Finding Aid for the Bernard Brodie papers, 1931-1978

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Descriptive Summary

**Title:** Bernard Brodie papers, 1931-1978

**Date (inclusive):** 1931-1978

**Collection number:** 1223

**Creator:** Brodie, Bernard, 1910-

**Extent:** 35 boxes (17.5 linear ft.)

**Abstract:** Bernard Brodie (1910-1978) was a senior staff member at the Rand Corporation (1951-66), professor of political science at UCLA (1966-77), fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and author of various books. The collection consists of professional correspondence, writing files, and various printed materials related to Brodie's interests in political science and strategic planning.

**Repository:** University of California, Los Angeles. Library Special Collections.

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**Biography**

Bernard Brodie was born in Chicago, Illinois, on May 20, 1910; Ph.D, University of Chicago, 1940; instructor at Dartmouth, 1941-43; associate professor and later Director of Graduate Studies, Yale, 1945-51; senior staff member, Rand Corporation, 1951-66; professor of political science, UCLA, 1966-77; technical expert, UN conference, San Francisco, California, 1945; fellow, American Academy of Arts and Sciences; author of various books, including: *Sea power in the machine age* (1941), *A guide to naval strategy* (1944), *The absolute weapon* (1946), *Strategy in the missile age* (1959), *From cross-bow to H-bomb* (1973), *Escalation and the nuclear option* (1966), and *War and politics* (1973); died November 24, 1978.

**Scope and Content**

Collection consists of professional correspondence, writing files, and various printed materials related to Brodie's interests in political science and strategic planning.

**Organization and Arrangement**

Arranged in the following series:

1. Professional correspondence (Boxes 1-9).
2. Writings (Boxes 10-23).
3. Pamphlets by others (Boxes 24-32).
4. Reviews, notes, lectures, and letters (Box 33).
5. Research materials related to strategic planning (Boxes 34-35).
6. Scrapbook related to Sea power in the machine age (Box 55).

**Indexing Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

**Subjects**

Brodie, Bernard, 1910-- --Archives.
Professional Correspondence

Boxes 1-4
“Early correspondence.” ca. 1940s-1950s
Scope and Content Note
Boxes 1 and 2 contain an alphabetical sequence in folders marked A - Z (Box 1: A-L and Box 2: M-Z).
Boxes 3 and 4 contain files under the names of authors and agencies.

Boxes 5-9
Correspondence. ca. 1960s-1978
Scope and Content Note
Formerly contained in 2 metal file drawers. Like the “early correspondence,” there is a mixture of alphabetical sequences in files marked “A,” “B,” etc. to “Z” and files under names of authors.
Box 9 contains the last paper written by Professor Brodie, October 1978, in response to a request from the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations.

Writings
Scope and Content Note
Boxes 10-21 contain original files labeled with title and date, arranged chronologically.
The files, which include speeches as well as written items, contain manuscripts, offprints and very occasionally original correspondence.
Boxes 22 and 23 comprise printed and typed (copy) materials found loose in the collection.

Box 10
1941-1946.
Scope and Content Note
Includes files removed from scrapbook.

Box 11
Note
Several folders in this box are missing; collection probably received with empty folders - folder contents so indicated.

Box 12
1950-1953.
Box 13
1953-1955.
Box 14
1955-1957.
Box 15
1957.
Box 16
Box 17
Box 18
Box 19
Box 20
Box 21
Scope and Content Note
Also includes 3 term papers, written while Professor Brodie was at the University of Chicago (1931-1932).

Boxes 22-23
Miscellaneous.
“Pamphlets by Others”

Scope and Content Note
This series (Boxes 24-28) comprises various printed materials, including some ephemera, arranged in alphabetical files, mostly by author but including some subject categories. Boxes 29-32 contain materials found loose in the collection.

Box 24 A - Fo.
Box 25 Fp - Kah.
Box 26 Kai - Ne.
Box 27 Ni - Sche.
Box 28 Schi - Z.
Boxes 29-32 Miscellaneous.

Box 35


Scope and Content Note
Includes some original correspondence.

Note
2 files, relating respectively to this book and to *Guide to Naval Strategy* (1941), were found at the end of the scrapbook, and have been filed in Box 10, in sequence with the other writing files.