

**M. Ralph Kaufman (1900-1977)**  
**Papers, 1928-1971**

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**Biographical Note:**

Moses Ralph Kaufman was born in Beltz, Russia in 1900. His family emigrated to Canada in 1905. Kaufman received his M.D. from McGill University in 1925.

After an internship at Manhattan State Hospital, MRK decided to study neurology, training at Montefiore Hospital from 1926-1927. MRK continued his training at the Boston Psychopathic Hospital before leaving for Vienna in 1929, where he studied at the University of Vienna Anatomy and Psychiatric Institutes and the Vienna Psychoanalytic Institute. His personal analysis was begun with Dr. Paul Schilder and finished with Dr. Wilhelm Reich.

MRK was a founding member of BPSI, serving as president from 1937-1939 and as chairman of the educational committee from 1934-1942. He also served as president of the American Psychoanalytic Association from 1949-1951.

MRK volunteered for the US Army during World War II. He served as a neuropsychiatric consultant in the South Pacific and with the Sixth Army in the Phillipines. He was awarded two Bronze Stars.

Returning to civilian life in 1945, MRK was appointed director of the department of Psychiatry at The Mount Sinai Hospital in New York, a post he held until his retirement in 1971.

MRK married Ida Elizabeth Esach in 1925. They had two children, Bettina Deborah Kahn and Paul.

**Scope and Content:**

The collection consists primarily of reprints of articles by Dr. Kaufman. There is a smaller amount of correspondence between Dr. Kaufman and numerous colleagues, including Felix and Helene Deutsch, Martin Peck, Wilhelm Reich, A.A. Brill, and Isador Coriat. Included in the correspondence is a letter from Ernest Jones to Hanns Sach[?] (November 1936) and a letter to Kaufman from Anna Freud (1968).

Also in the collection is one folder of material documenting the activities of the BPSI Committee on Certification, 1940.

**Series Description:**

Series 1 consists of correspondence and other non-print material including material pertaining to the BPSI Committee on Certification and the typescript of an article by Stanley Cobb.

Series 2 contains reprints of articles by MRK.

**Provenance:**

Gift of M.R. Kaufman, 1969, 1971

**Amount:**

2 boxes

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- f.1-21 "A Compendium on Neuropsychiatry in the Army", April 1943
- f.1-22 "A Psychiatric Treatment Program in Combat", January 1947
- f.1-23 "'Ill Health' As an Expression of Anxiety in a Combat Unit", March 1947
- f.1-24 "Variations of Gastric Functions During Conscious and Unconscious Conflict States", 1950
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- f.1-33 "Lysergic Acid Diethylamide (LSD-25)...", parts 1-6, 1955
- f.1-34 "Two Annotations", May 1955
- f.1-35 "Group Psychotherapy on the Psychiatric Ward of a General Hospital", July 1955
- f.1-36 "The Emotional Impact of Ward Rounds", November 1956
- f.1-37 "A Psychiatric Evaluation of the Problem Patient", January 1957
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- f.2-28 "The Greeks Had Some Words For It", January 1966
- f.2-29 "The Psychiatric Inpatient Unit in a General Hospital:  
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- f.2-31 "Psychiatry: Why 'Medical' or 'Social' Model?", September 1967
- f.2-32 "Psychiatry in Medical Education", June 1968
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- f.2-34 "The Psychiatrist Looks at Medical Progress", November 1969
- f.2-35 "Psychiatry and Medical Education From the Vantage Point of  
45 Years", February 1970
- f.2-36 "The Teaching of Psychiatry to the Nonpsychiatrist Physician",  
November 1971