientists of Cornell University
- Atomic Scientists of Chicago
- Dayton Association of Atomic Scientists
- Federation of American Scientists
- Federation of Atomic Scientists
- Manhattan Project (U.S.)
- Harvard University
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- Atomic bomb -- Moral and ethical aspects
- Nuclear energy -- Moral and ethical aspects
- Nuclear energy -- Government policy -- United States
- Atomic scientists' movement

## INVENTORY

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Proposed Constitution of ACS

### Box 1

#### Folder 2

ACS press releases and statements

### Box 1

#### Folder 3

ACS election to executive committee - rules, nominating petitions, ballots

### Box 1

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ACS mailing lists

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**Folder 5**

ACS general correspondence, internal correspondence, memoranda

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**Folder 6**

American Association of Scientific Workers - statements

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**Folder 7**

Association of Los Alamos Scientists - correspondence, statements

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**Folder 8**

Association of Manhattan Project Scientists - correspondence, miscellaneous newsletters

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**Folder 9**

Association of New York Scientists - correspondence, miscellaneous newsletters, statements

**Box 1**

**Folder 10**

Association of Oak Ridge Scientists - Press releases, memoranda, statements

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**Folder 11**

Association of Pasadena Scientists - Correspondence, miscellaneous newsletters

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**Folder 12**

Association of Philadelphia Scientists - miscellaneous newsletters, statements

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**Folder 13**

(Association of San Diego Scientists?) - correspondence, statement

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**Folder 14**

Association of Scientists of Cornell University - miscellaneous newsletters

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Atomic Scientists of Chicago - correspondence, memoranda, statements

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Carnegie Endowment for International Peace - correspondence, memoranda, statements

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Dayton Association of Atomic Scientists - constitution, miscellaneous newsletters

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Federation of American Scientists - correspondence, memoranda, financial statements

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FAS - press releases, statements

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FAS, constitution, minutes of miscellaneous meetings, proposal for change in structure

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**Folder 4**

FAS, report by representative to "Conference on Science and Welfare of Mankind, " report on foreign scientists

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**Folder 5**

FAS, correspondence, miscellaneous statements, press releases

**Box 2**

**Folder 6**

Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences, and Professions - correspondence, statements

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**Folder 7**

National Committee on Atomic Information - correspondence, memoranda, miscellaneous newsletters

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**Folder 8**

Northern California Association of Scientists - correspondence, memoranda, press releases, minutes of meetings

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State Department - "Report on International Control of Atomic Energy, " FAS press release on report; pamphlets "The Defense of Peace"

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**Folder 10**

United States Congress - copies of legislation in House and Senate, testimony of scientists before congressional committees

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**Folder 11**

Miscellaneous material