



# **Rockefeller University records, Vice President, Thomas Milton Rivers, Administrative Correspondence, Series 2**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Creator:</b>	Rockefeller University
<b>Title:</b>	Rockefeller University records, Vice President, Thomas Milton Rivers, Administrative Correspondence, Series 2
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<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English

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## Biographical/Historical note

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The newly adopted By-Laws of 1953 provided for an elected Vice-President who was a member of the Board of Trustees. Thomas Milton Rivers was elected the first Vice-President of the newly constituted Board of Trustees and served as Director of The Institute, Director of the Department of Laboratories and Director of the Hospital until his retirement in 1955.

August 1955 amendments to the By-Laws abolished the elected Vice-President and the requirement which provided that he be a member of the Board of Trustees and called for one or more appointed Vice-Presidents. Further amendment, January 25, 1956 provided that the Board of Trustees elect one or more Vice-Presidents to discharge such functions as may be assigned to them by the President or by resolution duly accepted at any meeting.

Between 1955 and 1959 Frank Lappin Horsfall, Jr. held the position of Vice-President for Clinical Studies; between 1955 and 1964 Douglas Whitaker served as Vice-President for Administration (between 1961-64 changed to Vice-President for Academic Administration). In 1964/65 Maclyn McCarty was

elected Vice-President with special responsibilities in the clinical sciences. He is at the same time, Physician-in-Chief. In 1965 Carl Pfaffmann was elected Vice-President and Professor to develop a program of research and graduate instruction in the behavioral and social sciences. In 1969/70 a third Vice-President was added. This position carries with it the role of Secretary to the Board of Trustees and was filled by Charles Eugene Sunderlin.

In 1972 the University trustees elected Rodney W. Nichols to a new post of Vice-President for Program planning. He had been the first Director of the Office of Program Planning and Development.

In 1973 Albert Gold was named Vice-President for Academic Resources. As Vice-President he also retains his responsibilities relating to Junior faculty (Director of Postdoctoral Affairs) with additional duties in connection with organization, operation and planning at the University.

In 1974, effective September 15, Maclyn McCarty retired as Physician-in-Chief of the Hospital, which post was then filled by Dr. Attalah Kappas.

June 30, 1976 Eugene Sunderlin retired as vice-president of the RU.

June 1978 Dr. Albert Gold resigned from the University and October 1978 Drs. McCarty and Pfaffmann having reached retirement age resigned their positions as Vice-President. Mr. Rodney Nichols was elected to a new position of executive Vice-President and Mr. David J. Lyons was elected to a new position as Vice-President and Controller with new managerial responsibilities.

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## Biographical / Historical

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Vice President, 1953-1955.

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## Scope and Contents

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Types of records include: correspondence.

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## Arrangement

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Rockefeller University records, Vice President, Thomas Milton Rivers is arranged in two series:

Series 2: Administrative Correspondence Series 6: Biographical Material

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## File Plan note

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Former Classification: I 341-2

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## Administrative Information

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Open for researchd. Brittle or damaged items are available at the discretion of RAC.

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- Sunderlin, Eugene
- Whitaker, Douglas Merritt
- Horsfall, Frank Lappin
- Lyons, David J.
- Rivers, Thomas M. (Thomas Milton)
- Pfaffmann, Carl
- Shannon, James A. (James Augustine)

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## Other Finding Aids

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FA902 Rockefeller University records, Vice President, Thomas Milton Rivers, Biographical Material, Series 6

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## Collection Inventory

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### Administrative Correspondence, 1937-1959

Physical Description: 1.32 Cubic Feet 3 boxes. Extent volume is approximate.

Title/Description	Instances
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Administrative correspondence, 1937-1959	
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#### Scope and Contents

The correspondence is, in the main, from his position as Director of the Hospital though it extends through the period of vice-presidency. It deals, primarily, with recommendations for appointments, research projects and plans for meetings.

#### Biographical/Historical note

Thomas Milton Rivers became Director of the Department of the Hospital upon the retirement of Rufus Cole in 1937 and was named the first Vice-President of the Institute under the reorganization of 1953.

## Arrangement note

Arranged in alphabetical and chronological order

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Berry, George Packer, 1937-1950

box 1

## Scope and Contents note

Research on Shope papilloma virus; grant recommendations personnel recommendations.

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Bibliographies

box 1

## Arrangement note

Arranged in alphabetical order.

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Baumgartner, Leona, 1926-1934

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Cole, Rufus, 1901-1939

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Goebel, Walther F., 1922-1943

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Hoagland, Charles, 1933-1940

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Hotchkiss, Rollin, 1936-1942

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MacLeod, Colin, 1936-1941

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Rothbard, Sidney, 1938-1945

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Cohn, Alfred Einstein, 1937-1954

box 1

## Scope and Contents note

Deals with appointments of assistants; gifts of books from A.E. Cohn to T.M. Rivers; resignation from Journal Club.

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Gasser, Herbert S., 1953-1956

box 1

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Goodner, Kenneth, 1937-1955

box 1

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Horsfall, Frank, 1953-1955

box 1

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Insull, William, 1952-1958

box 1

## Scope and Contents note

Includes original application and correspondence with F. Horsfall

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Miscellaneous file

box 1

## Scope and Contents note

Jacobs, Walter

Hervey, John

Little, Ralph

McGhee, R. Barclay

MacInnes, Duncan

McIntyre, A.K.

Morgan, Herbert R.

Olitsky, P.K.

Rail, Wilfred

Stimson, George

Stahr, G.E.

Stone, John

Terry, W.

Travers, H.

Urick, Harry

Volk, B. W

Willis, W.H.

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Murphy, George Edward, 1948-1953	box 1
Pearce, Louise, 1954-1956	box 1
Rhoads, Cornelius P., 1942-1959	box 1
Selective Service data, 1950-1952	box 1
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	
Includes completed questionnaires on individual physicians.	
Smadel, Joseph, 1940-1951	box 1
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	
Includes recommendation for NAS membership.	
Swift, Homer F., 1937-1953	box 1



## Scope and Contents note

Includes Memorial Minute written by A.R. Dochez.

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Van Slyke, Donald, 1939-1949	box 1
Newspaper clippings, 1962	box 1

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## Scope and Contents note

Photocopies

## Arrangement note

Arranged in chronological order by number of medical record.

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Applications for staff appointments with correspondence, 1945-1955

## Scope and Contents note

Applications for staff appointment in the Hospital both declined and accepted. Includes recommendations for staff appointment, letters of appointment or reappointment, some resignations and some recommendations for positions on leaving The Rockefeller Institute.

## Arrangement note

Arranged in alphabetical order.

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Applications for appointment, declined	box 2
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## Scope and Contents note

Badizadeh, Hahn, Koenigstein, Kreiter, Livingston, Loera, Machado, Meisels, Munoz, Platcou, Stein, Tomiyasu, Unhanand, Yoshino.

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Applications for staff appointments made (Primarily Guest Investigators)	box 2
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## Scope and Contents note

Alivisatos, Spy. Ger. Anast., Allen, Raymond Archie, Anderson, Harold Clifford, Asano, Tomoaki, Archetti, Italo, Bailey, John Leggett, Barnett, Russell J., Baxter, James Hubert, Bjorkman, Sven Erik, Blankenhorn, David Henry, Blondheim, Solomon Hillel, Bongiovanni, Alfred M., Borgström, Bengt, Brattsten, Inger Maria nee Bergdahl, Bronner, Felix, Camber, Bernard, Caulfield, James Benjamin, Chinard, Francis P., Cluff, Leighton, Cotzias, George Constantin, Dahl, Lewis Kitchener, Daly, Marie, Davenport, Fred Marshall, Despopoulos, Agememnon, Di Ferrante, Nicola, Eder, Howard A., Eisenmenger, William J., Feinstein, Alvan Richard,

Foresman, Claes Olaf, Franklin, Edward C., Genest, Jacques, Giges, Burton, Ginsberg, Harold S., Good, Robert A., Greif, Roger Louis, Gros, Francois, Hardy, Paul Harold, Heinze, Kurt, Hilleman, Maurice R., Hunt, Carlton C., Itoh, Shinji, Kaufman, Edwin Hillel, Kilbourne, Edwin Dennis, Kimmelman, Leonard Jacob, Kuhns, William Joseph, Lahelle, Oskar Henry, Lauson, Henry Dumke, Leigh, Frederick Winston, McMurray, Virginia Marion, Mogabgab, William J., Moss, Arthur J., Mueller, Paul, Norman, Philip Sidney, Osawa, Syozo, Pappas, George, Pray, Alfred Rogers, Presland, John Richard, Ritts, Roy Elliot, Robbins, William Clinton, Rogers, David Elliott, Roof, Betty Sams, Rudzinska, Maria, Sager, Ruth, Sauve, Gaston, Schwartz, Irving Leon, Sedar, Albert W., Silver, Lawrence, Slater, Robert James, Smith, John MacLean, Sotelo, Jose Roberto, Sprague, James Mather, Stall, Bernard George, Stetson, Chandler Alton, Sullivan, Walter James, Taylor, Harriett E., Teng, Chih Chiang, Tezok, Fethi, Thaysen, Jørn Christian H., Thorn, Mels Anker, Todd, E.W., Tsaltas, Theodore, Tyrrell, David Arthur John, Uziel, Mayo, Vanden Schrieck, Henry G., Van der Want, J.P.H., Walker, Duard Lee, Wallenius, Gunnar, Wannamaker, Lewis William, Watson, Michael Lasell, Weisiger, James, Wiberg, George Stuart.

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NaMRU #2 correspondence, 1943 October-1945 December

Immediate Source of Acquisition:

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Received or inventoried: March, 1977

**Biographical/Historical note**

Late in 1941 Dr. Rivers organized a research unit for the United States Navy at The Rockefeller Institute Hospital, for the treatment of Navy-personnel suffering from certain specified diseases which were to be studied and which fit into the research program of the Institute Hospital. The diseases included streptococcus infections, cirrhosis of the liver and hepatitis.

In October 1943 Dr. Rivers visited the South Pacific and plans were made to establish a Naval Medical Research Unit Laboratory on Guam, in order to study diseases of the area in preparation for health needs of the Navy.

**Arrangement note**

Arranged in chronological order.

**Scope and Contents**

Primarily the correspondence of Thomas Milton Rivers with various correspondents.

1945 April 4-July 1945 August-December

box 3

folder 1-2

**Scope and Contents note**

Matters at the Institute Hospital; return to civilian life and job opportunities for various personnel; Winthrop Rockefeller at RIH; hepatitis work; cirrhosis of the liver; personnel matters; shipments through the Institute of mice and various preparations needed for research.

Correspondents include: J. Bronfenbrenner, Alfred E. Cohn, Homer C. Curtis, Herbert S. Gasser, Charles Hoagland, Frank Horsfall, Eugene Opie, John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Homer Swift, Shields Warren, Armine T. Wilson.

Report on trip to the South Pacific in connection with the establishment of a research laboratory in that area, 1943 October-November

box 3

folder 3

**Scope and Contents note**

Include itinerary and tentative roster of officers and personnel.

Correspondence, 1943 December-1945 March

box 3

folder 3

**Scope and Contents note**

Correspondents include: Richard Shope, W.M. Quigley, John D. Rockefeller, Jr., R.W. Babione, T.J. Carter.

Letter from D.D. Van Slyke on keeping Lee Farr in laboratory to continue experimental work on blood plasma, 1944 October 11

box 3

folder 3

Report by Thomas S. Hershey, Medical Problems in a Civilian Camp, 1945 February 11

box 3

folder 3

**Scope and Contents note**

Forwarded by James J. Sapero, Comdr.

Correspondence with John D. Rockefeller, Jr. deals with injury received in action by Winthrop Rockefeller

box 3

folder 3

Correspondence, 1945 April 2-October

box 3

folder 4

**Scope and Contents note**

Deals with NaMRU #2 administration on Guam.

Correspondents include: P.M. Albright, S. Bayne-Jones, F.S. Cheever, William J. Clench, Alvin F. Coburn, L.T. Coggeshall, Richard W. Coleman, E.G. Hakansson, Chester S. Keefer, C.J. Lamb, Karl F. Meyer, Stuart Mudd, J.F. Neuberger, Basil O'Connor, Harry Plotz,

J.D. Rockefeller, Jr., J.J. Sapero, Richard E. Shope, A.T. Wilson, Walter L. Winkenwerder.

Items of special interest are listed below.

### Arrangement note

Arranged in chronological order by date of T.M. Rivers reply.

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Report on tests with DDT Aerosol Bombs, 1945 June 1

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To Edwin Cohn from T.M. Rivers to obtain fibrinolysin for patient treatment, 1945 June 19

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Correspondence and enclosures between Stuart Mudd and T.M. Rivers on 4th International Congress for Microbiology and question of election of a president to arrange the Congress, 1945 June 20 (with 15 August 1945)

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Correspondence and enclosures between Winthrop Rockefeller and T.M. Rivers, 1945 July 1 (with 11 June 1945)

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### Scope and Contents note

Includes 5 page holograph from Winthrop.

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Correspondence and enclosures from McQuarrie, I. to T.M. Rivers regarding, revision of chapter in Brennemann's Practice of Pediatrics, 1945 July 25

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Correspondence from Commander Richard E. Shope To Medical Officer in Command: T.M. Rivers. Report on Activities of First Echelon of NaMRU #2	box 3	folder 5
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Correspondence from Richard E. Shope. Report on Participation by NaMRU #2 in Okinawa invasion	box 3	folder 6
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### Scope and Contents note

80 pages and line map of areas in Okinawa in which observations were made.

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Photographic prints from South Pacific	box 3
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