Collection Summary

Title: Rhoda Métraux Papers
Inclusive Dates: 1837-1997
Bulk Dates: 1946-1990
ID No.: MSS83228
Creator: Métraux, Rhoda, 1914-2003
Extent: 90,000 items
Extent: 224 containers plus 1 classified and 20 oversize
Extent: 101 linear feet
Extent: 802 digital files (2.2 MB)
Language: Collection material in English
Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
LC Catalog record: https://lccn.loc.gov/mm95083228

Summary: Anthropologist and author. Correspondence, lectures, and writings in both physical and digital format. Physical materials also include field diaries, field notes and notebooks, reports, proposals, minutes, programs, interview transcripts, questionnaires, statistical analyses, artwork and drawings, photographs, maps, census data, projective testing materials, financial records, and printed matter pertaining to Métraux's career as an anthropologist and her professional and personal relationship with anthropologist Margaret Mead.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

People
Belo, Jane, 1904-1968.
Benedict, Ruth, 1887-1948.
Cressman, Luther S., 1897-1994.
Epple, Annamarie Bubendey.
Fortune, Reo, 1903-1979.
Gluckman, Max, 1911-1975.
Hilger, M. Inez (Mary Inez), 1891-1977.
Lowenfeld, Margaret, 1890-1973.
Mead, Margaret, 1901-1978.
Métraux, Daniel Alfred.
Mitchell, William E..
Métraux, Guy S. (Guy Serge).

Organizations
American Museum of Natural History.
Institute for Intercultural Studies.
Research in Contemporary Cultures.
United States. Office of Strategic Services.

Subjects
Adoption.
Anthropological linguistics.
Anthropology--Research--Haiti.
Anthropology--Research--Montserrat.
Anthropology--Research--Papua New Guinea.
Anthropology.
Astronautics--Social aspects--Canada.
Astronautics--Social aspects--United States.
Astronautics--Soviet Union.
Body language.
Child rearing.
Chinese--New York (State)--New York.
Education, Higher.
Ethnology--Caribbean Area.
Ethnology--Haiti.
Ethnology--Montserrat.
Ethnology--Papua New Guinea.
Ethnology--Sepik River Valley (Indonesia and Papua New Guinea)
Ethnology.
Food habits--Mexico.
Iatmul (Papua New Guinean people)
Imagery (Psychology)
Immigrants--New York (State)
Music and anthropology.
National characteristics, American.
National characteristics, Chinese.
National characteristics, French.
National characteristics, German.
Outdoor recreation.
Patterning therapy.
Peasants--Caribbean Area.
Perception.
Projective techniques.
Race relations--Religious aspects.
Race relations.
Regional planning.
Science--Social aspects--Canada.
Science--Social aspects--United States.
Scientists.
Space perception.
Space race.
Sputnik satellites.
Time perception.
World War, 1939-1945--Germany--Psychological aspects.

Places
Caribbean Area--Social life and customs.
Haiti--Social life and customs.
Montserrat--Social life and customs.
New York (N.Y.)--Emigration and immigration--Psychological aspects.
Papua New Guinea--Social life and customs.

Occupations
Anthropologists.
Authors.

Rhoda Métraux Papers
Acquisition Information

The papers of Rhoda Métraux, anthropologist and author, were given to the Library of Congress by Métraux in 1980. Additional material was given by Métraux and her son, Daniel Alfred Metraux, in 1998 and 2005. Items were transferred from the Margaret Mead Papers in 1996.

Processing History

The papers of Rhoda Métraux given by her in 1980 were arranged and described in 1997. The online version of the finding aid was created in 2008. A large addition consisting of material donated or transferred after 1980 was processed and added to the collection in 2019, and the finding aid was revised by Margaret McAleer with the assistance of Chanté Flowers, Rosa Hernandez, and Tammi Taylor. The arrangement of the collection into parts, series, and file groupings was undertaken by Manuscript Division staff. Wherever possible, Métraux's own identification of materials and groupings of items were maintained. In 2022, the born digital description was updated to reflect the latest description guidance.

Digital files were received as part of the papers of Rhoda Métraux on a variety of storage media, each of which was assigned a unique digital ID number. Use the digital ID number to request access copies of the files associated with each media. A description of the standard processes taken on all born digital records can be found in the Processing History Note: Born Digital Collection Material at https://hdl.loc.gov/loc.mss/eadmss.digital.

Transfers

Audio recordings and films have been transferred to the Library's Motion Picture, Broadcasting, and Recorded Sound Division where they are identified as part of these papers.

Related Material

Other information on Métraux's work, particularly her collaboration with Mead, can be found in the papers of Margaret Mead located in this division.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Rhoda Métraux is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The papers of Rhoda Métraux are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Digital content and collections stored off-site require advance notice to retrieve these items for research use.

Security Classified Documents

Government regulations control the use of security classified material in this collection. Manuscript Division staff can furnish information concerning access to and use of classified materials.

Technical Requirements

Digital files are primarily text files in unidentified formats as well as WordPerfect for MS-DOS v6 format and plain text format. Text files can be accessed using a file viewer tool or opened in a text editor such as Notepad.
## Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number or digital ID number, Rhoda Métraux Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

## Biographical Note

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<td>1935-1939</td>
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<td>1951</td>
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<td>1954</td>
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<td>1974</td>
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<td>1979</td>
<td>Edited <em>Margaret Mead: Some Personal Views</em>. New York: Walker</td>
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## Scope and Content Note

The papers of Rhoda Bubendey Métraux (1914-2003) span the years 1837-1997, with the bulk of material dating from 1946 to 1990. The collection documents Métraux's work as a cultural anthropologist through correspondence with colleagues; memoranda, minutes, and reports from professional organizations and institutions; notes and proceedings from conferences.
and meetings; field diaries, notes, photographs, maps, and research data; and drafts of lectures, articles, books, and reviews.

The collection is arranged in two parts. Part I consists of material given to the Library by Métraux in 1980 and is arranged in five series: General Correspondence, Subject File, Projects, Lectures and Writings, and Oversize. Part II comprises a large addition to the collection and is arranged in seven series: General Correspondence, Subject File, Projects, Writings, Personal File, Classified, and Oversize.

The collection as a whole documents Métraux’s work as an anthropologist, including her explorations into the ethnology of Caribbean peasant cultures, the complexities of cultural imagery, the relevance of cultural patterning for psychotherapy, the uses of projective testing, and the study of national character, including those of Germany, France, China, and the United States. Her papers include material from her work during World War II with the Office of Strategic Services on German civilian morale, her postwar work with the Research in Contemporary Cultures Project at Columbia University in the 1950s, her longtime association with the American Museum of Natural History, and her fieldwork in Haiti (1940s), Montserrat (1953-1954, 1966), and Papua New Guinea (1967-1968, 1971, 1972-1973). The collection further explores her collaborations and relationships with prominent anthropologists and psychologists, among them Theodora Mead Abel, Gregory Bateson, Jane Belo, Ruth Benedict, Kenneth P. Emory, Max Gluckman, Geoffrey Gorer, Margaret Lowenfeld, her husband, Alfred Métraux, and William E. Mitchell. Métraux is perhaps best known for her collaboration with anthropologist Margaret Mead with whom she shared a close personal relationship. The collection documents many facets of their friendship and working partnership.

The collection's series are listed and briefly described below. A fuller description of each series and a list of its contents can be accessed in the series descriptions within the container list.

Part I

The General Correspondence series contains Métraux’s correspondence with her family and close friends and associates, as well as her broader professional correspondence.

The Subject File series largely concerns Métraux's organizational affiliations. It also documents the lives and professional careers of colleagues with whom she collaborated, most notably Margaret Mead.

The Projects series constitutes more than half of Part I and contains files from three major research projects as well as a miscellaneous grouping of smaller projects.

The Lectures and Writings series documents the breadth of Métraux's research interests and contributions to the field of anthropology.

The remaining series in Part I contains Oversize material.

Part II

The General Correspondence series in Part II supplements the correspondence files in Part I and features correspondence with family members and close colleagues.

The Subject File covers a variety of topics including Métraux’s involvement in professional organizations. It further explores the lives and professional activities of colleagues and the childrearing of her son, Daniel Alfred Metraux.

The Projects series documents Métraux’s work as an anthropologist, most notably her fieldwork in Montserrat and Papua New Guinea.

The Writings features bibliographies, drafts, and reprints of writings by Métraux.

The Personal File documents various aspects of Métraux’s life.

The remaining series in Part II consist of Classified and Oversize material.

Organization of the Papers

The collection is arranged in twelve series:

Part I:
• General Correspondence, 1933-1980
• Subject File, 1905-1980
• Projects, 1936-1971
• Lectures and Writings, 1938-1980
• Oversize, 1938-1969

Part II:
• General Correspondence, 1922-1994
• Subject File, 1894-1994
• Projects, 1837-1985
• Writings File, 1932-1993
• Personal File, 1935-1997
• Classified, 1943-1944
• Oversize, 1938-1974
Description of Series

**Container**  
**Series**

**BOX 1-12**  
**Part I: General Correspondence, 1933-1980**

The General Correspondence series contains Métraux’s correspondence with her family and close friends and associates, as well as her broader professional correspondence. The series has been maintained in its original order and consists of an alphabetical and a chronological file. The alphabetical file includes correspondence with individuals with whom Métraux had close relationships. The largest amount of correspondence is with Margaret Mead. Often written in memorandum-style form, their exchanges focus largely on their professional collaboration. A small amount of their personal correspondence is included, primarily during the 1950s. The General Correspondence series in Part II contains additional correspondence with Mead of a more personal nature. Other correspondents represented in the alphabetical file include Theodora Mead Abel, Jane Belo, Edith Cobb, Kenneth P. Emory, Max Gluckman, Geoffrey Gorer, M. Inez Hilger, Margaret Lowenfeld, and William E. Mitchell. The file also contains family correspondence including letters to and from her son, Daniel Alfred Metraux, her brother-in-law, Guy S. Métraux, and letters from her mother, Annamarie Bubendey Epple. The chronological file traces Métraux’s professional activities from 1948 to 1980 including research projects, administrative positions, teaching, lecturing, and publishing.

Material types include: letters sent and received with related attachments.

Arranged in two files: an alphabetical file organized by name of person and a chronological file. Digital files arranged as received.

**BOX 13-27**  
**Part I: Subject File, 1905-1980**

The Subject File series largely concerns Métraux's organizational affiliations. It also documents the lives and professional careers of colleagues with whom she collaborated, most notably Margaret Mead. The series includes correspondence, memoranda, minutes, and reports from the American Museum of Natural History, the Institute for Intercultural Studies, and various professional committees and associations. A conference and meetings file, spanning the years 1951-1980, comprises the bulk of the series. It features Métraux's notes from conference sessions and committee meetings, which provide levels of detail often omitted from official proceedings and minutes. The series also contains subject files relating to Mead, anthropologist Ruth Benedict, and Métraux's husband, anthropologist Alfred Métraux, and background material on projective testing methods developed by Margaret Lowenfeld and used by Métraux in her research and fieldwork.

Material types include: correspondence, reports, minutes, notes, programs, photographs, addresses, bibliographies, writings, and printed matter.

Arranged alphabetically by subject or type of material and thereunder chronologically.

**BOX 28-112**  
**Part I: Projects, 1936-1971**

The Projects series constitutes more than half of Part I and contains files from three major research projects as well as a miscellaneous grouping of smaller projects. The largest amount of material is from the Image of the Scientist project in which Métraux investigated high school students' attitudes toward science and scientists through a series of questionnaires distributed to more than 130 public and private schools in the winter of 1956-1957. The files also contain elementary school essays and drawings and a series of questionnaires answered by college students and adults. When Sputnik was launched in October 1957, Mead issued an emergency call to colleagues across the country for evidence of popular reaction to the Soviet satellite. The Sputnik files include elementary school essays and drawings and responses to interviews and questionnaires by high school students, college students, and adults in the United States and Canada.

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Two other large projects are featured in the Projects series. In the Studies in Allopsychic Orientation project, started around 1959, Mead and Métraux explored differing perceptions of time, space, and the unknown. The project files include questionnaire responses from various groups in the United States, including high school, college, and deaf students and the elderly, as well as cross-cultural data from Bali, Montserrat, Papua New Guinea, Pakistan, and Samoa, among other places. Through the Cultural Structure of Imagery project, begun in 1965, Métraux explored cultural differences in communication evident in music, speech, and body motion. The project's files consist largely of notes, proposals, reports, and diaries from her fieldwork in Montserrat (1953-1954, 1966) and Papua New Guinea (1967-1968, 1971). Notes from Métraux's fieldwork in Haiti during the 1940s are located in the Subject File.

The Project series also contains material from several smaller projects, including Métraux's studies of Mexican food habits, French national character, adoption, outdoor recreation, and regional planning; an American Association of University Women questionnaire on higher education; and a study of lay and clerical attitudes toward race undertaken for the Riverside Church in New York City in 1959.

Material types include: correspondence, memoranda, reports, minutes, financial records, interview transcripts, questionnaires, drawings and artwork, notebooks, photographs, statistical analyses, and printed matter.

Arranged alphabetically by name of project and alphabetically thereunder by subject or type of material.

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**BOX 112-128**

**Part I: Lectures and Writings, 1938-1980**

The Lectures and Writings series documents the breadth of Métraux's research interests and contributions to the field of anthropology. Topics include Caribbean peasant cultures in Haiti and Montserrat; contemporary national cultures, especially that of France; and public opinion research, particularly popular attitudes toward science. The series contains lectures and articles spanning four decades from 1941 to 1980 and drafts of books written in collaboration with Mead and Theodora Mead Abel. Also in the series is a draft and other material relating to Métraux's dissertation on kinship in Haiti; books reviews; and drafts of Redbook magazine columns.

Material types include: drafts of lectures, articles, books, a dissertation, magazine columns, and reviews with related correspondence, notes, and outlines.

Arranged as lectures and writings. Lectures are arranged chronologically. Writings are arranged alphabetically by type of publication.

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**BOX OV 1-OV 4**

**Part I: Oversize, 1938-1969**

Oversize material consisting of drawings and a map.

Arranged and described according to the series, containers, and folders from which the items were removed.

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**BOX 129-132**

**Part II: General Correspondence, 1922-1994**

The General Correspondence series in Part II supplements the correspondence files in Part I and features correspondence with family members and close colleagues. An alphabetical file dates largely from the mid-1940s to the mid-1960s and contains correspondence between Métraux and her family, most notably her son, Daniel Alfred Metraux, and husband, Alfred Métraux. It also includes correspondence with close associates, among them Theodora M. Abel, Gregory Bateson, Jane Belo, Luther S. Cressman, M. Inez Hilger, and Margaret Mead. Métraux’s correspondence with Mead in this series includes handwritten letters that are more personal than those found in Part I, yet which remain largely focused on their professional activities. A chronological file dates largely from the 1970s to 1980s and relates largely to Métraux’s professional activities. A digital file, 1987-1994, contains drafts of letters to friends as well as draft responses to researchers.
inquiring about Margaret Mead as well as Métraux’s own work as an anthropologist. Métraux’s correspondence with family members, Mead, and other colleagues during her fieldwork in Papua New Guinea in 1967-1968 and 1971-1973 is located in the Projects series in Part II.

Material types include: letters sent and received with related attachments including photographs.

Arranged as an alphabetical file organized by name of correspondent, a chronological file, a digital file, and miscellaneous greeting cards.

**BOX 133-154**

**Part II: Subject File, 1894-1994**

The Subject File covers a variety of topics including Métraux’s involvement in professional organizations. It further explores the lives and professional activities of colleagues and the childrearing of her son, Daniel Alfred Metraux. Prominent in the series are files relating to Margaret Mead. Included are correspondence files, schedules, estate records, descriptive lists of Mead’s personal papers, photographs, and writings by Mead, including poetry and a short story. Also present in the series are items belonging to others that found their way into Métraux’s possession. Included are personal items belonging to Gregory Bateson among them letters, a calendar, photographs, and drawings from the 1930s; a small cache of family papers; and a file relating to his analysis of the Nazi propaganda film *Hitlerjunge Quex*.

Letters and photographs from the late 1920s belonging to Reo Fortune are also included in the series. The childrearing of Métraux’s son, Daniel, is well documented in the series from his birth in 1948 to his graduation from Beloit College in 1970. His correspondence reveals his close relationship with many of his parents’ colleagues.

Material types include: correspondence, memoranda, reports, minutes, programs, handbooks, directories, writings by others, bibliographies, biographical material, calendars, schedules, photographs, drawings, postcards, school records, notes, estate records, contracts, royalty statements, newspaper clippings, and other printed matter.

Arranged alphabetically by name of individual or organization, topic, or type of material.

Digital files arranged as received.

**BOX 154-215**

**Part II: Projects, 1837-1985**

The Projects series documents Métraux’s work as an anthropologist, most notably her fieldwork in Montserrat and Papua New Guinea. Supplementing her Montserrat field notebooks in Part I are artwork and drawings, data from projective tests, and an extensive collection of well-organized, identified, and catalogued photographs and negatives. The Papua New Guinea fieldwork files are more extensive in Part II than in Part I. Métraux’s fieldwork took place among the Iatmul of Tambunam village in the Middle Sepik River region where Gregory Bateson and Margaret Mead had conducted fieldwork in 1938. Included are copies of Bateson-Mead 1938 field records, which are often annotated by Métraux. Métraux’s own field materials are arranged by expedition as main files containing administrative and planning files, correspondence, field diaries, and notebooks. Census records, children’s drawings, film records for still photography and some moving images, maps, projective testing data, and tape catalogs are filed separately from the main expedition files.

Other projects documented in this series include Métraux’s study of German civilian morale for the Office of Strategic Services during WWII, data and notes on the psychosocial and medical stress of Chinese immigrants living in New York in the 1950s, files from her collaboration with Theodora Mead Abel on projective testing techniques, and additional material on the Research in Contemporary Cultures, Studies in Allopsychic Orientation, and Studies in Contemporary Cultures projects that are more thoroughly documented in Part I.

Material types include: correspondence, memoranda, reports, proposals, administrative and planning files, financial records, field notes and diaries, photographs, artwork, projective
testing material, census data, catalogs and indexes, notes and lists, statistical data, exhibit materials, writings by others, and printed matter.

Arranged alphabetically by name of project and thereunder by topic or type of material.

**BOX 215-220**

**Part II: Writings File, 1932-1993**

The Writings File features bibliographies, drafts, and reprints of writings by Métraux. Included are book drafts; a copy of her dissertation on Haiti; file copies of articles, papers, reviews, and other short works; letters from the field; an index of *Redbook* columns by Mead and Métraux; poetry written by Métraux largely during the 1940s; and essays, plays, and a short story written by her while a student at Vassar College in the 1930s. Also included is a history of her life written at the request of Margaret Mead.

Material types include: drafts of books and a dissertation; file copies of articles, papers, reviews, and other short works; field letters; a life history; poetry, plays, a short story, and essays; and indexes and bibliographies.

Arranged alphabetically by type of writing. Digital files arranged as received.

**BOX 220-224**

**Part II: Personal File, 1935-1997**

The Personal File documents various aspects of Métraux’s life including her personal and professional contacts recorded in address books, her career as outlined in curricula vitae, her employment history documented in personnel files, and her professional memberships and subscriptions. Also included are personal photographs.

Material types include: address books, biographical material, photographs, personnel files, a calendar, health records, legal and financial records, notes and notebooks, lists, and a questionnaire.

Arranged alphabetically by type of material or topic. Digital files arranged as received.

**BOX CL 1**

**Part II: Classified, 1943-1945**

Material types include: memorandum and report.

Arranged and described according to the series, container, and folder from which the items were removed.

**BOX OV 5-OV 20**

**Part II: Oversize, 1938-1974**

Material types include: artwork, photographs, maps, census data, projective testing materials, and a bibliographic card file.

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**Container List**

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Bateson, Mary Catherine, 1963-1976  
Belo, Jane, 1954-1968  
Benedict, Ruth See Container 14, same heading  
Bubendey, Paul (brother), 1954-1976, undated  
Cobb, Edith, 1950-1979, undated  
Dillon, Wilton, 1959-1979  
Eglar, Zekiye, 1955-1964  
Emory, Kenneth, 1951-1980  
Epple, Annamarie Bubendey (mother)  
1954-1959  
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1960-1978, undated  
Frank, Lawrence Kelso, 1961-1965  
Gluckman, Max, 1963-1974, undated  
Gorer, Geoffrey, 1940-1980  
Hilger, M. Inez, 1953-1977  
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**Part I: Subject File, 1905-1980**

The Subject File series largely concerns Métraux's organizational affiliations. It also documents the lives and professional careers of colleagues with whom she collaborated, most notably Margaret Mead. The series includes correspondence, memoranda, minutes, and reports from the American Museum of Natural History, the Institute for Intercultural Studies, and various professional committees and associations. A conference and meetings file, spanning the years 1951-1980, comprises the bulk of the series. It features Métraux's notes from conference sessions and committee meetings, which provide levels of detail often omitted from official proceedings and minutes. The series also contains subject files relating to Mead, anthropologist Ruth Benedict, and Métraux's husband, anthropologist Alfred Métraux, and background material on projective testing methods developed by Margaret Lowenfeld and used by Métraux in her research and fieldwork.
Material types include: correspondence, reports, minutes, notes, programs, photographs, addresses, bibliographies, writings, and printed matter.
Arranged alphabetically by subject or type of material and thereunder chronologically.

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|        | Caribbean Studies Association, 1974-1979  
|        | City University of New York, New York, N.Y., recommendations for restructuring anthropology curriculum, 1976  
|        | "Concepts" filmstrip project, 1974  
|        | Conferences and meetings  
|        | 1951  
|        | Anthropology Work Conference in Mental Health Research, Chicago, Ill., 1951-1953  
|        | International Congress for Mental Health, Mexico City, Mexico  
|        | 1952-1954, miscellaneous |

| BOX 15 | 1955  
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|        | World Federation for Mental Health, Istanbul, Turkey  
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|        | Conference on French Community Studies, Haverford, Pa.  
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|        | 1957, Mental Health in Different Cultures, New York, N.Y. |

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**Part I: Projects, 1936-1971**

The Projects series constitutes more than half of Part I and contains files from three major research projects as well as a miscellaneous grouping of smaller projects. The largest amount of material is from the Image of the Scientist project in which Métraux investigated high school students' attitudes toward science and scientists through a series of questionnaires distributed to more than 130 public and private schools in the winter of 1956-1957. The files also contain elementary school essays and drawings and a series of questionnaires answered by college students and adults. When Sputnik was launched in October 1957, Mead issued an emergency call to colleagues across the country for evidence of popular reaction to the Soviet satellite. The Sputnik files include elementary school essays and drawings and responses to interviews and questionnaires by high school students, college students, and adults in the United States and Canada.

Two other large projects are featured in the Projects series. In the Studies in Allopsychic Orientation project, started around 1959, Mead and Métraux explored differing perceptions of time, space, and the unknown. The project files include questionnaire responses from various groups in the United States, including high school, college, and deaf students and the elderly, as well as cross-cultural data from Bali, Montserrat, Papua New Guinea, Pakistan, and Samoa, among other places. Through the Cultural Structure of Imagery project, begun in 1965, Métraux explored cultural differences in communication evident in music, speech, and body motion. The project's files consist largely of notes, proposals, reports, and diaries from her fieldwork in Montserrat (1953-1954, 1966) and Papua New Guinea (1967-1968, 1971). Notes from Métraux's fieldwork in Haiti during the 1940s are located in the Subject File.

The Project series also contains material from several smaller projects, including Métraux's studies of Mexican food habits, French national character, adoption, outdoor recreation, and regional planning; an American Association of University Women questionnaire on higher education; and a study of lay and clerical attitudes toward race undertaken for the Riverside Church in New York City in 1959.

Material types include: correspondence, memoranda, reports, minutes, financial records, interview transcripts, questionnaires, drawings and artwork, notebooks, photographs, statistical analyses, and printed matter.

Arranged alphabetically by name of project and alphabetically thereunder by subject or type of material.

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Material types include: drafts of lectures, articles, books, a dissertation, magazine columns, and reviews with related correspondence, notes, and outlines.

Arranged as lectures and writings. Lectures are arranged chronologically. Writings are arranged alphabetically by type of publication.

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- Dec. 15, "Community as the Sample," New York University, New York, N.Y.

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May 14, "Social and Cultural Barriers to Communication," Columbia University, New York, N.Y.
June 24, "Cultural Patterns and Technical Change," International Study and Research Institute, New York, N.Y.
Oct. 6, "Planning for an Urban Culture," American Institute of Planners, St. Louis, Mo.

1966, Jan., panel discussion, New York Academy of Sciences, Conference on Interdisciplinary Perspectives of Time, New York, N.Y.

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1952
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"Some Aspects of Hierarchal Structure in Haiti," *Acculturation in the Americas*

1955
"Can We Study National Character?"
"Implicit and Explicit Values in Education and Teaching as Related to Growth and Development," *Merrill-Palmer Quarterly*

1956

BOX 119
"Far Away is Near at Hand," *The Packer Alumna*
"Life Stress and Health in a Changing Culture," *Family Mental Health and the State*
"Pruebas Proyectivas en una Comunidad Rural: Montserrat," with Theodora Mead Abel, *Criminalia*, 1954-1956

1957
"Normal and Deviant Behavior in a Peasant Community: Montserrat, B.W.I.," with Theodora Mead Abel, *American Journal of Orthopsychiatry*


1962, "The Image of the Scientist," *Science and the Public*

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1963
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"International Communication of Science Information," *Journalism Quarterly*

1964
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1979, "The Processes of Metaphor: Symbol and Reality"


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**Part II: General Correspondence, 1922-1994**

The General Correspondence series in Part II supplements the [correspondence files](#) in Part I and features correspondence with family members and close colleagues. An alphabetical file dates largely from the mid-1940s to the mid-1960s and contains correspondence between Métraux and her family, most notably her son, Daniel Alfred Metraux, and husband, Alfred Métraux. It also includes correspondence with close associates, among them Theodora M. Abel, Gregory Bateson, Jane Belo, Luther S. Cressman, M. Inez Hilger, and Margaret Mead. Métraux’s correspondence with Mead in this series includes handwritten letters that are more personal than those found in Part I, yet which remain largely focused on their professional activities. A chronological file dates largely from the 1970s to 1980s and relates largely to Métraux’s professional activities. A digital file, 1987-1994, contains drafts of letters to friends as well as draft responses to researchers inquiring about Margaret Mead as well as Métraux’s own work as an anthropologist. Métraux’s correspondence with family members, Mead, and other colleagues during her fieldwork in Papua New Guinea in 1967-1968 and 1971-1973 is located in the [Projects](#) series in Part II.  
Material types include: letters sent and received with related attachments including photographs.  
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Part II: Subject File, 1894-1994

The Subject File covers a variety of topics including Métraux’s involvement in professional organizations. It further explores the lives and professional activities of colleagues and the childrearing of her son, Daniel Alfred Metraux. Prominent in the series are files relating to Margaret Mead. Included are correspondence files, schedules, estate records, descriptive lists of Mead’s personal papers, photographs, and writings by Mead, including poetry and a short story. Also present in the series are items belonging to others that found their way into Métraux’s possession. Included are personal items belonging to Gregory Bateson among them letters, a calendar, photographs, and drawings from the 1930s; a small cache of family papers; and a file relating to his analysis of the Nazi propaganda film *Hitlerjunge Quex*.
Letters and photographs from the late 1920s belonging to Reo Fortune are also included in the series. The childrearing of Métraux’s son, Daniel, is well documented in the series from his birth in 1948 to his graduation from Beloit College in 1970. His correspondence reveals his close relationship with many of his parents’ colleagues.
Material types include: correspondence, memoranda, reports, minutes, programs, handbooks, directories, writings by others, bibliographies, biographical material, calendars, schedules, photographs, drawings, postcards, school records, notes, estate records, contracts, royalty statements, newspaper clippings, and other printed matter.
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Material types include: drafts of books and a dissertation; file copies of articles, papers, reviews, and other short works; field letters; a life history; poetry, plays, a short story, and essays; and indexes and bibliographies.
Arranged alphabetically by type of writing. Digital files arranged as received.

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**Part II: Personal File, 1935-1997**

The Personal File documents various aspects of Métraux’s life including her personal and professional contacts recorded in address books, her career as outlined in curricula vitae, her employment history documented in personnel files, and her professional memberships and subscriptions. Also included are personal photographs.

Material types include: address books, biographical material, photographs, personnel files, a calendar, health records, legal and financial records, notes and notebooks, lists, and a questionnaire.

Arranged alphabetically by type of material or topic. Digital files arranged as received.

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