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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Smithsonian Institution Archives, Washington, D.C., <a href="mailto:osiaref@si.edu">osiaref@si.edu</a>
<b>Title:</b>	Records
<b>Identifier:</b>	Record Unit 535
<b>Date:</b>	1941-1975
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<b>Creator::</b>	Smithsonian Institution. Press
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## Administrative Information

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## Historical Note

Webster Prentiss True, who had previously served the Smithsonian Institution as Editor, 1919-1939, was given the title of Chief of the Editorial Division in 1940. A separate Publications Division was responsible for the actual reproduction of manuscripts. On True's retirement, Paul H. Oehser, who had been Editor for the United States National Museum since 1931, was appointed Chief and served from 1951 to 1953. In 1954 the two divisions were combined as the Editorial and Publications Division, with Oehser as Chief. He held this post through 1965. In 1966 the Division was renamed the Smithsonian Institution Press, with Anders Richter as Director. Richter held the position through 1970, when Gordon Hubel became Director, serving 1970- .

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## Descriptive Entry

These rather fragmentary records primarily document the work of the Editorial and Publications Division, precursor of the modern Smithsonian Press. A small amount of material dates from the tenure of Webster P. True as Chief of the Division and consists of correspondence concerning manuscripts considered for publication.

A second section of this record unit contains a portion of the correspondence and memoranda of Paul Oehser as Chief. The records include a small alphabetic correspondence file as well as folders relating to various proposed publications. In addition, there is a small amount of material concerning volumes 1 and 2 of The Papers of Joseph Henry, a proposed manuscript on the planning of the Smithsonian Bicentennial, and several folders concerning World Power from Solar Radiation, one of the final manuscripts of the fifth Secretary of the Institution, Charles G. Abbot.

Researchers should also consult Record Unit 83 for records of the Editorial and Publications Division.

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## Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

Museum publications  
Publishers and publishing

Types of Materials:

Manuscripts

Names:

Abbot, C. G. (Charles Greeley), 1872-1973  
Hubel, Gordon  
Joseph Henry Papers Project  
Oehser, Paul H. (Paul Henry), 1904-1996  
Richter, Anders  
Smithson Bicentennial  
Smithsonian Institution. Editorial and Publications Division  
True, Webster Prentiss, 1892-

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## Container Listing

### Box 1

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|------------|---|
| Box 1 of 2 | Correspondence, 1959-1960   |
| Box 1 of 2 | Correspondence, 1954-1964   |
| Box 1 of 2 | Correspondence, 1941-1960   |
| Box 1 of 2 | Solecki, Ralph S., 1961. Includes field photographs and image of William Foshag.          |
| Box 1 of 2 | Rah, Hilda, 1959  |
| Box 1 of 2 | Densmore, Frances, 1941. Includes photographs.  |
| Box 1 of 2 | Goddard, Robert H., 1958-1960   |
| Box 1 of 2 | Walcott Fund Papers, 1950-1952  |
| Box 1 of 2 | Parsons, Margaret C., 1959-1960   |
| Box 1 of 2 | Correspondence, 1942-1956   |
| Box 1 of 2 | Correspondence, 1963-1965. Includes photographs.  |
| Box 1 of 2 | Correspondence, 1941-1959. Primarily concerns rejected manuscripts; includes photographs. |
| Box 1 of 2 | Moynihan, Martin, 1965-1966   |
| Box 1 of 2 | Hayes, Illustrations not Used. Includes photographs of Fred L. Whipple.                   |
| Box 1 of 2 | Hambleton, James I., 1961. Includes photographs.  |
| Box 1 of 2 | Hilger, M. Inez, 1954-1958  |
| Box 1 of 2 | Abbot, Charles G., World Power from Solar Radiation, 1967-1971 (8 folders)                |
| Box 1 of 2 | Smithson Bicentennial Manuscript and Related Material, 1965-1966                          |

### Box 2

Box 2 of 2	Status Reports, 1959-1967
Box 2 of 2	A, Correspondence, 1965
Box 2 of 2	B-BI, Correspondence, 1965-1967
Box 2 of 2	BI, Correspondence, 1965
Box 2 of 2	C, Correspondence, 1965-1966
Box 2 of 2	D, Correspondence, 1965-1966
Box 2 of 2	E, Correspondence, 1965
Box 2 of 2	F, Correspondence, 1965-1966
Box 2 of 2	G, Correspondence, 1965-1967
Box 2 of 2	H, Correspondence, 1965
Box 2 of 2	I-J, Correspondence, 1965
Box 2 of 2	K, Correspondence, 1961-1965
Box 2 of 2	L, Correspondence, 1962-1965
Box 2 of 2	M, Correspondence, 1965-1966
Box 2 of 2	N-O-P, Correspondence, 1965
Box 2 of 2	R, Correspondence, 19653
Box 2 of 2	S, Correspondence, 1963-1965
Box 2 of 2	T, Correpspondence, 1965
Box 2 of 2	Joseph Henry Papers, Volumes I and II, 1975 (2 folders)