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## Summary Information

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## Biographical/Historical note

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Jacob George Harrar was born in Painesville, Ohio, on December 2, 1906, to Ellwood Harrar, an engineer, and Lucetta Sternes Harrar. He attended Oberlin College from 1924 to 1928 where he majored in biology and excelled in athletics. After receiving the A.B. degree from Oberlin, Harrar continued his education at the Iowa State College of Agriculture and Mechanical Arts. He was awarded the M.S. degree in 1929 and immediately embarked on a career in teaching and agricultural research as an assistant professor at the College of Agriculture, University of Puerto Rico. Within a year Harrar became head of the department of biology. He left that position in 1934 to pursue a Ph.D. in plant pathology at the University of Minnesota. It was here he began a close personal and professional relationship with E. C. Stakman, under whom he studied. Later, in 1958, they collaborated on the book, "Principles of Plant Pathology."

In 1935, Harrar, having achieved a doctorate degree in plant pathology, once again resumed teaching, accepting an assistant professorship at the Virginia Polytechnic Institute. Rising to full professor in 1937,

Harrar remained at the Institute until 1941. From 1941 to 1942 he headed the Division of Plant Pathology and the Agricultural Experiment Station at Washington State College.

In 1942, Harrar left academics to create and administer in Mexico the Rockefeller Foundation's first cooperative assistance program in agricultural science. With his team of American specialists, Harrar implemented a Foundation program of soil and hybrid experimentation to improve wheat and corn yields. Within a few years the Mexican program proved enormously successful and the Foundation was invited to implement the same program in Colombia, Chile, and India. Harrar is generally regarded as the father of what soon became known as "The Green Revolution."

Harrar, in 1952, became Deputy Director for Agriculture, Division of Natural Sciences and Agriculture, of the Rockefeller Foundation. In 1955, he became Director for Agriculture organizing further projects in agricultural assistance and cooperation in all the Central American countries. He was appointed Vice President of the Foundation in 1959, and in 1961 succeeded Dean Rusk as its President. Under Harrar, the Rockefeller Foundation during the 1960s reoriented its programs to concentrate in five areas: the conquest of hunger, by improving the quantity and quality of food supplies; the solution of population problems; the strengthening of emerging centers of learning in developing nations; the provision of better educational opportunities for the disadvantaged groups in the U. S.; and the enhancement of the cultural lives of Americans.

Retiring in 1972, Harrar was the first man ever to be appointed a Life Fellow of the Rockefeller Foundation. During the 1970s he continued his involvement as a member of such professional and scientific organizations as the National Academy of Sciences and the Nutrition Foundation. In 1980 he was awarded the Aztec Eagle Award, the highest honor bestowed by the Mexican government for service to their country by a foreign citizen. He also, during his lifetime, received numerous honors, degrees, and citations from many other foreign governments and from both American and foreign universities.

In addition to "Strategy for the Conquest of Hunger, Selected Papers of J. George Harrar," he was the author of numerous scientific research papers in the fields of phytopathology and mycology, and many articles of general interest on world food problems, population, private philanthropy, economic development overseas, and environmental quality.

J. George Harrar died on April 18, 1982.

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## Scope and Contents note

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The J. George Harrar Papers mainly consist of material relating to Harrar's various activities outside The Rockefeller Foundation between 1958 and 1982. The bulk of the collection is made up of correspondence, but it also contains publications, speeches, clippings, awards, interviews, photographs, and books.

The collection strongly reflects Harrar's pre-eminence as a world agricultural expert. This is illustrated in his correspondence with organizations such as the Academy of Natural Sciences, the Agribusiness

Council, the International Development Service, the Institute of Nutrition Sciences, the National Academy of Sciences, the Nutrition Foundation, and the Cotton Research and Development Program. A related interest in population is represented in correspondence with the Dreyfus Third Century Fund, Projects for Population Action, and in letters to and from William Draper.

Harrar's views on foundations and private philanthropy are illustrated in his correspondence with the Council on Foundations, the Foundation Center, the Foundation Executives Group, and in material relating to the Patman Investigation and other House or Senate Committees before which Harrar appeared. Correspondence of a more personal nature can be found within the first three subseries: Outgoing, Confidential, and General.

Very few of Harrar's scientific writings are represented in the collection. Most of the written material relates to subjects that concerned him later in his career, such as world hunger, food production, and private philanthropy.

Material illustrating Harrar's thirty years (1942-1972) with the Rockefeller Foundation is contained within the Rockefeller Foundation Archives.

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## Arrangement note

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The J. George Harrar Papers are divided into four series:

Series 1 - Correspondence Series 2 - Speeches, Manuscripts and Publications Series 3 - Miscellany Series 1019 - Photographs

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition note

Mrs. Georgetta Harrar donated the papers of J. George Harrar to the Rockefeller Archive Center in 1982.

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- Agriculture -- Research
- Population
- Agriculture
- Food production and natural resources
- Philanthropy

- Hunger

## Collection Inventory

### Correspondence, 1946-1982

Physical Description: 12.1 Cubic Feet

#### Arrangement

This series is divided into five subseries:

Subseries 1 - Outgoing Subseries 2 - Confidential Subseries 3 - General Subseries 4 - Collateral Interests Subseries 5 - Correspondence Relating to Written Material (in Series 2)

### Correspondence - Outgoing, 1968-1982

#### Arrangement note

This subseries is arranged chronologically, and thereunder alphabetically.

#### Scope and Contents note

This subseries consists of Harrar's chronological file of outgoing correspondence. Correspondents for each year appear in alphabetical order. These letters are dispersed among a great number of correspondents that include Ralph Bunch, Howard Baker, Jr., John K. Galbraith, Norman Borlaug, Bill Moyers, David Rockefeller, John D. Rockefeller 3rd, Nelson Rockefeller, Dean Rusk, E. J. Wellhausen, as well as letters to several Latin American and Asian leaders.

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T-Z, 1968	box 1	folder 6
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## Correspondence - Confidential, 1954-1982

### Arrangement note

This subseries is arranged chronologically.



**Scope and Contents note**

This subseries consists of correspondence that was originally contained within files designated as "Confidential" or "Personal." The letters concern a number of topics.

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This subseries is arranged chronologically.

## Scope and Contents note

This subseries consists of correspondence originally contained within files designated as "General." Included are letters of congratulations concerning Harrar's appointment as President of The Rockefeller Foundation, letters observing his retirement in 1972, and letters relating to his trip to China in 1973. Other, miscellaneous correspondence, is also included.

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## Arrangement note

This subseries is arranged alphabetically by subject (e.g. Academy of Natural Sciences, Accademia Nazionale di Agricoltura, Advisory Committee on ...).

## Scope and Contents note

This subseries, the largest, preserves Harrar's subject files pertaining to the corporations, clubs, professional associations, scientific societies, government committees, and other organizations Harrar was involved with either as a member, trustee, or advisor.

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**Related Materials**

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Related Materials:

**Related Materials**

See also the files for the General Advisory Committee on Foreign Assistance Programs (Boxes 20-21, Folders 152-156).

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**Related Materials**

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Related Materials:

## **Related Materials**

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Related Materials:

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## Correspondence - Relating to Written Materials, 1958-1975

### Arrangement note

This subseries is arranged chronologically.

### Scope and Contents note

This subseries complements the material in Series 2. Included are acknowledgements from many scientists concerning the Harrar and Stakman book, "Principles of Plant Pathology."

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## Speeches, Manuscripts and Publications, 1930-1979

### Arrangement note

This series is divided into five subseries:

Subseries 1 - Book Manuscripts Subseries 2 - Interviews Subseries 3 - Publications (and Reprints) Subseries 4 - Speeches Subseries 5 - Miscellaneous Papers

## Speeches, Manuscripts and Publications - Book Manuscripts, 1958-1979

### Arrangement note

The subseries is arranged chronologically.

### Scope and Contents note

Subseries 1 contains drafts and outlines of both published and proposed books, including the F. Fowle manuscript entitled "Recollections of J. George Harrar on the Agricultural Program of The Rockefeller Foundation," 1967. Also included are various reviews of "The Principles of Plant Pathology."

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Principles and Problems of Technical Assistance and Their Application to the Rockefeller Foundation's Program of Technical Collaboration in Mexico, 1964.

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## Speeches, Manuscripts and Publications - Interviews, 1949-1978

### Arrangement note

This subseries is arranged chronologically.

### Scope and Contents note

Subseries 2 contains transcripts of radio and TV interviews relating to agriculture, world hunger, and Harrar's role as President of the Rockefeller Foundation.

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Miscellaneous, 1949-1969	box 42	folder 306
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Oral History - Rockefeller Foundation Program in Agriculture, 1961	box 42	folder 308
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## Speeches, Manuscripts and Publications - Publications (and Reprints), 1930-1979

### Arrangement note

This subseries is arranged chronologically.

### Scope and Contents note

This subseries includes a few of Harrar's earliest published scientific articles.

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## Speeches, Manuscripts and Publications - Speeches, 1953-1979

### Arrangement note

This subseries is arranged chronologically.

### Scope and Contents note

This subseries contains texts of commencement addresses, awards acceptance speeches, eulogies, and other speeches addressing a variety of subjects.

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Includes list of speeches, 1953-1976.		
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## Miscellany, 1926-1982

### Arrangement note

This series is arranged chronologically.

## Scope and Contents note

Series 3 contains biographical information, honors and awards, and clippings. Included among the clippings is material from Harrar's college years at Oberlin. A memorial book to J. George Harrar is also included.

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## J. George Harrar photographs, 1926-1971

Physical Description: 5.26 Cubic Feet 7 document boxes and 4 flat boxes

### Biographical / Historical

Jacob George Harrar was born in Painesville, Ohio, on December 2, 1906, to Ellwood Harrar, an engineer, and Lucetta Sternes Harrar. He attended Oberlin College from 1924 to 1928 where he majored in biology and excelled in athletics. After receiving the A.B. degree from Oberlin, Harrar continued his education at the Iowa State College of Agriculture and Mechanical Arts. He was awarded the M.S. degree in 1929 and immediately embarked on a career in teaching and agricultural research as an assistant professor at the College of Agriculture, University of Puerto Rico. Within a year Harrar became head of the department of biology. He left that position in 1934 to pursue a Ph.D. in plant pathology at the University of Minnesota. It was here he began a close personal and professional relationship with E. C. Stakman, under whom he studied. Later, in 1958, they collaborated on the book, "Principles of Plant Pathology."

In 1935, Harrar, having achieved a doctorate degree in plant pathology, once again resumed teaching, accepting an assistant professorship at the Virginia Polytechnic Institute. Rising to full professor in 1937, Harrar remained at the Institute until 1941. From 1941 to 1942 he headed the Division of Plant Pathology and the Agricultural Experiment Station at Washington State College.

In 1942, Harrar left academics to create and administer in Mexico the Rockefeller Foundation's first cooperative assistance program in agricultural science. With his team of American specialists, Harrar implemented a Foundation program of soil and hybrid experimentation to improve wheat and corn yields. Within a few years the Mexican program proved enormously successful and the Foundation was invited to implement the same program in Colombia, Chile, and India. Harrar is generally regarded as the father of what soon became known as "The Green Revolution."



Harrar, in 1952, became Deputy Director for Agriculture, Division of Natural Sciences and Agriculture, of the Rockefeller Foundation. In 1955, he became Director for Agriculture organizing further projects in agricultural assistance and cooperation in all the Central American countries. He was appointed Vice President of the Foundation in 1959, and in 1961 succeeded Dean Rusk as its President. Under Harrar, the Rockefeller Foundation during the 1960s reoriented its programs to concentrate in five areas: the conquest of hunger, by improving the quantity and quality of food supplies; the solution of population problems; the strengthening of emerging centers of learning in developing nations; the provision of better educational opportunities for the disadvantaged groups in the U. S.; and the enhancement of the cultural lives of Americans.

Retiring in 1972, Harrar was the first man ever to be appointed a Life Fellow of the Rockefeller Foundation. During the 1970s he continued his involvement as a member of such professional and scientific organizations as the National Academy of Sciences and the Nutrition Foundation. In 1980 he was awarded the Aztec Eagle Award, the highest honor bestowed by the Mexican government for service to their country by a foreign citizen. He also, during his lifetime, received numerous honors, degrees, and citations from many other foreign governments and from both American and foreign universities.

In addition to "Strategy for the Conquest of Hunger, Selected Papers of J. George Harrar," he was the author of numerous scientific research papers in the fields of phytopathology and mycology, and many articles of general interest on world food problems, population, private philanthropy, economic development overseas, and environmental quality.

J. George Harrar died on April 18, 1982.

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<b>Scope and Contents note</b>  Harrar family, volcanos, agriculture, farming, potatoes, granaries, festivals, Chapingo, meetings, field studies, corn, dances.		
Chile, 1962	box 4	folder 36
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>  Awards, South America, conferences, ceremonies.		
Colombia, 1964	box 4	folder 37
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>  John D. Rockefeller 3rd, conferences, meetings, South America.		
Latin America, circa 1954-1966	box 4	folder 38

**Scope and Contents note**

South America, conferences, meetings, graduations, agriculture.

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Latin America, undated

box 4

folder 39

**Scope and Contents note**

Families, conferences, awards, ceremonies, buildings.

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African Schools, undated

box 4

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**Scope and Contents note**

Africa, Liberia, Nigeria, Kenya, Rhodesia, Uganda. Schools, buildings, hospitals.

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African Schools, undated

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**Scope and Contents note**

Africa, Congo, Ghana, Liberia, Ethiopia. Schools, hospitals, agriculture.

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Asian Visit, 1971

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**Scope and Contents note**

India, libraries, laboratories, museums, schools.

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Asian Visit, 1971

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**Scope and Contents note**

India, irrigation, agriculture, wheat.

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**Scope and Contents note**

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**Scope and Contents note**

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**Scope and Contents note**

Dinners, parties.

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