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Guide to the Martin Marc Cummings Interview, 2006

Martin Marc Cummings graduated from Duke University School of Medicine in 1944. He was the director of the National Library of Medicine from 1964 to 1984.

Descriptive Summary

Collection Title: Martin Marc Cummings Interview, 2005

Creator: Cummings, Martin Marc, 1920-

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Biographical Note

Martin Marc Cummings was born in Berlin, N.J. He attended Bucknell University in Pennsylvania, and then attended Duke University School of Medicine, graduating in 1944. One year of his medical school training was spent at Yale. In 1946, he was commissioned by the Public Health Service and continued thereafter to work in government positions excepting a brief time at the University of Oklahoma. Cummings was the director of the National Library of Medicine from 1964 to 1984.

Collection Overview

Contains audiotapes and transcript of an oral history interview with Martin Marc Cummings, a 1944 graduate of Duke University School of Medicine and former director of the National Library of Medicine.

Online Catalog Headings

Duke University.

Duke University. Medical Center.

Duke University. School of Medicine

National Library of Medicine (U.S.)

Smith, David T. (David Tillerson), 1898-

Davison, Wilburt C. (Wilburt Cornell), 1892-

Handler, Philip, 1917-

Oral histories.

Interviews.

Transcripts.

Detailed Description of the Collection

Interview on 15 July 2005

Dr. Cummings discusses his background; his family; his education; Bucknell University's library; Duke University School of Medicine; the affordability of Duke University School of Medicine; being married and being a father as a medical student; World War II; the Army specialized training program; his wife Arlene's job working for Dr. Philip Handler; being sent to Yale by Dr. Davison for a year; missing his OB/GYN training because of time spent at Yale; Wilburt and Adala Davison; his scientific interests as a medical student; Dr. David Tillerson Smith's impact; the Public Health Service; Duke University Medical Center Library; many Duke physicians being away during World War II; other classes at Duke University School of Medicine; the differences between Yale and Duke's medical schools; students helping one another at Duke; Dr. Davison's and Dr. Anlyan's appointments to the board of regents of the National Library of Medicine; his career subsequent to graduation from Duke University School of Medicine, including at the National Institute of Health and directorship of the National Library of Medicine; Mrs. Elizabeth Swett; personal interactions with visiting scientist Dr. Arturo Castiglioni; living in Camp Butner; and interactions with Dr. Davison; Dr. Philip Handler.

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Interview tapes [2 tapes (75 minutes total)]

Transcript [23 pages]