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Guide to the

**Aldous Huxley and David Solomon correspondence**

1958-1959

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## Summary

**Creator:** Huxley, Aldous, 1894-1963

**Title:** Aldous Huxley and David Solomon correspondence

**Date:** 1958-1959

**Size:** .1 linear feet (1 folder)

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**Abstract:** Correspondence, 1958-1959, between British author Aldous Huxley and editor David Solomon at Esquire magazine in New York. Solomon would later edit the book *LSD: the Consciousness Expanding Drug* (1964), dedicated to Huxley. Letters pertain to Esquire's interest in reprinting Huxley's 1957 academic article *The History of Tension*, and Huxley's concerns about conflicts with his recent article for *The Saturday Evening Post*, *The Drugs that Shape Men's Minds* (1958). Huxley briefly discusses overlapping content and later declines an offer to rework the material due to various obligations. Solomon also inquires about publishing Huxley's lecture series at the University of California at Santa Barbara. The collection, in one chronological order, consists of three autograph letters signed and one typescript letter signed from Huxley to Solomon, six typescript carbon copies of letters from Solomon to Huxley, an Esquire internal circular communication, 1958 September 23-29, expressing viewpoints on reprinting the article, and a note to Solomon from editor Arnold Gingrich. Also present are photostat copies of the published articles; *The History of Tension*, which appeared in the *Annals of the New York Academy of Sciences*, is incomplete.

**Access:** Advance notice required.

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## Key Terms

### Occupations

Authors  
Editors

**Subjects**

Authors, English -- 20th century  
Editors -- United States -- 20th century  
Psychotropic drugs

**Titles**

Esquire

**Names**

Huxley, Aldous, 1894-1963  
Solomon, David, 1925-