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A1074 Papers of Theodore Hirschberg, 1939-41

Theodore Hirschberg, formerly from Berlin, fled from Nazi persecution in 1939. Unsuccessful in his bid to obtain entry visas for the USA or Britain he secured papers for entry to the Republic of Cuba but, before he could leave, Cuba closed their borders to refugees. He made enquiries for entry to a number of other countries, including Chile, Australia, Denmark, China, and Uruguay, but eventually arrived in Britain on a business visit just before the onset of war. Supported by a grant supplied by his uncle he helped the war effort National Service, while continuing his studies in sociology by obtaining a reader's pass at the British Museum Library.

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| 1/1-87 | Bibliographical details about Hirschberg, and correspondence. The correspondence was written after Hirschberg had arrived in London, and contains letters to and from friends and relatives, some still in Europe and others scattered around the world. The letters record concern for those still in Europe, enquiries about visas, and Hirschberg's attempts to assist those still in Europe. Most of the correspondence is in German, some has been translated into English. | 1939 |
| 1/88-129 | Correspondence to and from friends and relatives.
A few additional papers include recipes, some printed material about ?chemistry, and some rough notes. | 1940-1 |
| 2/1-5 | Five notebooks containing [scientific ?] notes in German. | n.d. c.1939-41 |