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Collection Overview

**REPOSITORY:** Yale Peabody Museum of Natural History  
170 Whitney Avenue  
New Haven, CT 06511  
peabody.permissions@yale.edu  
http://peabody.yale.edu/

**CALL NUMBER:** ANTAR.000006

**CREATOR:** Coe, Michael D.

**TITLE:** Michael D. Coe Archives

**DATES:** 1960–2014

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 15 linear feet (approximately; plus one map case)

**LANGUAGE:** In English.

**SUMMARY:** The archives of Michael D. Coe, accumulated during his time at Yale.

**ONLINE FINDING AID:** To cite or bookmark this finding aid, please use the following link: http://hdl.handle.net/10079/fa/ypm.antar.000006

Administrative Information

**Cite As**
Michael D. Coe Archives, Anthropology, Yale Peabody Museum

**Biographical Sketch**
Coe, Michael (b.1929) was Curator of Anthropology from 1968 to 1994. He is world famous for his research and publications on the Maya, the Olmec, and many other archaeological topics. His archaeological collections from the site of San Lorenzo Tenochtitlan are housed at the Peabody.

Education
- Ph.D. Harvard (1959)

Affiliations
- Central Intelligence Agency (1951-1954)
- University of Tennessee (1958-1960)
- Yale University (1960-present)

**Description of the Material**
Michael Coe’s archives.
Collection Contents
Series I. Maps

San Lorenzo Tenochtitlan area maps. Maps of the region around the San Lorenzo Tenochtitlan site used in research of the site.
Call Number: 000389

San Lorenzo Tenochtitlan. Set of four maps including San Lorenzo archaeology site map, soil series map, topographic map, and vegetation and land use. Also includes three page note by Dr. Coe about the maps.
Call Number: 000383
Series II. Manuscript Materials

Atlas of Ancient America. 2 folders, one with notes, correspondence etc. The other with manuscript. Call Number: 034115

Fire God Paper. Call Number: 034122

In the Land of the Olmec. Includes original figures and site maps related to San Lorenzo Tenochtitlan. Call Number: 000397

Obsidian Trade at San Lorenzo Tenochtitlan, Mexico. Call Number: 000406 1980

Series III. Research Materials

Artifact Dating Techniques. Numerous papers, notes, etc. all having to do with dating techniques. Also includes copies of NFS proposals that propose work on said techniques as well as notes from a seminar given by Karl Turekian.
Call Number: 034113

Aztec Treasure.
Call Number: 034120

Glyph Research. Notes, photographs, drawings, etc.
Call Number: 034116

Maya Vases. 2 folders.
Call Number: 034121

Miscellaneous. Photocopies of plates.
Call Number: 034117

Spain Project. Never went forward.
Call Number: 034118

The Maya.
Call Number: 034119
Series IV. [Untitled]
San Lorenzo Research Material Series

Call Number: 033971

San Lorenzo Tenochtitlan. Blue Binder #2, Box 2. Photographs of San Lorenzo Monuments.
Call Number: 033973

Call Number: 034005

San Lorenzo Tenochtitlan. Photographs and labels used in Peabody Museum exhibit.
Call Number: 034086
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Costa Rica. Photocopied Illustrations from Sweeney dissertation.
Call Number: 034096

Call Number: 036082
Series VII. Field Notes

Rio Chiquito Project.
Call Number: 034025

San Lorenzo Tenchtitlan. Includes site maps, excavation drawings.
Call Number: 000400

1966–1968
### Series VIII. Correspondence

Correspondence. Box 6. Rio Chiquito Project General. 3 folders.  
Call Number: 034016

Correspondence. Box 6. Rio Chiquito Project Field Correspondence. 2 folders.  
Call Number: 034017

Correspondence. Box 6. Rio Chiquito Project: Artist Correspondence.  
Call Number: 034018

Correspondence. Box 6. Rio Chiquito Project: Ethnology Correspondence.  
Call Number: 034019

Correspondence. Box 6. Rio Chiquito Project: Radiocarbon, etc. Correspondence.  
Call Number: 034020

Correspondence. Box 6. Rio Chiquito Project: Yale Correspondence.  
Call Number: 034021

Correspondence. Box 6. Rio Chiquito Project: Ecology, etc. Correspondence.  
Call Number: 034022

Correspondence. Box 6. Rio Chiquito Project: Photogrammetry Correspondence.  
Call Number: 034023

Correspondence. Box 6. Rio Chiquito Project: Personnel Correspondence.  
Call Number: 034024

Inter-Departmental Correspondence. Box 6, 1 folder. General correspondence (to be filed separate from field documentation).  
Call Number: 034012

Miscellaneous Correspondence.  
Call Number: 035880
Series IX. Collaborators

Robert H. Cobean. Miscellaneous notes on obsidian research. Call Number: 034106

Zeitlin. Miscellaneous, obsidian research. Related to Cobean. Call Number: 034107
Series X. Miscellaneous

1492. 6 folders: Notes, catalogs, essays, photographs, correspondence on objects to display in exhibit Circa 1492, in reference to the 500th anniversary of Columbus exhibit curated by Mike Coe and Ben Rouse at the National Gallery Smithsonian in 1992.
Call Number: 034110

Call Number: 034111

Photographs, Drawings, Slides, Negatives. Miscellaneous photographs, slides and negatives and drawings of sites, artifacts etc.
Call Number: 035879

Slides. Miscellaneous slides from various locations, possibly used for teaching.
Call Number: 035195
Series XI. Oral Histories

Call Number: 034378

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Selected Search Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

**Geographic Names**
Mexico

**Genres / Formats**
Field notebooks
Manuscript materials
Maps
Photographs

**Corporate Bodies**
Yale Peabody Museum
Yale University