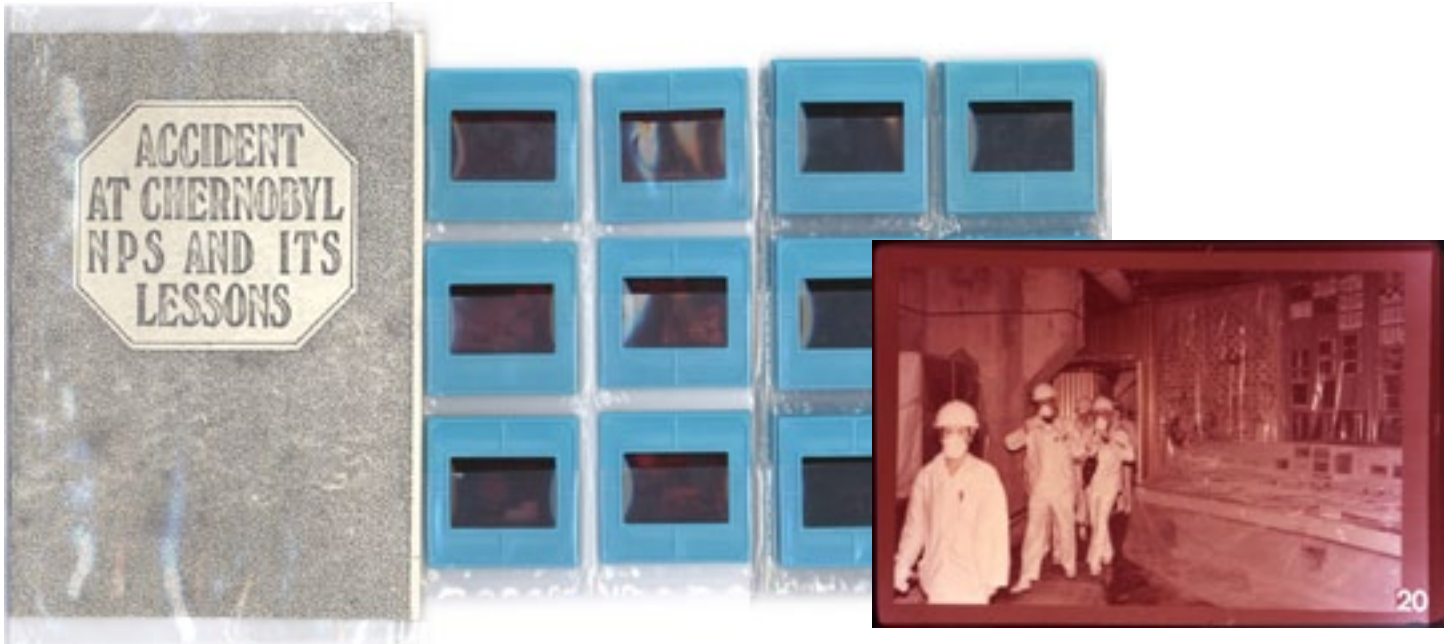


# Radiation Effects & Events Archive Project

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A 35mm slide presentation, "Accident at Chernobyl NPS and Its Lessons." *DETAIL: Slide 20 depicting foreign scientists at Chernobyl NPS. MS211 Armin Weinberg, PhD papers, TMC Library, McGovern Historical Center.*

## About the Project

The archivists of the Texas Medical Center's McGovern Historical Center (MHC) in cooperation with Dr. Armin Weinberg at Baylor College of Medicine, and William "Jack" Schull, Professor Emeritus of Human Genetics at The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, are creating a new family of collections under the umbrella of "Radiation Effects and Events" (RE&E). This new collecting area is building on our "Atomic Bomb Casualty Commission" (ABCC) collections and will encompass other areas where ionized radiation has affected our world.

Since the late 1980s, the MHC has collected the papers of the people who participated in the work of the ABCC, which studied the effects of ionized radiation on the survivors of the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Scientists, historians, public-health officials, librarians and archivists have preserved and provided public access to collections of personal

papers from many ABCC participants, including Jack Schull, Grant Taylor, Carl Tessmer, and many others. The ABCC collection consists of 20 individual collections measuring a total of 200 linear feet of boxes.

The establishment of an archive related to the events at Chernobyl, Ukraine, Kurchatov, Kazakhstan and other places, will enable future advocates, scientists, researchers and scholars an opportunity to study the purposes and accomplishments of the institutions and people involved. Without this effort to preserve

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*Dr. Weinberg greeting the president of Kazakhstan, Nursultan Nazarbayev. MS211 Armin Weinberg, PhD papers, TMC Library, McGovern Historical Center.*



the material, the records may be scattered, hidden, or, worse, destroyed.

### Donating Materials to the Archive

**W**e are looking for all types of materials for the RE&E Archive: files, letters, photographs, video tapes, audio tapes, journals, research, speeches, committee reports and minutes, artifacts, and awards. We can process and provide access to both physical files as well as digital files on hard drives, floppy disks and several other digital media formats.

If you have materials or know of a colleague that worked in a radiation-related field, please contact us. If the materials fit the TMC Library's collection policy, we will start the donation process.

After we receive your collection, we will assign it a collection number and title it with your name. Then, we will process the materials, creating a collection description and guide to facilitate research. Materials will be housed in preservation-grade boxes. The guide to the collection will be available online and accessible through the [Texas Archival Resource Online \(TARO\)](#), [U.S. National Library of Medicine's History of Medicine Finding Aid Consortium](#), and the [MHC website](#).

Born-digital materials, such as floppy disks and hard drives, will be processed and access copies made available for research.

### How to Get Involved

1. Donate your papers!
2. Join our Radiation Effects & Events Archive Project group on Facebook!  
[www.facebook.com/groups/radefx/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/radefx/)
3. Add your name to the Radiation Effects & Events Contact List by emailing or sending us your business card.
4. Refer a colleague to the Radiation Effects & Events Archive Project.

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*Items from MS211 Armin Weinberg, PhD papers.  
LEFT: Kazakh dombra given to Dr. Weinberg. MIDDLE:  
Photograph of finished "Shelter" at Chernobyl, Ukraine.  
RIGHT: 3.5" floppy disk labeled "Armin's Files"*

