

**GUIDE to the CSHL DIRECTOR'S REPORTS of the  
JAMES D. WATSON COLLECTION**



**DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY**

**Title:**

Record Group II: Series 1: Administrative  
James D. Watson Collection, Director's Reports: 1964-1998.

**Creator:**

James D. Watson (1928- )

**Extent:**

2 linear feet

**Forms of Material:**

Manuscripts (handwritten, typed, computer printouts, faxes, photocopies, proofs).

**Repository:**

Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Archives, Cold Spring Harbor, NY

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**COLLECTION DESCRIPTION**

The Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Archive's institutional records contain texts of the Director's Reports in various stages of manuscript creation and publication. With the exception of four copies of Annual Reports created by John Cairns (Director, 1964-1967), the bulk of the materials were created by Dr. James D. Watson during his tenure as Director or President of the institution. Watson's last essay ("President's Essay") was written in April of 1999 for the 1998 Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Annual Report. He then handed the responsibility of writing the Annual Reports over to the then director, Bruce Stillman.

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**SUBJECTS**

**Names:**

Cairns, John,  
Watson, James D., 1928-

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## SERIES LIST

### RG III. Series I. Administration: Director's Reports, 1964-1998

Box	Folder	Title and Description	Date(s)
1	1	Director's Report – Cairns, John. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Photocopy of published report, 2pp.</li></ul>	1964
	2	Director's Report – Cairns, John. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Photocopy of published report, 1pp.</li></ul>	1965
	3	Director's Report – Cairns, John. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Photocopy of published report, 1pp.</li></ul>	1966
	4	Director's Report – Cairns, John. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Photocopy of published report, 3pp.</li></ul>	1967
	5	Director's Report – Watson, JD. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Photocopy of published report (from Biological Laboratory Annual Report), 3pp.</li><li>• Photocopy of Proof? (slightly different from above), 3pp.</li></ul>	1968
	6	Director's Report – Watson, JD. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Photocopy of Proof?, 5pp.</li></ul>	1969
	7	Director's Report – Watson, JD. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Typed photocopy, with corrections, 12pp.</li><li>• Typed photocopy, List of officers and directors of the Long Island Biological Association.</li><li>• Photocopy of proof?, 6pp.</li></ul>	1970
	8	Director's Report – Watson, JD. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Photocopy of proof?, 10pp.</li></ul>	1971
	9	Director's Report – Watson, JD. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Typed original, with light corrections, 12pp.</li><li>• Typed photocopy, 21pp (2 copies).</li><li>• Photocopy of proof?, 8pp.</li><li>• Typed letter from Dave Ingraham complimenting report.</li></ul>	1972
	10	Director's Report – Watson, JD. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Typed photocopy, 24pp.</li><li>• Typed photocopy with corrections (photocopied), 24pp.</li><li>• Photocopy of proof?, 9pp.</li></ul>	1973
	11	Director's Report – Watson, JD. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Typed original, 22pp.</li><li>• Photocopy of proof?, 10pp.</li><li>• Typed photocopy, ("final draft") with corrections, 21pp.</li></ul>	1974

- Letter to Maria Hedges regarding annual report, 1pp.
- 12 Director's Report – Watson, JD. 1975
- Typed original, 21pp.
  - Typed photocopy with corrections (also photocopied), 21pp.
  - Typed photocopy, 21pp.
  - Photocopy of proof?, 11pp.
  - Typed original (page 5), 1pp.
- 13 Director's Report – Watson, JD. 1976
- Photocopy of proof?, 11pp.
  - Typed original (incomplete) with corrections, 16pp.
  - Typed original (*Now for the Highlights of the Year*), 10pp.
  - Typed original (*Resignations of Key Scientific Staff...*), 6pp.
  - Typed photocopy (*Charles de Gaulle – Where are you when we most need you?*) with extensive corrections (edited by Nancy Ford), 15pp.
  - Typed photocopy (*Charles de Gaulle – Where are you when we most need you?*) with extensive corrections, especially on cover page), 14pp.
  - Typed photocopy (*The Recombinant DNA Scare*), 14pp.
- 14 Director's Report – Watson, JD. 1977
- Typed original (*Highlights of the Year*), 16pp.
  - Typed photocopy, 23pp.
  - Letter to Maria Hedges regarding report, 1pp.
  - Letter from Dr. Louis Lasagna (U. of Rochester) regarding report, 1pp.
- 15 Director's Report – Watson, JD. 1978
- Pre-published photocopy (no pictures), 15pp.
  - Typed original (master copy), 38pp.
  - Typed photocopy (final draft), 39pp.
  - Typed original, revised (*Highlights of the Year*), 22pp.
- 16 Director's Report – Watson, JD. 1979
- Photocopy of proof, 4pp.
  - Typed original (*Highlights of the Year*), 22pp.
- 2 1 Director's Report – Watson, JD. 1980
- Typed original, 11pp.
  - Typed original (*Highlights of the Year*), 24pp.
- 2 Director's Report – Watson, JD. 1981
- Typed photocopy, 9pp.
  - Typed photocopy (with 3-hole punch), 35pp.
- 3 Director's Report – Watson, JD. 1982
- Typed original, 9pp.
  - Typed photocopy (*Highlights of the Year*), 24pp.

Dr. Watson did not prepare a Director's Report for 1983. He was on sabbatical in 1983. During that year Joe Sambrook was Acting Director and wrote the Director's Report for the CSHL Annual issue. 1983

- 4 Director's Report – Watson, JD. (folder 1 of 2) 1984
- Typed original (Version #1) (*Director's Report*), 7pp.
  - Typed photocopy (*Director's Report*), 7pp.
  - Typed photocopy with corrections (Comments by Morgan Browne) (*Director's Report*), 7pp.
  - Typed photocopy with corrections (Comments by Nancy Brown) (*Director's Report*), 8pp.
  - Typed photocopy (*Director's Report*) (Final Version #3), 7pp.
  - Typed original (*Director's Report*), 7pp.
- 5 Director's Report – Watson, JD. (folder 2 of 2) 1984
- Typed photocopy (*Highlights of the Year*), extensive corrections, 29pp.
  - Typed original (*Highlights of the Year*), white-out corrections, 29pp.
  - Typed photocopy (*Highlights of the Year*), 29pp.
- 6 Director's Report – Watson, JD. 1985
- Typed photocopy, 25pp.
  - Typed photocopy with extensive corrections, 25pp.
  - Typed original (Revised 4/1/86), 7pp.
  - Typed photocopy with corrections, 8pp.
  - Typed original (Revised 3/21), 8pp.
- 7 Director's Report – Watson, JD. 1986
- Typed photocopy, 13pp.
  - Typed original (dated 6/12/87), 12pp.
  - Typed photocopy (dated June 19, 1987 from Nancy Ford), 24pp.
  - Typed photocopy (*Highlights of the Year*), 12pp.
  - Typed photocopy (*Highlights of the Year*), 19pp. This version contains ten handwritten pages of additions and/or corrections. Signed by Watson.
  - Typed original(?) with minor corrections, 12pp.
- 8 Director's Report – Watson, JD (folder 1 of 2) 1987
- Handwritten, 23pp.
  - Typed original, 12pp.
  - Typed photocopy with corrections (“for Nancy Ford”), 11pp.
  - Typed photocopy with corrections (“Jim / Mainly typos! Rich”), 11pp.
  - Typed photocopy (“preliminary version”), 12pp.
  - Typed photocopy with corrections (“revisions of 16 July 88”), 12pp.
  - Typed photocopy (“for retyping”), 12pp.
- 9 Director's Report – Watson, JD (folder 2 of 2) 1987
- Typed original with corrections (*My Twentieth Anniversary as the Director*), 3pp.
  - Typed original, 33pp.
  - Typed original, 33pp.
  - Typed photocopy, extensive corrections (*Highlights of the Year*), 22pp.
  - Typed photocopy of published version, 22pp.

- Typed photocopy of proof, 14pp.
- 3      1      Director's Report – Watson, JD (folder 1 of 2)      1988
- Handwritten, (1 1/3 page typed) (Director's Report), 28pp.
  - Typed photocopy ("uncorrected version of 27-7-89"), 17pp.
  - Typed photocopy ("uncorrected version of 27-7-89"), 17pp.
  - Typed original ("changed 9/13"), 18pp.
  - Typed original with corrections, 18pp.
  - Typed original with corrections, 18pp.
  - Typed photocopy of "First Revise", 9pp.
- 2      Director's Report – Watson, JD (folder 2 of 2)      1988
- Typed original (*Highlights of the Year*), 19pp.
  - Typed photocopy, light corrections (*Highlights of the Year*), 19pp.
  - Typed photocopy for Morgan Browne (*Highlights of the Year*), 19pp.
  - Typed photocopy (*Highlights of the Year*), 19pp.
- 3      Director's Report – Watson, JD.      1989
- Typed original, draft, 21pp.
  - Typed photocopy given to T. Grodzicker for corrections, 14pp.
  - Typed photocopy given to E. Harlow for corrections, 14pp.
  - Typed photocopy given to R. Roberts for corrections, 14pp.
- 4      Director's Report – Watson, JD.      1989
- Handwritten (2 pages typed), 22pp.
  - Typed original, preliminary draft, with corrections, 12pp.
  - Typed original with corrections, 20pp. (Contains handwritten pages).
  - Typed original, extensive corrections, 10pp.
  - Typed original (beginning with More Responsibilities...), with corrections, 7pp.
  - Typed original (beginning with More Responsibilities...), with corrections, 25pp.
  - Handwritten (2pp), typed (1pp).
  - Typed and handwritten, 2pp.
  - Typed original (beginning with page 6), 7pp.
  - Typed original with extensive corrections (preliminary draft), signed, 19pp.
- 5      Director's Report – Watson, JD.      1990
- Typed and handwritten original with corrections, 13pp.
  - Handwritten (1 page typed), 7pp.
  - Handwritten, 6pp.
- 6      Director's Report – Watson, JD.      1991
- Computer printout with cover letter, with corrections, 17pp.
  - Photocopy, Highlights of the Year (with photos), 19pp.
  - Computer printout with corrections, 15pp.
  - Computer printout, The Human Genome Project, 13pp.
  - Photocopy, Highlights of the Year (no photos), 14pp.
- 7      Director's Report – Watson, JD.      1992
- Handwritten (12pp) and typed original (3pp), with corrections.

- Typed original with corrections, version 2, 9pp.
  - Typed original with corrections, version 3, 8pp.
  - Photocopy, no photos, published look, 20pp.
- 4      1      Director's Report – Watson, JD.      1993
- Handwritten, 34pp.
  - Typed original with extensive corrections, 56pp.
- 2      Director's Report – Watson, JD.      1994
- Handwritten (14pp) and typed (23pp) original with corrections.
  - Computer printout, 9pp.
  - Computer printout with corrections, "Jan [Witkowski] changes", 3pp.
  - Computer printout with cover letter from Jan Witkowski, with corrections, 10pp.
  - Computer printout, 9pp.
  - Photocopy (proof, no photos), 27pp.
  - Handwritten, I make the transition from Director to President, 2pp. Signed by Watson.
  - Fax copy of above, 2pp.
  - Computer printout, I make the transition from Director to President, 2pp.
- 3      President's Report – Watson, JD. (folder 1 of 2)      1995
- Handwritten, 2pp.
  - Handwritten (3pp), typed (1pp).
  - Handwritten (10pp), typed (5pp).
  - Handwritten and typed, 27pp (total).
  - Typed (beginning with page 10), 4pp.
  - Typed (beginning with page 10), 3pp.
  - Typed (1pp), handwritten (1pp).
  - Handwritten, 4pp, signed by Watson.
  - Typed with corrections, (*We have started planning our entry into the 21<sup>st</sup> century*) (corrected), 3pp.
  - Typed with corrections, 3pp.
  - Photocopy (proof, no photos), 5pp.
- 4      President's Report – Watson, JD. (folder 2 of 2)      1995
- Faxed copy with Jan Witkowski corrections, 13pp.
  - Typed with corrections per Bruce, 13pp.
  - Typed, light corrections, 13pp.
  - Typed, 13pp.
  - Typed, 14pp.
  - Typed, light corrections, 13pp.
- 5      President's Essay – Watson, JD.      1996
- Typed original (*Genes and Politics*), 40pp.
- 6      President's Essay – Watson, JD.      1997
- Handwritten, 16pp.
  - Typed, extensive corrections, 78pp.
  - Typed ("Jan Witkowski comments"), 14pp.
  - Photocopy of published copy, 7pp.
  - Two photocopies of published section, *Remembering Manny*, 2pp.

- 7 President's Essay – Watson, JD (no titles, first few words listed below) 1998
- Handwritten, 4pp.
  - Typed with corrections (“My 2.5 years there...”), 3pp.
  - Typed with corrections (“My 2.5 years there...”), 2pp.
  - Typed with corrections (“My 2.5 years there...”), 2pp.
  - Handwritten (1pp), typed (2pp) with corrections (“My 2.5 years there...”).
  - Typed with corrections (“My 2.5 years there...”), 2pp.
  - Typed with corrections (“he created a program...”), 6pp.
  - Typed with corrections (“After I joined the...”), 2pp.
  - Typed with sticky notes (“For now more than...”), 10pp.
  - Typed with corrections (“After I joined the...”), 6pp.
  - Handwritten (“That I was then given...”), 4pp.
  - Typed with corrections (“In helping plan...”), 7pp.
  - Typed with corrections (“For now more than...”), 4pp.
  - Typed with corrections (“For now more than...”), 4pp.
  - Typed with corrections (Version 3), 4pp.

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## ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

**Provenance:** The papers of James D. Watson were acquired from him through gift, 2005.

**Processing History:** The Director's/President's Reports of Dr. James D. Watson were processed in April 2006 by PJN. [Please note: This finding aid acts as a temporary inventory and will be altered in the future to EAD format and standards, and once a thorough appraisal has been completed.]

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