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Guide to the

**Timothy Leary letters to Mary and David McClelland**

1959-1962

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## Summary

**Creator:** Leary, Timothy, 1920-1996

**Title:** Timothy Leary letters to Mary and David McClelland

**Date:** 1959-1962

**Size:** .21 linear feet (1 box)

**Source:** Donated by Catherine McClelland Dole, 2016

**Abstract:** Timothy Francis Leary, Jr. (1920-1996), a psychologist and writer, became known as an advocate for the use of psychedelic drugs and a counterculture icon. David Clarence McClelland (1917-1998) was an American psychologist, noted for his work on motivation Need Theory. McClelland published a number of works during the 1950s and the 1990s and developed new scoring systems for the Thematic Apperception Test (TAT) and its descendants. The majority of the collection (1959-1962) consists of letters written to David and Mary McClelland during the period Leary was living in Denmark with his family. He discusses his work; personal life and family; his travels; and arrangements for moving back to America and working at Harvard University. There are also two undated reports on the effects of psilocybin written by subjects.

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## Key Terms

### Genre/Physical Characteristic

Letters (correspondence)

### Subjects

Psychologists -- United States

### Names

McClelland, David C. (David Clarence)