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# ARCHIVES OF THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST MILITARY RESEARCH ON CAMPUS: collection description

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**Reference code**

GB 0532 CWL CAM.

**Title**

Archives of the Campaign against Military Research on Campus.

**Dates**

1985-1994.

**Level of description**

Fonds.

**Extent**

0.65 metres.

**Name of creators**

Campaign against Military Research on Campus.

**Administrative/biographical history**

The Campaign against Military Research on Campus (CAMROC) was launched in May 1986 to expose the increasing amount of military research work carried out by university academics and students: in 1986, 52% of all British government-funded research was funded by the Ministry of Defence. CAMROC was composed of peace and anti-nuclear groups, concerned individuals and student unions. As well as trying to uncover the amount of military research being carried out in academic institutions, the campaign was working for more openness about military-related contracts and for a transfer of resources from military to civil research. Much of the work involved collecting and collating publicly-available information on research contracts, in conjunction with the British Society for

Social Responsibility in Science. As part of the campaign, CAMROC was able to highlight research contracts awarded to universities where the contract was related to chemical and biological warfare. In 1989 CAMROC merged with Student CND.

### ***Immediate source of acquisition***

Acquired by Commonwealth from Rob Evans, founder member of CAMROC, in 2003.

### ***Scope and content***

CAMROC aims, campaigning material, minutes, bulletins, newsletters, correspondence and membership material. Publicity including press releases and resulting press coverage. Correspondence, publications, notes and press coverage concerning research into military research at UK universities and polytechnics. Correspondence with individual students, student groups, campaigning groups and other organisations. Material including correspondence, drafts, publicity for "The campus connection" and other publications. Correspondence, notes, press cuttings concerning university contracts with the British Ministry of Defence and the United States military, particularly concerning SDI "Star Wars".

### ***Appraisal***

This collection has been listed only at file level, during which duplicates were removed. It is expected that more detailed cataloguing will reveal further duplicates and material of low archival relevance.

### ***System of arrangement***

Rob Evans' original arrangement has been retained.

### ***Access conditions***

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### ***Language of material***

English.

### ***Finding aids***

Unpublished boxlist.

### ***Publication note***

Evans, Rob., Butler, Nicola and Gonçalves, Eddie: "The campus connection: military research on campus". Student CND, 1992.

Evans, Rob. "Universities and the Bomb: the funding of research in universities during the 1980s by the Atomic Weapons Establishment at Aldermaston". BSSRS, [1990?].

Fairbairns, Zoe. "Study war no more: military involvement in British universities and colleges". CND, 1974.

"Military research in London's universities and polytechnics". CAMROC, 1988.

### ***Archivist's note***

Described by John Brooker and Alison Cullingford.

### ***Rules or conventions***

ISAD(G) 2nd ed.

### ***Date(s) of description***

July 2005, revised March 2010.

### ***Indexing***

#### **Persons**

Evans, Rob.

#### **Corporate Bodies**

Campaign against Military Research on Campus.

British Society for Social Responsibility in Science.

#### **Subjects**

Defense industries – Research

Military research – Great Britain

Universities and colleges – Great Britain

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