

**Selected records from the collection of the
Magnus Hirschfeld Society, Berlin
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Descriptive summary

Title: Selected records from the collection of the Magnus Hirschfeld Society, Berlin

Dates: 1919-1933

Accession number: 2009.209

Creator: Magnus Hirschfeld

Extent: 1 folder

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Languages: German

Scope and content of collection

Contains photocopies of 50 documents about Dr. Magnus Hirschfeld (1868–1935), a German physician, sex researcher, and early homosexual rights advocate. It includes documents concerning allegations of homosexual behavior, and information about organizations connected with Dr. Hirschfeld, including the Institute for Sexual Knowledge, Berlin; the Magnus Hirschfeld Stiftung; and the Scientific Humanitarian Committee (Wissenschaftliche-humanitäres Komitee). There are also a few documents concerning Ernst Röhm.

Administrative Information

Restrictions on access: No restrictions on access

Restrictions on reproduction and use: No restrictions on use

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Existence and location of originals: Magnus-Hirschfeld-Gesellschaft e.V., Forschungsstelle zur Geschichte der Sexualwissenschaft

Indexing terms

Hirschfeld, Magnus, 1868-1935.

Röhm, Ernst, 1887-1934.

Magnus-Hirschfeld-Gesellschaft.

Wissenschaftliche-Humanitäeres Komitee (Germany)

Homosexuality--Germany.

Gays--Germany--Berlin.

CONTAINER LIST

1. Report of the medical committee of 5.21.1920 that Hirschfeld has homosexual tendencies but no punishable activities were proven. Hirschfeld apologizes. Investigation is stopped.
2. Dated: 5.21.1920 Subject: Institute of sex science in Berlin. Visit of the institute. Description of the physical facilities there. Purpose of the institute: scientific work, teaching facilities, treatment of patients. Management of the institute. Talked to two physicians. One thought that M.H. was homosexual. The institute is less scientific and serves to advance homosexual behavior.
3. Dated: 6.30.1924 Report by Friedel of Hirschfeld's donation of the Institute.
4. Dated: 1.24.1924 Letter by Hirschfeld: Approval of donation. Invitation for ceremony of handing over the Institute.
5. From Hirschfeld: Invitation of Ms. Katter for a personal meeting on 12.3.1928.
6. From Hirschfeld: Invitation of Mr. Katter for a personal meeting on 3.15.1929.
7. From Hirschfeld: New invitation for Mr. Katter for 3.21.1929.
8. From institute: invitation for Mr. Katter to come to institute on 2.5.1930.
9. Petition against the injustice of par. 175 R. Str. G.B. with signatures of prominent Germans to the legislative bodies of the German Reich, from the Scientific-Humanitarian Committee. 14 pages.

10. From the Police President to the Prussian Minister of the Interior, 6.14.1933: Order to close the Institute.
11. A Summary of Facts against Roehm. Remark by Helmut Klotz against Roehm's appointment, 9.12.1932. Letter of Roehm to Heimsoth, 12.3.1928.
12. Letter from Roehm to Heimsoth from La Paz 2.25.1929: describes his sexual situation.
13. Letter from Roehm to Heimsoth from Uyuni 8.11.1929: describes his life. Included: from the German Information Office an announcement that Roehm was executed