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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	National Anthropological Archives
<b>Title:</b>	Gordon Macgregor Papers
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## Administrative Information

### Related Materials

Those interested in Macgregor's work for the BIA Missouri River Basin Unit may wish to consult NAA manuscript 4805, which consists of research and reference materials of the University of Chicago Fort Berthold Project. That material includes a few papers and reports, largely mimeographed, written by Macgregor in the course of his work with the unit. Those interested in additional material concerning the Point IV program and the American Anthropological Association are advised to examine AAA records in the National Anthropological Archives. It might be noted, however, that Macgregor was not the State Department's main contact with the AAA and relatively few documents in the AAA record relate to him.

### Processing Information

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### Restrictions

Questionnaires in the Macgregor papers that resulted from Public Health Service surveys are restricted to use by qualified researchers who agree to protect the identities of the interviewees.

The Macgregor papers are open for research. Access to the Macgregor papers requires an appointment.

### Conditions Governing Use

Contact the repository for terms of use.

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## Biographical Note

Gordon Macgregor (1902-1984) was trained at Yale (BA, 1925) and Harvard (PhD, 1935). Although he worked in old world archeology and Oceanic ethnology, the major portion of his career was devoted to applied anthropology in government service. From 1936 to 1945, he was engaged as an anthropologist with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and he served from 1945 to 1947 as superintendent of the Northern Cheyenne agency. In 1947-1949, he was a social economist with the BIA Missouri River Basin Unit which was concerned with preparations for the removal of Indians from their lands because of the construction of dams by the federal government. In this work, Macgregor was involved with the tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation.

After two years as a Pacific specialist with the Department of Interior Office of Territories in 1949 to 1951, Macgregor became an anthropologist with the Technical Cooperation Administration of the Department of State. The TCA was involved in aspects of the Point IV program. In 1953-1956, Macgregor became a research associate of the Committee on International Exchange of Persons of the Conference Board of Associated Research Council. Under the Fulbright-Hays Act, the committee administered exchanges between the United States and other countries involving university lecturing and advanced research.

In 1957-1966, Macgregor served as senior anthropologist with the United States Public Health Service. In that position, he was involved in a study of local public health practice with the view toward improving the means of providing public health service.

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## Scope and Contents

The Macgregor papers document the man's career very unevenly. Most of the material concerns his work with the Public Health Service and most of that concerns a study carried out in Bristol, Vermont. There are also materials concerning a survey carried out in the Great Plains and a study involving junior high school students in Prince Georges County, Maryland.

The papers also include miscellaneous documents relating to Macgregor's position with the Technical Cooperation Administration. Notably, there are transcripts and other materials of anthropologists who lectured at the Foreign Service Institute to technicians being sent overseas as part of the Point IV program. There is also a copy of a training manual for Point IV that was prepared through a contract with the American Anthropological Association, a program with which Macgregor became involved as a TCA administrator who reviewed the drafts of the manual. In addition, there are reports from Eliot D. Chapple on materials prepared for film producers under a contract between the U. S. Department of State International Motion Pictures Division and the Society for Applied Anthropology Film Planning Project. A very few items in the collection relate to Macgregor's work with the Committee on International Exchange of Persons.

There is little or no material relating to Macgregor's interest in old world archeology and none concerning his interest in Oceania. The file of American Indian materials is largely a miscellany of reference items, the main exception being a few notes on the Navaho and material relating to American Indian Development, Inc. None of that material appears to concern Macgregor's BIA work, and none of it relates to his study of the Dakota Indians.

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## Container Listing

### Series 1: Papers regarding the Technical Cooperation Administration

- Box 1                      POINT IV MANUAL, 1951  
Includes the AAA's *Intercultural transfer of techniques: a manual of applied social science for Point IV technicians and administrators*
- POINT IV TRAINING:, 1951-1959, undated
- Box 2                      Training schedules
- Transcripts and notes:
- Box 2                      Keppler Lewis, "The process of change"
- Box 2                      Joseph McCaskill and Carl Taylor, "Resources in nature and society"
- Box 2                      Howard Sollenberger, "American technicians in a new milieu"
- Box 2                      Henry Lee Smith and Charles A. Ferguson, "Language and culture"
- Box 2                      Kalervo Oberg, "Problems in the cross-cultural transfer of technical assistance"
- Box 2                      John Gillin, "Introduction to Latin American cultures"
- Box 2                      Ella Griffin, recollections of working overseas
- Box 2                      Marian Smith, talk on working in India and Pakistan
- Box 2                      Cora DuBois, Edward Kennard, and others on the way other people view Americans
- Box 2                      Lewis and Macgregor, "Evaluation"
- Box 2                      Ellery Foster, Gertrude Gates, and others, "Point IV panel"
- SOCIETY FOR APPLIED ANTHROPOLOGY REPORTS:
- Box 3                      General report No. 1--"Cultural background", 1951 May 9
- Box 3                      General report No. 2--"Sources of stress", 1951 May 9

- Box 3                    General report No. 3--"Recommendations for working in the field and securing cooperation", 1951 May 9
- Box 3                    General report No. 4--"Possible film treatments", 1951 May 9
- Box 3                    Indonesia report no. 1--"Cultural background of Indonesia", 1951 August 3
- Box 3                    Indonesia report no. 2--"Sources of tension and stress in Indonesia", 1951 August 3
- Box 3                    Indonesia report no. 3--"Recommendations for field work in Indonesia", 1951 August 3

REFERENCE MATERIALS:

- Box 4                    American Council on Education orientation of foreign leaders and specialists to the U. S., 1952 March-April
- Box 4                    Foreign service institute lectures
- Box 4                    Miscellany
- Box 4                    State Department
- Box 4                    Technical Cooperation Administration and Point IV

PAPERS CONCERNING THE COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE OF PERSONS:

- Box 5                    Advisory committee
- Box 5                    Goodwin, Leonard [includes "The historical-philosophical basis for action research"]
- Box 5                    Holmberg, Allan, John Kennedy, Harold Laswell, and Charles Lindblom, "Experimental research in the behavioral sciences and regional development", 1955 April 29
- Box 5                    Third National Conference on the Exchange of Persons, 1959

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## Series 2: Public Health Service

### 2.1: General Materials:, 1958, 1962-1964, undated

#### ORGANIZATIONS FILE:

##### American Orthopsychiatric Association:

- Box 6 40th annual meeting, 1963 March
- Box 6 41st annual meeting, 1964 March
- Box 6 American Veterinary Medical Association
- Box 6 Foundation for Research on Human Behavior
- Box 6 Foundations supporting general health research
- Box 6 Grant Foundation
- Box 6 Health Information Foundation
- Box 6 Illinois Conference of Tuberculosis Workers
- Box 6 Illinois Conference of Tuberculosis Workers Program Planning Committee seminar, 1962 February
- Box 6 Kellogg Foundation
- Box 6 National Advisory Committee on Local Health Departments:
  - Box 6 Policy guide on public health training -- exhibit A
  - Box 6 "The development of community health services," Philadelphia meeting, 1958 March 18

#### Box 6 REFERENCE MATERIALS

### 2.2: Great Plains Survey, 1960-1964, undated

#### ORGANIZATIONS FILE:

##### Great Plains Agricultural Council:

Box 7 Meeting, Laramie, Wyoming, 1960 July

Box 7 Meeting, Lincoln, Nebraska, 1963 July

Box 7 Meeting, Santa Fe, New Mexico, 1964 July

Box 7 Proposed application for projects grant, 1962

Box 7 Great Plains Health Committee

Box 7 Meeting Bozeman, Montana, 1961 July

Box 7 Meeting, Fort Collins, Colorado, 1962 July

Box 8; QUESTIONNAIRES  
Box 9

### 2.3: Prince Georges County, Maryland, undated

Box 10 PROPOSAL AND NOTES FOR A STUDY OF JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

### 2.4: Bristol, Vermont, 1948, 1961-1964, undated

Box 11 ALPHABETICAL FILE:

Box 11 Addison County mental health

Box 11 Addison County planning committee

Box 11 Background statement for 2/6/63 conference (on research on rural health services -- Vermont)

Box 11 Biennial reports, 1962

Box 11 College of Medicine seminar, 1963

Box 11 Correspondence

Box 11 Field notes -- Rubel (duplicates)

Box 11 Flash, William -- legal basis for health services in Vermont



Box 11	Hardwick, Vermont, notes
Box 11	Health Department divisional programs
Box 11	Information/data
Box 11	Interview notes
Box 11	Johnson, Trois E. , experience report, 1963
Box 11	Leftkowitz, N., papers
Box 11	Manuscript: "Research for planning rural patterns of health and medical practice"
Box 11	Maps
Box 12	Methodology -- social systems
Box 12	Miscellaneous notes
Box 12	Miscellaneous field notes
Box 12	Outline -- Framework of county health study
Box 12	Outlines of divisional programs staff; official roles; interaction in the study community; and evaluations
Box 12	Preliminary research discussions, Department of Health research application
Box 12	Press clippings
	Progress reports:, 1963 June-1963 November
Box 12	Progress reports, 1963 June
Box 12	Progress reports (revised), 1963 June
Box 12	Progress reports, 1963 November 18
Box 12	Public health nurse cases -- Bristol

Box 12 Report, first phase, due 6/1/63

Box 12 Report on Vermont health study, Region I staff, 1963 August 19

Box 12 Report -- outline and notes, 1964

Box 13 Report to Vermont Department of Health; summary notes; report to University of Vermont Staff, 1963 April

Box 13 Research for planning patterns of rural health services, Vermont

Box 13 Research proposal and related memos

Box 13 Rubel, Arthur J. -- Final report, 1963 June 30

Box 13 Rubel manuscript -- research procedures

Box 13 "Rubel's copies" [mostly carbons of reports, manuscripts, miscellany]

Box 13 Summary of progress report, 1963 April 01

Box 13 Tabulations

Box 13 "Trends, distribution, and characteristics of Vermont physicians"

Box 13 University of Vermont, College of Medicine, grants and grant proposals

Box 13 University of Vermont, Department of Epidemiology and Community Medicine

Box 14 University of Vermont -- William Flash

Box 14 Vermont Development Commission

Box 14 Vermont manuscript, 1964

Box 14 Vermont State Department of Health

Vermont State Department of Health:

Box 14 Information materials

Box 14 Budget proposal

- Box 14                      Proposal and memos -- Officer [D.E.] Bergstrom proposal, 1961
- Box 14                      Vermont status relating to education, 1948
- Box 14                      Vermont rheumatic fever prevention program
- Box 14                      Vermont study
- Box 14                      White, Kerr -- papers and Department of Epidemiology and Community  
Medicine objectives

QUESTIONNAIRES

- Box 15                      1-44
- Box 16                      45-119 plus extra and blank [61-100 missing]
- Box 17                      Reference materials

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## Series 3: Other material

## 3.1: AMERICAN INDIAN MATERIAL

- Box 18                    American Indian Charter Convention, or American Indian Chicago Conference  
Includes copies of the final report of the coordinator and the *Declaration of American Indian Purpose*.
- Box 18                    American Indian Development, Inc.  
2 folders  
  
Includes, among other documents, copies of Rosalie Wax's field diary of a 1960 workshop on American Indian affairs and "A brief history and analysis of the workshops on American Indian affairs conducted for American Indian college students, 1956-1960, together with a study of current attitudes and activities of those students"; material regarding the Crownpoint Project in Citizenship Education; a copy of Omer C. Stewart's "Kroeber and the Indian Claims Commission cases."
- Box 18                    American Indians and Poverty  
Includes two documents on the American Indian Capitol Conference on Poverty, 1964 May 9-15.
- Box 18                    Arizona Indians  
Includes a booklet only.  
  
Association on American Indian Affairs, Inc.:
- Box 18                    General
- Box 18                    Newsletters  
*Indian Affairs*, no. 40 and 41A.
- Box 18                    Commission on the Rights, Liberties, and Responsibilities of the American Indian, Copy of *A program for Indian citizens: a summary report*, 1961 January
- Box 18                    Conference on Indian Health and Welfare, 9/30 to 10/1
- Box 18                    *Indian Progress*, newsletter of the Workshop on American Indian Affairs, Boulder, Colorado, 1962 June 19
- Box 18                    "Indians of Virginia" -- J. Nixon Hadley
- Box 18                    Miscellaneous Indian material
- Box 18                    National Congress of American Indians

- Box 18 Navajo
- Box 18 "Selected references on present-day conditions among U.S. Indians," a bibliography compiled by William C. Sturtevant
- University of Colorado American Indian:
- Box 18 Development-Area Redevelopment Administration

### 3.2: MISCELLANY, 1961, undated

- Box 19 "Applied Anthropology in Government: United States," by Kennard and Macgregor
- Box 19 Institute of Social Studies
- Box 19 International Conference on Asian Problems
- Box 19 Miscellaneous notes
- Box 19 Outline of Thomas and Znaniecki, "The Polish peasant in Europe and America"
- Box 19 Sampling procedures
- Box 19 Society for Applied Anthropology
- Box 19 Symposium: Anthropology in overseas programs, American Anthropological Association, 1961
- Box 19 University of Chicago proceedings of the seminar on racial and cultural contacts

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