Philip K. Dick Papers: Finding Aid

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Title: Philip K. Dick Papers
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Collection Number: mssHM 53576-53639; mssFAC 1280-1281
Creator: Dick, Philip K.
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Language: English.
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Biographical Note
Born on December 16, 1928, in Chicago, science fiction writer Philip Kindred Dick was the author of 35 books and six collections of short stories, most dealing with the nature of reality. Dick received the Hugo Award in 1962 for *The Man in the High Castle*, a fantasy novel about Hitler winning World War II. His anti-drug novel, *Flow My Tears, the Policeman Said*, won the Campbell Memorial Award in 1974. The movie *Blade Runner* was based on Dick's 1968 novel, *Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep?* Philip Dick died of heart failure following a stroke, on March 2, 1982.
Scope and Content
This collection contains correspondence and manuscripts related to American science fiction writer Philip K. Dick. The bulk of the collection consists of 53 letters from Dick to his publisher, Doubleday and Company, concerning the publication of his novels and stories, dating from 1967 to 1977 (HM 53578-53630).
There are also a few letters by others including Dick's collaborator Roger Zelazny and one postcard (1974, February 4) from Ursula K. LeGuin to Dick expressing her admiration for his writing (HM 53634). Original literary manuscripts by Dick include the outline and part of a draft of the novel *Flow My Tears, the Policeman Said* (HM 53576) and a fragment (page 23) of an unidentified novel (HM 53577). There are two Xerox copies: Dick's outline for his novel *Deus Irae* (FAC 1280) and Fred Zackel's plot summary for the novel *Cocaine and Blue Eyes* (FAC 1281). Finally, there is one photograph of Dick in the collection.

• Kingsley Amis Papers (mssAMS 1-1362) Contains letter to Dick to Kingsley Amis discussing Dick's reasons for using the title *The Man in the High Castle* for his novel. 1979, September 10. (AMS 201).

Arrangement
Arranged alphabetically by author, with literary manuscripts preceding correspondence for each author.
Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Huntington Library's Online Catalog.
Dick, Philip K. -- Archives.
Dick, Philip K. -- Photographs.
Authors, American -- Archives.
Science fiction, American -- Archives.

**Forms/Genres**
Letters (correspondence) -- United States -- 20th century.
Manuscripts for publication -- United States -- 20th century.
Photographs -- United States -- 20th century.

**Contributors**
Le Guin, Ursula K., 1929-, correspondent
Lem, Stanislaw.
Zackel, Fred.
Zelazny, Roger, correspondent.

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**Correspondence and manuscripts**