Marion B. Sulzberger papers

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Abstract: This collection contains the papers of noted dermatologist Marion B. Sulzberger. It includes correspondence, manuscripts of speeches, lectures, manuscripts of articles, reprints, research notes, photographs, slides, and a wax model.
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Biography/Administrative History
Marion B. Sulzberger was born in New York City, March 12, 1895, the son of Ferdinand and Stella Lee (Ullman) Sulzberger. His father, who had emigrated from Germany in the 1860s, was a meat packer. Dr. Sulzberger attended Sachs Collegiate Institute the Franklin School, and the Pennsylvania Military College. After attending Harvard University for one year he left school and spent the next 12 months working his way around the world as a laborer, a stoker, a sailor and a camel driver. On his return to New York City, he worked for two years in his father's business (1914-1916). With the outbreak of war in Europe, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1916, and received aviation ground school training at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, eventually becoming a pilot and instructor in Pensacola, FL. Following the end of the war, Dr. Sulzberger went to Europe, and enrolled in the medical school of the University of Geneva. Prior to receiving his M.D. from the University of Zurich (1926), he had received the equivalent of a baccalaureate in medical sciences from the School of Medicine of the Sorbonne, Paris (1922). He interned at the Canton Hospital, Zurich. He served as assistant in dermatology and syphilology at the University Dermatological Clinic, Zurich (1926-28), and at University Clinic, Breslau, Germany. Returning to New York city in 1929, he entered private practice with Fred Wise, MD, an association which lasted until 1935. From 1931-46 he was associate attending dermatologist at Montefiore Hospital, and in 1934 became associate attending physician in charge of dermatology at the French Hospital. The following year he became assistant attending dermatologist and syphilologist at New York Post-Graduate Hospital and the hospital's Skin and Cancer Unit Dispensary. In 1929 he was appointed associate and instructor at Skin and Cancer Unit and Hospital of Columbia University in 1929, becoming associate clinical professor in 1946. In 1949 he was professor and chairman of the Dept. of Dermatology and Syphilology at Post-Graduate Hospital, and Director of the New York Skin and Cancer Unit of New York University Hospital, a post he held until 1960. In 1955 he was appointed George Miller Mackee professor of dermatology and syphilology at New York University-Bellevue Medical Center, becoming professor emeritus in 1961. That same year he became clinical professor of Dermatology at UCSF, remaining in that post until 1980. Also in 1961 he founded the Institute for Dermatologic Communication and Education. 1961 also saw Dr. Sulzberger appointed Technical Director of Research, Medical Research and Development Command, Office of the Surgeon General of the U.S. Army, a position he held till 1964, when he accepted a similar responsibility at the Letterman Army Institute of Research in San Francisco. During WWII he was responsible for dermatology and syphilology at the U.S. Naval Hospital, Brooklyn, NY. He directed research on tropical skin diseases, chemical warfare agents, and insect repellents and antifungal agents there, and on Guam. Dr. Sulzberger was a member of many medical and scientific societies, and held significant offices in several. He was a prolific author (over 100 classified reports to the U.S. Navy in WWII, seven textbooks and many chapters in other books, over 430 scientific papers), editor or co-editor of journals and lecturer, and recipient of numerous awards. He made significant contributions to his chosen profession throughout his lifetime, and trained many
dermatologists practicing today in this country and abroad. Further biographical information may be found among his papers.

Scope and Content of Collection
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