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**U. S. Magnetics Observatory (Tucson, Ariz.)  
Correspondence, 1928-1929**

**DESCRIPTION**

Consists of a small amount of correspondence between the Chief of the Division of Terrestrial Magnetism and Seismology, U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey in Washington, D.C. and Albert K. Ludy, Magnetic Observer in Charge of the Tucson Magnetic Observatory, dated 1928-1929. The correspondence relates to plans for the proposed atmospheric electric building and installing atmospheric electric instruments

1 box, .25 linear ft.

**HISTORICAL NOTE**

Under the direction of Albert K. Ludy, director of the U. S. Magnetic Observatory, construction of the observatory was completed in July 1929. It was the first observatory in the United States for measurement of atmospheric electricity. The U.S. Division of Terrestrial Magnetism and Seismology and the Carnegie Institution collaborated to establish the observatory. At the time, it was located nine miles east of Tucson but presently it is surrounded by Udall Park on Tucson's east side.

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