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Abstract: Correspondence, army directives, student records, and other material pertaining to the program and staff of the ASTP Unit at the University of Missouri. Also includes material concerning a study of ASTPs made by Thomas A. Brady for the Rockefeller Foundation.

Collection Size: 2.25 cubic feet
(167 folders)

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Historical Note:

In 1943, Thomas A. Brady, the chairman of the History Department, was appointed assistant director of the Army Specialized Training Program, Foreign Area and Language Study, at the University of Missouri. For all practical purposes he acted as director throughout the duration of the program.

In the fall of 1944, Dr. Brady was approached by the Rockefeller Foundation to make an intensive study of the program at the University of Missouri. Many institutions were interested in the program and its application to regular curricula. Dr. Brady undertook this study, and the correspondence, papers, and completed study are included in the collection.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into the following nineteen series:

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Rockefeller Area and Language Study
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Scope and Content Note:

More complete series descriptions are located in the container list.

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- f. 3-5 Report of the personnel and facilities available at the university

- f. 6-7 Correspondence with other schools already having area and language studies, with university committee members on the program, and with faculty members.

Army Directives Series

- f. 8-12 Notification of procedure, curriculum, etc. by the army.
Correspondence and mimeographed forms.

Curricula Series

- f. 13-14 Curricula as issued by the Army for the area and language program

Manual of Procedure Series

- f. 15-16 Manual of procedure for handling requisitions and other business matters pertaining to the ASTP at the University of Missouri.

Staff Correspondence Series

- f. 54-59 Correspondence and papers dealing with the acquisition of a teaching staff for the area and language program. Applications, recommendations, inquiries, etc.

Student Information Blanks Series

- f. 17-29 Blanks filled out by the area and language students giving their previous education and language proficiency.

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