



# Rockefeller Foundation records, Field Offices, Belem, Brazil, RG 6, SG 2

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## Summary Information

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| <b>Repository:</b>               | Rockefeller Archive Center  |
| <b>Creator:</b>                  | Rockefeller Foundation. Belem (Brazil)  |
| <b>Creator:</b>                  | Rockefeller Foundation  |
| <b>Title:</b>                    | Rockefeller Foundation records, field offices, Belem, Brazil, RG 6, SG 2  |
| <b>ID:</b>                       | FA416   |
| <b>Date [inclusive]:</b>         | 1954-1970   |
| <b>Date [bulk]:</b>              | bulk  |
| <b>Physical Description:</b>     | 3.52 Cubic Feet 8 standard document boxes   |
| <b>Language of the Material:</b> | English   |
| <b>Language of the Material:</b> | Documentation in these files may be written in languages other than english, including primarily portuguese or spanish. |

### Preferred Citation

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## Biographical / Historical

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The Rockefeller Foundation operates several field offices at which various activities and operations were and/or continue to be based.

The Field Office in Belem, Brazil was established in 1954 and was closed in 1971.

It was created in collaboration with the Servico Especiales de Savde Publica (Special Service of Public Health). As with the other field offices the main goal of the laboratory was to study insect borne viruses that are able to attack humans and domesticated animals throughout the world. The laboratory sought to classify these viruses and examine the way they present themselves in humans and animals.

The first director of the virus laboratory, Ottis R. Causey along with his wife, established the laboratory and remained directors until 1963. Causey, educated at Johns Hopkins, held a PhD. of Science degree in entomology, parasitology, and bacteriology. During his career in the Rockefeller Foundation, Causey devoted himself to the field of arbor virology. During his years as director, the lab isolated about 1,600 viruses of which 50 distinct viruses were found. At the time of the closure of the field office, in 1971, the field office was closed in 1971 while John P. Woodall was director. Throughout the time that the Belem Virus Laboratory was established the laboratory was responsible for isolating many viruses. Their goal was to determine what viruses were present in their specific region. Many of the viruses were isolated from the blood of monkeys, mice, and humans. This isolation of viruses gave information about the prevalence of certain viruses and the types of conditions under which they were likely to occur. The laboratory established different methods for rapidly classifying viruses and new ways for monitoring the effects of the virus on humans and animals. The laboratory also made significant contributions to the knowledge of virus activity and the lifecycle of a virus.

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## File Plan

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RG 6.2.

Organization of the Foundation's archives:

RG 1 Projects;

RG 2 General Correspondence;

RG 3 Administration, Program and Policy;

RG 4 China Medical Board;

RG 5 International Health Board/Division;

RG 6 Field Offices;

RG 7 Treasurer's Office;

RG 8 Comptroller;

RG 9 Personnel;

RG 10 Fellowships;

RG 11 Information Services;

RG 12 Diaries;

RG 13 Oral Histories;  
RG 14 Counsel;  
RG 15 Secretary;  
RG 16 Minutes and Officers Actions;  
RG 17 Dockets;  
RG 18 Declinations (100F);  
RG 19 Non-textual Materials;  
RG 20 Communications Office.

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## Administrative Information

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### Processing Information

Standard Processing by Kate Mockler, Summer 2011. Finding Aid entered into Archivists' Toolkit by Robert Battaly, December 2012.

### Conditions Governing Access

Records greater than 20 years old are open for scholarly research.

All Belem, Brazil Field Office records are open for scholarly research, except when noted.

RAC is unable to provide access to obsolete media and original digital media. In addition separated media may not yet have undergone stabilization procedures. When feasible, a digital surrogate may be created via special order. All applicable charges will apply. See RAC Head of Archival Services or RAC Head of Digital Programs for details.

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## Immediate Source of Acquisition

The Belem Field Office records arrived at RAC during the initial transfer of Rockefeller Foundation records to Hillcrest, August 8-18, 1975.

The material was not officially accessioned at the time of transfer, and was retroactively accessioned by RAC as 2012:086.

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- Virus diseases
- Virology
- Virologists
- Viruses -- Research
- Viruses
- Virus -- Classification
- Rockefeller Foundation. Belem (Brazil)
- Rockefeller Foundation

## Other Finding Aids

Other available finding aids describing Rockefeller Foundation records, Field Offices include:

FA395 Rockefeller Foundation records, Field Offices, Paris. FA396 Rockefeller Foundation records, Field Offices, New Dehli, India. FA397 Rockefeller Foundation records, Field Offices, Cali, Colombia. FA398 Rockefeller Foundation records, Field Offices, Mexico. FA399 Rockefeller Foundation records, Field Office, Ankara, Turkey.

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## Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements

Materials requiring specialized equipment for access (film, audio, video, slides) may be closed to research dependent on availability of the applicable equipment.

Brittle or damaged items, or materials otherwise in need of preservation care, may be closed to researchers at the discretion of the RAC Head of Archival Services/Head of Reference.

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## Collection Inventory

### Belem Virus Laboratory, 1954-1970 (bulk)

Physical Description: 3.52 Cubic Feet 8 document boxes

#### Arrangement

Series 1 is arranged alphabetically, and primarily further arranged chronologically.

| Title/Description  | Instances |          |
|--------------------|-----------|----------|
| Africa             |           |          |
| 1956-1961          | box 1     | folder 1 |
| 1962               | box 1     | folder 2 |
| Brazil except FSEP |           |          |
| 1954-1957          | box 1     | folder 3 |

|  |       |           |
|--|-------|-----------|
| 1958   | box 1 | folder 4  |
| 1961-1962  | box 1 | folder 5  |
| 1963   | box 1 | folder 6  |
| 1964   | box 1 | folder 7  |
| Field Parties, 1959-1965                         | box 1 | folder 8  |
| South America                                    |       |           |
| 1956-1963  | box 1 | folder 9  |
| 1964-1970  | box 1 | folder 10 |
| Anthropod Borne Virus Information Exchange       |       |           |
| 1954-1959  | box 2 | folder 11 |
| 1960-1961  | box 2 | folder 12 |
| 1962-1963  | box 2 | folder 13 |
| 1964 January-February                            | box 2 | folder 14 |
| 1964 March-July                                  | box 2 | folder 15 |
| 1964 August-December                             | box 2 | folder 16 |
| 1965 January-March                               | box 2 | folder 17 |
| 1965 April-December                              | box 2 | folder 18 |
| Ottis R. Causey                                  |       |           |
| 1959-1963  | box 3 | folder 19 |
| 1964-1970  | box 3 | folder 20 |
| Cayenne, 1960-1969                               | box 3 | folder 21 |
| Contracts, Agreements and Authorizations         | box 3 | folder 22 |
| Wilbur G. Downs                                  |       |           |
| 1960-1962  | box 3 | folder 23 |
| 1963   | box 3 | folder 24 |
| 1964   | box 3 | folder 25 |
| 1965-1966  | box 3 | folder 26 |
| 1967   | box 3 | folder 27 |
| Grants and Fellowships                           |       |           |
| 1959-1964  | box 4 | folder 28 |
| 1965-1970  | box 4 | folder 29 |
| National Institute of Health: Arbovirus Reagents |       |           |



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| 1963-1964  | box 4 | folder 30 |
| 1964   | box 4 | folder 31 |
| 1964   | box 4 | folder 32 |
| Other Countries  |       |           |
| 1956   | box 4 | folder 33 |
| 1962-1966  | box 4 | folder 34 |
| 1967-1970  | box 4 | folder 35 |
| Pan American Sanitary Bureau                                 |       |           |
| 1954-1960  | box 4 | folder 36 |
| 1961-1970  | box 4 | folder 37 |
| Panama: Colombia: Maru: Bethesda                             |       |           |
| 1956-1961  | box 4 | folder 38 |
| 1962   | box 5 | folder 39 |
| 1963   | box 5 | folder 40 |
| 1964   | box 5 | folder 41 |
| 1965-1970  | box 5 | folder 42 |
| Personnel  | box 5 | folder 43 |
| <u>Conditions Governing Access:</u>                          |       |           |
| <b>Conditions Governing Access</b>                           |       |           |
| Restricted from scholarly access; contains personnel records |       |           |
| Rio  |       |           |
| 1954-1959  | box 5 | folder 44 |
| 1960-1963  | box 5 | folder 45 |
| Rockefeller Foundation: New York                             |       |           |
| 1954-1956  | box 5 | folder 46 |
| 1957-1959  | box 5 | folder 47 |
| 1960-1961  | box 5 | folder 48 |
| 1962-1963  | box 5 | folder 49 |
| 1964-1970  | box 6 | folder 50 |
| Rockefeller Foundation: Virus Labs                           |       |           |
| 1954-1956  | box 6 | folder 51 |
| 1957-1959  | box 6 | folder 52 |

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| 1960                              | box 6 | folder 53 |
| 1961                              | box 6 | folder 54 |
| 1962-1963                         | box 6 | folder 55 |
| Telegrams                         |       |           |
| 1955-1958                         | box 6 | folder 56 |
| 1959-1962                         | box 6 | folder 57 |
| 1963-1965                         | box 6 | folder 58 |
| 1966-1968                         | box 6 | folder 59 |
| Trinidad                          |       |           |
| 1954-1959                         | box 7 | folder 60 |
| 1960                              | box 7 | folder 61 |
| 1961                              | box 7 | folder 62 |
| 1962                              | box 7 | folder 63 |
| 1963-1964                         | box 7 | folder 64 |
| 1965-1970                         | box 7 | folder 65 |
| USA except Rockefeller Foundation |       |           |
| 1950-1959                         | box 7 | folder 66 |
| 1960-1961                         | box 7 | folder 67 |
| 1962                              | box 7 | folder 68 |
| 1963                              | box 8 | folder 69 |
| 1964                              | box 8 | folder 70 |
| 1965-1966                         | box 8 | folder 71 |
| 1967-1968                         | box 8 | folder 72 |
| 1969-1970                         | box 8 | folder 73 |
| Visitors                          |       |           |
| 1959-1966                         | box 8 | folder 74 |
| 1967-1970                         | box 8 | folder 75 |
| Yale Arbovirus Research Unit      |       |           |
| 1963-1965                         | box 8 | folder 76 |
| 1966-1967                         | box 8 | folder 77 |
| 1968-1970                         | box 8 | folder 78 |

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