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Records Transmittal

Division	Department	Archives and Records Office Use Only
Physics		
Group		Filing Code
Group A (Alvarez)		ARO-2539
Location	50B-5239	LBNL Accession Date
Transferee	M. Lynn Stevenson	
Head of Department		FRC Accession No.

Records Title

Group A Physics Motion Picture Film

Inclusive Date of Records

1961 1966

No of Containers

1 Flat Storage Box (Medium)

Brief description of records

AT NARA
NRHS 434-04-025
Movie film reels of the Alvarez Group's physics research and development projects during the 1960s. Several of the films were used in presentations and talks given by the Group or its leader, Luis W. Alvarez. The motion pictures present the Group's significant discoveries and the major research instruments they developed, including the Hydrogen Bubble Chamber; Data Analysis using the Spiral Reader (1963); and the Scanning Measuring Projector (SMP). The Spiral Reader scanned up to 150 particle events per hour. The SMP combined in one step the scanning and measuring of nuclear particle tracks. The development and use of these instruments increased the Alvarez's Group's number of measured nuclear events from 80,000 per year in 1962 to 1,500,000 events per year in 1968. The Bubble Chamber data provided important evidence of subatomic particles, including hyperons, kaons, and new particles or "resonances" as well as the principle of parity. AT NARA
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Materials

Sound Recordings

Records Retention

- Historically Valuable Documents. Do not destroy. A detailed folder listing is included with the Records Transmittal
- Destroy/Review on a scheduled basis with a minimum retention of _____ years. Disposal/Review Date: _____ Perm.

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- The National Archive General Retention Schedule. Citation _____ DOE/ADM/21/12/1
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Disposal Authorization:

The legal retention of the records listed on this Records Transmittal has elapsed. Since I foresee no use of these records, I authorize their disposal.

Signature of Department Head

Date

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