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### I. Gregory Bateson Archive

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The Gregory Bateson Archive at the University of California, Santa Cruz, contains approximately 15,000 documents, 500 tape recordings, and 70 films. Included among the documents are correspondence, book and essay manuscripts, notebooks, octopus and cetacean observation materials, marginalia, articles about Bateson, transcripts of speeches, seminars, and conferences, and miscellaneous other items. With few exceptions, the documents date from 1946 to 1980 (with the bulk of the items dating from 1960 to 1980); the tapes date from 1965 to 1980; and the films date from 1949 to 1964.

There are approximately 350 essays, the manuscript drafts of each of which have been placed in the order of their creation. There are book manuscripts for Steps to an Ecology of Mind, Mind and Nature: A Necessary Unity, and Where Angels Fear, as well as four uncompleted book manuscripts dating from the 1960s. There are approximately 11,000 letters in the Archive, roughly 4,000 of which were written by Gregory Bateson. In addition, the Archive contains 76 notebooks (1943-1977), approximately 100 items relating to octopus and cetacea (1961-1977), and some 200 miscellaneous items, including transcripts, booklets, telephone/address files (1964-1980), marginalia, articles about Bateson, notes and fragments (1957-1980), and odd-sized items. The Archive also contains a number of books from Bateson's library. In general, the Archive may be said to contain virtually all surviving Bateson materials dating from the late 1940s to the end of his life. (Materials dating from prior years may be found in the South Pacific Ethnographic/Margaret Mead Archive at the Library of Congress.)

Correspondents include Nora Barlow, Ray Birdwhistell, Henry W. Brosin, Donald T. Campbell, William Coleman, Erik Erikson, Paul Goodman, Jay Haley, Gertrude Hendrix, Anatol Holt, G. Evelyn Hutchinson, Don D. Jackson, Arthur Koestler, Lawrence S. Kubie, R. D. Laing, Edmund Leach, Claude Lévi-Strauss, John Lilly, Konrad Lorenz, Rollo May, Warren McCulloch, Margaret Mead, Rhoda Metraux, Kenneth Morris, Lita Osmundsen, Roy Rappaport, L. F. Richardson, Jurgen Ruesch, Francisco Varela, Geoffrey Vickers, Heinz von Foerster, C. H. Waddington, Paul Watzlawick, John Weakland, Joseph Wheelwright, Lancelot Law Whyte, Norbert Wiener, Anthony Wilden, and Philip Wylie, among many others. The correspondence files also include inter-office memoranda and correspondence from Bateson's years at John Lilly's Communication Research Institute and at the Oceanic Institute, a considerable correspondence about the publication of Steps to an Ecology of Mind, Mind and Nature, a variety of materials relating to Bateson's service on the University of California Board of

Regents, assorted correspondence with various professional societies and journals as well as with funding sources (especially the Josiah Macy, Jr. Foundation, NIH, and NOTS), and many letters arranging the details of essays, lectures, conferences, classes, etc. There is also an extensive correspondence relating to the three Wenner-Gren conferences which Bateson chaired. Topics covered in the correspondence include the entire range of Bateson's wide field of interests.

Research in the Archive is facilitated by a 2,514-page guide/catalog which, in addition to identifying each item in the Archive, contains a detailed biographical chronology, a definitive Bibliography of the Published Work of Gregory Bateson compiled from original sources and superseding all previous Bateson bibliographies, a catalog of the libraries of Gregory Bateson and his geneticist father William Bateson, a complete list of Bateson's published and unpublished writings arranged chronologically by date of composition (including the Bateson manuscripts represented only in the Library of Congress archive), cross-referencing among the various portions of the Archive to elucidate the contexts of otherwise unidentifiable items, a complete name and word/subject index to the correspondence files (incorporating identification of every potentially obscure reference and allusion in Bateson's letters), and an essay on the history and arrangement of the Archive.

Having completed the Archive, Rodney Donaldson is currently editing a volume of Bateson essays, to be entitled Further Steps to an Ecology of Mind (to be published by Harper & Row), as well as editing a volume of Bateson's most important correspondence. He would therefore be grateful to hear of any information regarding the whereabouts of Bateson correspondence in other archives or private hands. Please send information to Dr. Ronald F. Donaldson, P. O. Box 957, Ben Lomond, CA 95005. Donaldson is also willing to consult with anyone contemplating creating an archive.

## II. George Neumann Archive

The papers of George Neumann, an orthopedist cum physical anthropologist of German immigrant background and typological persuasion, who was at the University of Michigan and later at Indiana University before his death in 1971, are now at the Oregon State University in Corvallis. According to Roberta Hall, of the Department of Anthropology, who is now in the process of preparing an index, the materials cover a thirty year period which was an "interesting and crucial time in the development of contemporary approaches to human evolution and variation."

## III. Radcliffe-Brown Materials at the University of Sydney

Peter Austin (Linguistics, La Trobe University) notes several bodies of Radcliffe-Brown manuscript materials at the University of Sydney. The Fisher Library has card files kept by