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THE DAVID SOLOMON PAPERS,  
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## Descriptive Summary

<b>Creator Information</b>	Solomon, David, 1925-
<b>Title</b>	David Solomon papers
<b>Collection Identifier</b>	MSP 92
<b>Date Span</b>	1963-1965
<b>Abstract</b>	The David Solomon papers contain professional correspondence as well as information pertaining to psychological studies with psychotropic drugs. Solomon's correspondence with Robert Burdett and correspondence pertaining to "Flight to Reality" represents a large portion of the collection.
<b>Extent</b>	1 Folder
<b>Finding Aid Author</b>	Kristin Leaman, 2011
<b>Languages</b>	English
<b>Repository</b>	Virginia Kelly Karnes Archives and Special Collections Research Center, Purdue University Libraries

## Administrative Information

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## **Subjects and Genres**

### **Persons**

Solomon, David, 1925-  
Blewett, Duncan (Not in LC Authorities)  
Osmond, Humphry  
Leary, Timothy, 1920-1996  
McGlothlin, William H.  
Burdett, Robert J.  
Allen, Don (Not in LC Authorities)  
Aiken, John (Not in LC Authorities)

### **Topics**

LSD  
Psychotropic drugs  
Mescaline

### **Form and Genre Types**

Correspondence  
Correspondence, personal  
Draft (document)  
Manuscript (handwriting)

### **Occupations**

Psychology  
Psychiatry  
Journalism

## Biography of David Solomon

David Solomon was born in California in 1925. He served in World War II and was pulled from combat and re-assigned to intelligence work after his two and only brothers were killed in bombing runs over Germany. He was discharged in 1946 and attended Washington Square College of New York University on the GI Bill; Solomon eventually earned his BA from Washington Square College. He remained in the Village, married and had two children. Solomon became an assistant editor at *Esquire* by the mid-1950s and worked with writers, such as Aldous Huxley, Jack Kerouac, William S. Burroughs and Allen Ginsberg. In 1960, he became editor of *Metronome* and was friends with Dizzy Gillespie, Nat Henthoff, Earl Robinson, and Perry Robinson. By the early 1960s, Solomon became the literary editor for *Playboy* and published the writings of Ram Das (Richard Alpert), Alan Watts, Timothy Leary and Humphry Osmond. He also edited *LSD –the Conscious Expanding Drug* (1964) and *The Marijuana* (1966) and co-edited *Drugs and Sexuality* (1973) and *The Coca Leaf and Cocaine Papers* (1975). On April 26, 2007, Solomon died at the age of 81.

### Sources:

“David Solomon, jazz critic, drug guru, 81.” *The Villager*. Volume 77, Number 9. 14 December 2011. [http://www.thevillager.com/villager\\_222/davidsalomomjaz.html](http://www.thevillager.com/villager_222/davidsalomomjaz.html)

“William Burroughs and David Solomon.” *Reality Studio*. 14 December 2011. <http://reality.studio.org/bibliographic-bunker/william-burroughs-and -david-solomon/>

## Collection Description

### Scope

The David Solomon papers (1963-1965; 1 folder) contains Solomon's typescript for "Psychedelic Satire," a letter to Timothy Leary, other correspondence, a photocopy of Don Allen's talk on LSD, a poem, notes and correspondence pertaining to "Flight to Reality," Duncan Blewett's proposal for an "Institute for Studies in Normal Psychology, survey of a psychedelic questionnaire, description of a mescaline trip, materials pertaining to Solomon's friend, Robert Burdette.

### Descriptive Rules

Anglo-American Cataloguing Rules, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition / Describing Archives: A Content Standard

## DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

### Folder 1

#### Item

1. "Psychedelic Satire," typescript by Solomon for *The Realist*, undated
2. Typed letter to Timothy Leary referring to his visit to Millbrook, and his idea for a film, "The Visionaries," 1965
3. Letter to Albert Schweitzer from David Solomon, 1964
4. Letter to William McGlothlin from David Solomon, 1965
5. Letter to David Solomon from William McGlothlin, 1965
6. *The Essence of Man*, a talk delivered by Don Allen, 1964
7. Letter from David Solomon to J. Franzen, 1965
8. Letter from J. Franzen to David Solomon, 1965
9. Poem "Psychedelics," by F. W. Hanley, unknown

Notes and correspondence pertaining to "Flight to Reality" motion picture project, 1965

10. Letter to Francis Lee from David [Klinger?], 1965
11. Letter to Francis Lee from David Klinger, 1965
12. Handwritten notes, undated
13. Letter to Dr. Leonard Achor from Jack L. Ward, 1965
14. "Flight to Reality," page of first draft with handwritten notes, undated
15. "Flight to Reality," second editing with handwritten notes, undated
16. Several pages of typed and handwritten notes pertaining to "Flight to Reality," undated

Duncan Blewett proposal for an "Institute for Studies in Normal Psychology," 1964

17. Letter to David Solomon from Robert J. Burdett, 1964
18. "Proposal for the Establishment of an Institute for Studies in Normal Psychology," 1964
19. Photocopy of the letter and proposal

Correspondence describing Solomon's meetings with Timothy Leary and Humphry Osmond, 1965

20. Letter from David Solomon to Robert Burdett, 1965
21. Letter from Robert J. Burdett to David Solomon
22. Survey of Psychedelic Questionnaire, 1964
23. Description of mescaline trip guided by John and Louisa Aiken, founders of the peyote "Church of the Awakening," 1963
24. Letter from Horace P. Quackenbush to David Solomon, 1964

Materials pertaining to Solomon's friend, Robert Burdett, 1964-1965

25. Letter from David Solomon to Bob Burdett, 1964
26. 2 small pages of handwritten notes [David Solomon?], circa 1964
27. Letter from Robert J. Burdett to David Solomon, 1965
28. Carbon copy account of Dr. Cicely Saunders' work with dying patients at St. Mary's Hospital in London, undated
29. Letter to David Solomon from Bob Burdett, 1965
30. 2 pages of handwritten notes [David Solomon?], circa 1965
31. Letter from Harold F. O'Keefe to Bob Burdett, 1965
32. 1 page of handwritten notes by David Solomon, circa 1964
33. Letter to David Solomon from John R. Mahon, 1964
34. Letter from John R. Mahon to David Solomon, 1964
35. Letter to Dr. Eric C. Kast from John R. Mahon, 1964