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TITLE: Russian Bank Notes

COLLECTION NUMBER: B1968.017

OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

Dates: c. 1912

Extent: 1 folder

Language and Scripts: The collection is in English.

Name of creator(s): Saint Petersburg Mint

Administrative/Biographical History:

A 2-page document titled "The Story of the Five Hundred Ruble Banknotes" included in the accession file explains:

In 1953, Kaiser Motors sold the Willow Run, Michigan, plant to General Motors, and the administrative offices were moved to Toledo, Ohio, formerly owned by Willys-Overland Motors. There, a GM employee discovered a package full of 1912-issued 500-ruble Russian bank notes. According to former WO employees, a 1912 Sales Manager named Prince sold some Overland passenger cars to the Russian government, who left them to rust on the port of Vladivostok. The company was paid for these cars with the Russian bonds, and Prince agreed not to redeem them until 1917. When they tried to redeem them, "the Bolshevik Government refused to honor any of the obligations of the Czar," but they were still retained in hope that they could someday be redeemed. The General Motors employee determined the stack of bonds to have a face value of approximately 1,150,000 rubles. They attempted to file a claim with the US government to redeem them, but it was rejected.

Scope and Content Description:

This collection consists of 2 Russian 500-ruble bank notes.

CONDITIONS GOVERNING ACCESS AND USE

Restrictions on Access: The collection is open for research use.

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ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Acquisition and Appraisal Information

This collection was donated to the Cook Inlet Historical Society by Harold F. Curtis on September 5, 1968. CIHS then transferred the collection to the Museum.

SUBJECTS

Money

Russia

Safety paper

Soviet Union – History – Revolution, 1917-1921

Detailed Description of the Collection

.1 – Russian 500-ruble bank note, FO195707, dated 1912

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