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#### INTRODUCTION

#### PROVENANCE

The material was received from Dr. Baker's family in 1985 for cataloguing by the Contemporary Scientific Archives Centre and deposit in the Bodleian Library, Oxford, as stipulated in his will.

Correspondence about the Society for Freedom in Science, which Baker cofounded with M. Polanyi, does not form part of the present deposit.

#### PRESENTATION

The material has been sectionalised to follow the sequence of the catalogue compiled in 1979 (CSAC 69/7/79) with Section D (Research and publications) in the present catalogue replacing Section D (Publication) in the earlier catalogue.

#### DESCRIPTION

Section D includes a sequence of notebooks covering Baker's undergraduate and research careers and reflecting his interests in microscopy, chemical contraception and scientific biography. There is also a major accumulation of more varied material (correspondence, notes and drafts, and background material) respecting research undertaken towards the end of Baker's life on the humane killing of crustacea.

Section E, the most substantial in the supplementary catalogue, also reflects interests on which Baker concentrated in his last years – anthropology and race. In particular it contains very considerable documentation (drafts, correspondence with publishers and colleagues) for Baker's book <u>Race</u>, published by the Oxford University Press in 1974. N.B. E.50–E.52, the autograph ms. of chapter 23, was formerly D.1 in the earlier catalogue (CSAC 69/7/79).

Section F contains what survives of Baker's general scientific correspondence.

Much is in the form of photocopies, the originals being retained by Baker's family.

Section G is a very small biographical section, also principally photocopies of material in family hands.

# LOCATIONS OF FURTHER MATERIAL

Diaries and other material relating to scientific expeditions to the New Hebrides in the 1920s and 1930s are retained by Baker's family.

Index cards used by Baker in respect of his work on anthropology and race are preserved at the Wellcome Unit for the History of Medicine, Oxford.

SECTION D	RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS D.1 - D.92		
D.1-D.36	NOTEBOOKS		
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		With an introductory note	
	NOTEBOOKS		
	Undergraduate	notebooks	
D.1	Black soft-cover notebook, n.d., containing Baker's drawings of dissections, transverse sections, skeletons, etc.		
D.2	Notebook identical in format to D.1 but lacks front cover, n.d. but possibly 1920 when Baker joined the Marine Biological Association of the United Kingdom (see F.22). Contains Baker's drawings of transverse sections, etc. and (on first page) an address in Plymouth, perhaps where Baker stayed while using the MBA laboratory there.		
D.3	Hard-backed notebook, inscribed on outside cover 'Morphology II', n.d.		
D.4	Hard-backed notebook inscribed on flyleaf 'Essays on subjects likely to be set in the Final Examination in Zoology, June 1922'.		

#### Research Notebooks

- D.5

  Blue hard-backed notebook inscribed on flyleaf with title 'Microscopical Preparations' and Baker's New College, Oxford, address. Contents relate to various experiments on testes, sperms, larvae, embryos, etc. The first are dated in May 1923.
- D.6 Hard-backed notebook inscribed on outside cover 'Experiments and Observations on Sperms', with contents list on inside front cover. Notebook used November 1930-September 1934.
- D.7 Hard-backed notebook inscribed on outside cover 'Meteorology Final Classified Record'. Relates to Baker's 1933-34 New Hebrides expedition.
- D.8-D.15 'Microscopical Preparations'. A sequence of eight hard-backed note-books covering the period 1934-70.
  - D.8 June 1934-April 1944
  - D.9 May 1944-January 1950
  - D.10 January 1950-September 1952
  - D.11 September 1952-July 1954
  - D.12 July 1954-May 1957
  - D.13 May 1957-August 1960
  - D.14 August 1960-August 1964
  - D.15 August 1964-April 1970
- D.16

  Hard-backed notebook entitled 'Abstracts of books and long papers, and of all papers on the cell-theory. Vol.18'. Includes Baker's notes of lectures and research talks. The notebook was probably in use 1957-60, though it contains abstracts of books and papers published before 1957.
- D.17 Hard-backed notebook entitled 'Abstracts of books and long papers.

  Vol.19'. Includes Baker's notes of lectures and research talks (for example C.D. Darlington's lecture to the Genetics Society on 'The evolution of man: the biological interpretation of history', May 1962).

  Latest date 1964.

#### Abraham Trembley of Geneva

Baker's biography of the eighteenth-century Swiss scientist Abraham Trembley was published in 1952.

- D.18-D.31 'Abraham Trembley. Preliminary Materials for a Biography'. A sequence of 14 notebooks containing Baker's notes on publications and original manuscripts relating to Trembley. The first notebook has pasted inside front cover a letter from H. Schuman inviting Baker to contribute a book to a history of science publications project, 1945.
- D.32-D.35 'Trembley Revised Materials'. 4 notebooks, volumes 1, 4, 7 and 11.

  Volume 11 contains provisional plan of chapters, index to notebooks and a 'state of the book on 10th Feb. 1950'.
- D.36 Ms. drafts and correspondence, 1969-75, re article on Trembley for Dictionary of Scientific Biography.

#### NOTES, DRAFTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

## D.37 Microscopy

Ms. drafts, brief correspondence, etc. re microscope designed by Baker for use of biological students, 1966-71.

## D.38 Breeding Seasons

3pp. ms. draft of address to conference on breeding seasons, 2 January 1968; letter of thanks from D. Lack.

## D.39-D.92 Humane killing of crabs and lobsters

Baker's interest in animal welfare was of long duration. In 1939 he had assisted the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals in the prosecution of an angler who had used a live fish as bait and in the mid 1950s he had undertaken research at the Marine Biological Laboratory, Plymouth, on the humane killing of crabs. However, almost all the extant material respecting Baker's animal welfare interests relates to his work on the humane killing of crabs and lobsters carried out in the 1970s at the Department of Zoology, Oxford, under the auspices of the Crusade against all Cruelty to Animals/

Humane Education Centre.

D.55-D.60

Baker sought in this later research to demonstrate that crabs and lobsters might be killed painlessly by boiling if they had first been stunned by passing an electric current through their bodies. In 1975 the results of Baker's research were announced at a press conference and he gave an address at the Humane Education Centre which also published three scientific papers detailing the research.

D.39-D.50	Correspondence with Crusade against all Cruelty to Animals/Humane Education Centre, 1969-80.			
	D.39	1969-71	D.45	1975, July-September
	D.40	1972	D.46	1975, October
	D.41	1973	D.47	1975, November, December
	D.42	1974, January-June	D.48	1976
	D.43	1974, July-December	D.49	1977
	D.44	1975, January-June	D.50	1978-80
D.51, D.52	Correspondence with colleagues including members of Oxford Zoology department and editors of scientific journals.			
	D.51	1971-73	D.52	1975, 1977, 1980 and n.d.
D.53	Correspondence with members of the general public, 1969-78.			
D.54	Correspondence with press and television, 1960, 1968, 1971, 1975.			

Shorter correspondence with animal welfare organisations.

D.55 Animal Welfare Institute, 1972-73
 Association of British Anti-Vivisection Societies, 1971

D.56-D.58 FRAME (Fund for the Replacement of Animals in Medical Experiments), 1969-73.

Folders include copies of information booklets, progress reports, etc.

Continued

- D.59 International Society for the Protection of Animals, 1977.
   International Union for Conservation of Nature, 1980.
- D.60 Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, 1975.

Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, 1939, 1975, 1977. 1939 letter relates to Baker's assistance to the Society in a prosecution at Woodstock 'with regard to the use of live fish in gorge bait fishing'.

Universities Federation for Animal Welfare, 1970-71, 1980.

- D.61 Hard-backed notebook with record of experiments on the killing of lobsters and crabs by electrocution. In use 1972-74.
- D.62 Soft-cover notebook inscribed 'Experiments on the humane killing of lobsters and crabs. Notebook 2 (started 8 Dec. 1975)'.
- D.63 Contents of a binder labelled 'Experiments on the humane killing of lobsters and crabs. Notebook 3 (started 11 Aug. 1976)'.
- D.64-D.70 Notes and drafts found in envelopes with the following inscriptions:
  - D.64 'Lobsters. Activity during passage of electric current. C.'
  - D.65 'Lobsters. Degrees of vitality after electrical stunning. D.'
  - D.66 'Lobsters. Accessory experiments, not involving electric current. E.'
  - D.67 'Lobsters. Activity during boiling after electrical discharge. F'.
  - D.68 'Crabs. Tables and other important papers NOT used directly in final paper. O.'
  - D.69 'Crabs. Unclassified papers. Q.'
  - D.70 'Dimensions of tank and of electrodes. Experiments on relation between salinity and electrical conductivity. R.'

- D.71 Experimental data found clipped together. Various dates in June 1972 (not chronological order).
- D.72, D.73 Miscellaneous notes and data. 2 folders.
- D.74 'Preliminary Report to the Humane Education Centre on a study of lobsters by slow heating', n.d.

  Ms. and typescript drafts.
- D.75 'Humane killing of Crabs and Lobsters. Progress Report'. n.d.
  1p. duplicated sheet issued by Humane Education Centre.
  Folder also includes copy of form letter sent out to those enquiring about the Centre's 'pioneer work on behalf of crabs and lobsters' and 3pp. carbon on 'Crabs and Lobsters', probably draft for another HEC Progress Report.
- D.76-D.78 'Experiments on the electric stunning of lobsters before boiling. Non-technical report'. n.d.

  Ms. and typescript drafts. 3 folders.
- D.79 'The humane killing of crabs and lobsters', address delivered at the Humane Education Centre, 25 October 1975.

  Heavily-corrected ms. draft.
- D.80 'The humane killing of lobsters and crabs'.

  Ms. and typescript drafts of article published by the HEC; also published version.
- D.81

  'Experiments on the humane killing of lobsters (Homarus vulgaris) and crabs (Cancer pagurus). Part 1. The killing of lobsters by gradual heating'. Scientific Papers of the Humane Education Centre, I, 1975.

  Ms. draft, reprint of published paper and list of those to whom Baker sent copies.
- D.82, D.83

  'Experiments on the humane killing of lobsters (Homarus vulgaris) and crabs (Cancer pagurus). Part 2. The exposure of lobsters to electric shock before boiling (with M.B. Dolan). Scientific Papers of the Humane Education Centre, 2, 1975.

Ms. draft, reprint of published paper. 2 folders.

D.84	'Experiments on the humane killing of lobsters (Homarus vulgaris) and crabs (Cancer pagurus). Part 3. The exposure of crabs to electric shock before boiling (with M.B. Dolan and Julia Coxhill). Scientific Papers of the Humane Education Centre, 3, 1975.
	Ms. draft, reprint of published paper.
D.85	List compiled by Baker of those to whom the three scientific papers might be sent.
D.86	Press-cuttings re Baker's research on humane killing of lobsters.
D.87, D.88	Scientific papers by others bearing on research on humane killing of lobsters. 2 folders.
D.89-D.92	Miscellaneous background material on the use of animals in scientific research. 4 folders.

#### SECTION E ANTHROPOLOGY AND RACE E.1 - E.193

#### INTRODUCTION TO SECTION E

Baker's anthropological interests were first manifested in an article on Cromagnon man published in Endeavour in 1968 but his major contribution to the subject was his monograph Race published by the Oxford University Press in 1974. This large book of 625 pages appeared after long gestation and many difficulties with prospective publishers.

The authors of the Royal Society Memoir of Baker (Biographical Memoirs of Fellows of the Royal Society, 31, 1985) identify the origins of Race in questions raised by its author's contacts with the peoples of the New Hebrides on his visits there in the 1920s and 1930s (Memoir, p.54). Baker in his own notes on 'how I came to write the book' (E.174) states that in the 1950s he was collecting information 'on physical differences between races, and on the question whether inborn mental differences might exist' and refers to visits to Uganda in 1957 and 1964, South Africa in 1961 and Rhodesia in 1962. In the present collection of Baker's papers there is no material bearing on the eventual book before 1960.

In a letter to the publishers, Allen & Unwin, of December 1961 (E.55), Baker gave notice that he was to apply for sabbatical leave to devote seven months to a study of racial equality, and to writing on the subject. He hoped to have a manuscript ready for Allen & Unwin by early 1963 and began writing consecutively on his subject in October 1962. It was not however until November 1966 that he announced the completion of the manuscript of a first introductory volume of his book on race at that point entitled 'The equality or inequality of human races'. Allen & Unwin rejected the manuscript, as did a succession of publishers on both sides of the Atlantic before the projected work on race was accepted by the Delegates of the Oxford University Press in April 1969. In a letter to Methuen of 5 July 1971, Baker gives his own version of the events leading to the OUP's commissioning him to complete his manuscript on race and the important part played in this by a favourable report from P.B. Medawar (E.58).

The publication of Baker's book on race (now called simply <u>Race</u>) was delayed until 1974 - in part by Baker's considerable expansion of the original manuscript.

In the words of The Royal Society Memoir, Race 'received very mixed treatment and

was a source of great disappointment to its author'. Baker was particularly unhappy with the reception of the book in the USA and its slow sale there, which he attributed in part to a conspiracy of silence on the part of the media and in part to a lack of support from the OUP in New York. He was very pleased to cooperate with a German publisher in bringing out a shortened version of Race but disappointed by the refusal of the OUP to countenance a shortened version or paperback edition in English. Towards the end of his life Baker secured the rights of Race from the OUP to facilitate its republication in America by a smaller publisher, Foundation for Human Understanding, Athens, Georgia.

- E.1 Ip. ms. note on Piltdown Man, described by Baker as 'copy of a draft found by myself on 28th Dec. 1968, with a letter from the B.B.C. dated 12th October 1950. ?Possibly a letter to The Listener? John R. Baker'.
- E.2 Miscellaneous correspondence re skulls, 1966-67.

## Publications and correspondence on Cro-Magnon Man

- E.3-E.6 'Cro-Magnon Man', Endeavour, 27, 1968.
  - E.3 Contents of an envelope inscribed '1st and 2nd drafts. Unclassified Papers'.
  - E.4 Contents of an envelope inscribed '3rd draft. References'.
  - E.5 Correspondence re information, authorisation to visit archaeological site; correspondence arising from publication.
  - E.6 Figures.
- E.7 'The date of the Cro-Magnon discovery', 1968.

  Drafts and proofs of note for unidentified publication.
- E.8 'Cro-Magnon'

  Baker's draft entry for new supplement to the Oxford English Dictionary; letter from R.W. Burchfield 1971.

- E.9 Correspondence with Merrow Publishing Company re possible Merrow Monograph on Cro-Magnon Man or the Tasmanians, 1970-73.
- Cobservations on the Cranium of Broken Hill Man Homo rhodesiensis Woodward', Z.Morph.Anthrop., 1968.
   Brief correspondence; reprint.

# E.11-E.152 RACE, Oxford University Press, 1974 E.11 -E.24 Notes and drafts E.25 -E.53 Drafts for 'Race' by chapter E.54 -E.86 Correspondence with publishers E.87 -E.142 Correspondence with colleagues E.143-E.152 Reviews

#### Notes and drafts

- E.11 'Notes on race, made at the British Museum, 1960' (loose pages found clipped together).
  - 'Questions put to Arthur Cain', 1961 (6pp. ms.).
- Hard-backed notebook entitled 'Abstracts of books bearing on the problem of racial equality or inequality. Vol.1'. N.d. but probably used in the first half of 1962. Paginated 1-151 with contents list and Baker's classification of subjects discussed by the explorers. It was Baker's practice to copy the abstracts in his notebooks onto cards and there is inside the front cover a 'list of references to all books abstracted in these notebooks, up to Vol.5, p.105'.
- E.13 Hard-backed notebook entitled 'Abstracts of books bearing on the problem of racial equality or inequality. Vol.2'. The notebook was begun
   9 July 1962. Paginated 1-147 (not all pages used) with contents list.

E.14	Hard-backed notebook entitled 'Abstracts of books bearing on the problem of racial equality or inequality. Vol.3'. The notebook was begun 28 August 1962. Paginated 1-133 with contents list.
E.15	Hard-backed notebook entitled 'Abstracts of books bearing on the problem of racial equality or inequality. Vol.4'. The notebook was begun 10 December 1962. Paginated 1-135 with contents list.
E.16	Hard-backed notebook entitled 'Abstracts of books bearing on the problem of racial equality or inequality. Vol.5'. The notebook was begun 22 June 1966. Paginated 1-109.
E.17	Plans for book entitled 'The problem of racial equality', November and December 1964.
E.18-E.20	'First drafts of chapters' for book entitled 'The problem of racial equality', n.d.
	E.18 39pp. ms. draft of chapter entitled 'Foreign influence on negro culture. 1.'
	E.19 43pp. ms. draft of chapter entitled 'Foreign influence on negro culture. 2.'
	E.20 27pp. ms. draft of chapter entitled 'The indigenous culture of the negroes. 1. Introduction.'
E.21	Ms. synopsis of book entitled 'The equality or inequality of human races' prepared as information for potential publishers and dated 11 April 1967.
E.22	Ms. and typescript drafts of synopsis of book entitled 'The equality or inequality of human races' and dated March 1968.
E.23	10pp. typescript 'Prospectus' of book entitled 'Race', dated December 1968.
E.24	15pp. typescript 'Prospectus of Volume 2' of 'Race', n.d.

#### Drafts for 'Race' by chapter

#### E.25-E.27 Preface and introduction

- E.25 'Discarded Preface and Introduction', 5pp. +6pp. typescript.
- E.26 Ms. draft of preface and introduction, February 1969. Baker notes that the introduction had been rewritten to meet the criticisms of the Adviser to the Oxford University Press.
- E.27 Miscellaneous shorter drafts, 1971, 1972.
- E.28 Chapter 1 From Neanderthal man to the philosophers of the eighteenth century'.

Shorter ms. and typescript revisions and 'substitute' drafts, November, December 1971.

- E.29 Chapter 3 'From Gobineau to Houston Chamberlain'
  Shorter 'discarded' and 'substitute' drafts.
- E.30 Chapter 4 'From Kossina to Hitler'
  Shorter ms. revisions, November 1971.
- E.31-E.36 Chapter 5 'The meaning of "species" '
  - E.31-E.34 Ms. 'first draft', 4 folders.
  - E.35 Shorter drafts, December 1971.
  - E.36 Shorter 'substitute' drafts, January-April 1972.
- E.37 Chapter 6 'Hybridity and the species problem'

Shorter ms. and typescript 'substitute' and 'final' drafts, November, December 1971.

E.38-E.40 Chapter 7 'The meaning of "race"

E.38, E.39 Ms. '1st draft'. 2 folders.

E.40 Shorter ms. and typescript 'final' and 'substitute' drafts, December 1971; 5pp. ms. 'summary' of the chapter.

		Anthropology and race	
E.41-E.45	Chapter 8	'Taxonomic and evolutionary theories'	
	E.41-E.44	Ms. '1st draft'. 4 folders.	
	E.45	Shorter ms. and typescript drafts, December 1971.	
E.46-E.48	Chapter 10	'Odour'	
	E.46	Typescript draft of 'Discarded chapter'.	
	E.47 drafts, 1971, 1	'Summary' of the chapter marked 'discarded'; shorter	
	E.48	Proofs of 'part of chapter 10' marked 'discarded'.	
E.49	Chapter 16	'The Australias (Australian aborigines)'	
	4pp. ms. draft	only.	
E.50-E.52	Chapter 23	'The assessment of cognitive ability'	
	82pp. ms. draft. 3 folders.		
		item was formerly D.1 in the original catalogue of (CSAC 69/7/79).	
E.53		f proposed chapter 23 on sport and proposed chapter 24 after Richard Brain's visit on 11th Jan. 1971'.	

For drafts of these chapters which were omitted from the published work but retained by Baker for a possible sequel, see E.159-E.170.

Ms. draft on 'Art by babies and chimpanzees'.

E.59

## Anthropology and race

#### Correspondence with publishers

E.54-E.60 Correspondence with publishers who 'refused my book on 'Race' (formerly 'The equality or inequality of human races')'

> Baker's list of the publishers who refused Race (not all of whom are represented by surviving correspondence).

E.55 George Allen & Unwin Limited 1961-67

Baker's letter of 5 December 1961 explains that he has applied for sabbatical leave intending to spend seven months writing a book on the problem of racial equality. Letter from publishers of 1 February 1967 is their considered judgment on the proposed first volume of the book.

E.56 Edward Arnold Limited 1967

E.57 Macmillan & Company Limited 1967-68

Includes report by Baker on manuscript submitted to him by publisher. In his letter of 6 August 1967 Baker reflects on 'the fact that the first impression made by my book on both Arnold & Macmillan was very favourable, but subsequently there was a change of attitude'.

E.58 Morgan-Grampian Books Limited 1967, 1968 Methuen & Company Limited 1961, 1962, 1968, 1969, 1971

Baker's letter of 5 July 1971 refers to the key role of P.B. Medawar in persuading the Oxford University Press to publish Race.

J.P. Lippincott Company 1968 Van Nostrand n.d. Baker's ms. note only.

> Oxford University Press (New York) 1969 One letter only.

> > 1967

E.60 Britons Publishing Company 1967

A.D. Peters & Co. (Literary Agents)

E.61 Correspondence with Institute for Humane Studies re publication of Baker's book on race, 1963, 1968.

E.62 Correspondence with Society for Individual Freedom re publisher for Baker's book on race, 1967-68.

E.63-E.67 A.P. Watt & Son

1968-80

- A.P. Watt & Son were Baker's literary agents. The principal correspondent is Hilary Rubinstein.
- E.63 1968-73 Baker's letter of 14 January 1969 (ms. draft only) is his response to the OUP adviser's report on Race; Baker's letter of 8 August 1971 (ms. draft) relates to plans for American edition.
- E.64 1974, February-July Principally re shortened German edition of Race (Deutsche Verlagsanstalt). Letter of 7 May refers to Baker at work on another book on race.
- E.65 1974, August-December, re German edition.
- E.66 1975, May-November; 1976, July, August, re German edition.
- E.67 1978-80, re possible republication of Race in America.
- E.68-E.78 Oxford University Press

1969-80

Baker's principal correspondent is his editor, Richard Brain.

- E.68 1969-71. Includes copy of agreement between author and publisher, 6 May 1969, and notes of discussions with Brain.
- E.69 1972, 1973 Includes notes of discussions with Brain.
- E.70 1974, January-March. Re launch of book.
- E.71 1974, April-November. Includes correspondence re reviews.
- E.72 1975 Includes exchange re 'rather small sales of Race in the U.S.A.'
- E.73 1979-80, re possible republication of Race in America.
- E.74 Author's publicity form, with biographical sketch, description of book, etc., n.d.
- E.75 Draft blurbs, descriptions of book.
- E.76 Dust covers of British and American editions.
- E.77 Miscellaneous printed publicity material.
- E.78 Lists of recipients of complimentary and presentation copies of Race; list of recipients of three circulated notes on Race.

E.79-E.82 Oxford University Press (New York) 197

1972-76

Much of the 1975-76 correspondence relates to Baker's belief that OUP New York failed to support the sale of the American edition of Race.

E.79 1972-73 Includes copy of agreement between Baker and the publisher, 19 July 1972, and list of recipients of complimentary copies [1973].

E.80 1974

E.81 1975

E.82 1976

E.83, E.84 German edition of Race (Deutsche Verlagsanstalt, 1976).

E.83 Ms. note of agreement with German publisher, ms. note of subjects omitted in German edition, etc.

E.84 Baker's notes for translator, draft preface (in English), etc.

E.85 The Noontide Press

1976, 1979-80

1979-80 correspondence relates to the possible republication of Race in America.

E.86 Corrected pages for new American edition of Race, published by the Foundation for Human Understanding, Athens, Georgia, 1981, with covering letter.

#### Correspondence with colleagues

E.87, E.88 Armstrong, C.P.

1961-63, 1969

Armstrong was a retired American psychologist strongly committed to the segregation ist cause of the American South.

E.87 1961 Copy of letter from Armstrong to Bishop H.W.B. Donegan re communist infiltration of the Church.

E.88 1961, 1963, 1969 Correspondence on race differences, publications in the field, including Baker's proposed book on race.

E.89 Blacker, C.P.

1966, 1974

Baker dedicated Race to Blacker whose letter of 15 February 1974 expresses his appreciation on receiving a copy of the book.

E.90-E.92

Brett-Crowther, M.R.

1978-80

Brett-Crowther was a great admirer of Baker's work on race.

E.90 1978 Includes carbon copy of letter from Brett-Crowther to ?The Times praising Race.

E.91 1979

E.92 1980 Includes 46pp. typescript 'The Problematic of Islam' by Brett-Crowther. There are references to Baker on pp.16, 17.

E.93

Brink, V.H.

1975

British Sociological Association

1974

Invitation to public meeting to discuss Race (declined).

Brunet, P.C.J.

1974

Bruyn, W.J.

1975

Re dysgenic consequences of intermarriage of different race-groups.

E.94

Carto, W.A.

1975

Chance, Sir R.

1974, 1978

Baker's letter of 30 June 1978 discusses the 'problem of miscegenation'.

Clifford, F.

1974

E.95

Coon, C.S.

1967, 1975-76

E.96

CORE (Congress of Racial Equality)

1974

Request for copies of Baker's 'findings' that 'Blacks are genetically inferior to whites'.

Coupe, R.L.

1977, 1978

E.97 Darlington, C.D.

1974, 1977

Darlington's <u>Sunday Times</u> review of <u>Race</u>; Baker's failure to mention Darlington's book on a similar subject in <u>Race</u>; the work of C. Burt.

E.98, E.99 Eysenck, H.J.

1974-78

Baker initiated the correspondence after reading Eysenck's review of Race in New Society.

E.98 1974, 1975 Includes copy of Baker's questionnaire 'intended to reveal what ordinary, well-educated men and women understand by the words "intelligent" and "intelligence" sent to Eysenck, May 1974.

E.99 1977, 1978 Letter of 28 May 1977 comments on Eysenck's paper on 'National differences in personality as related to ABO blood group polymorphism'; letter of 9 July 1977 discusses Koestler's theory of the significance of the Khazars in the history of the Jews.

E.100 Falkenhagen, E.R.

1977

6pp. typescript letter from Falkenhagen on <u>Race</u>, with Baker's ms. note 'not answered or acknowledged because offensive'.

E.101 Fineman, K.R.

1976-77

Principally re photographs of 'hybrid Negroes regarded in the USA simply as "Negroes".

E.102 Fish, F.

1975

Pays tribute to the 'skill, restraint and grace' with which Baker handled the material for his book on Race.

Ford, E.B.

1977

1 letter only on Race.

E.103, E.104 Garrison, M.A.

1975-80

Garrison was an amateur anthropologist with teaching experience in Southern and West Africa. Much of his correspondence relates to penis-size in Africa and America.

E.103 1975-78

E.104 1979-80 Includes photographs of exceptionally large penes (black and white). For further examples see E.171-E.173.

E.105 Gates, L. Ruggles 1974
Gates, R. Ruggles 1962
re Gayre of Gayre 1975

E.106, E.107 Gesellschaft für biologische Anthropologie Eugenik und Verhaltensforschung 1974–78

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E.108 Halil, K. 1975 Hardy, A.C. 1974

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E.112, E.113 Irsigler, F.J.

1974-79

General correspondence on racial problems.

E.112 1974-75

E.113 1976-79

E.114

Isherwood, H.B.

1975

James, Sir A.

1964, 1967-69, 1973-75

Includes draft of the sort of preface James would have liked to see introduce a shortened edition of Race. He considered Baker's book 'the most important sociological and hence political book ... published since Dr. Hayek's "Road to Serfdom" in 1944'.

E.115, E.116 Jensen, A.R.

1973-78

Jensen received a prepublication copy of Race which he found 'a most impressive display of profound scholarship and vast erudition in every main aspect of this important topic'.

E.115 1973-75

E.116 1975, 1977-78 Jensen's letter of 16 February 1977 comments on the 'Burt affair'.

E.117

Johnson, A.

1976

Krmpotich, J.

1974

E.118

Lavin, G.E.

1980

Lenski, R.

1977-79

Lenski's letter of 23 September 1977 is re new journal called <u>Body and Mind</u>. Baker sent Lenski a 'carefully selected' list of some of those who had written to him since the publication of Race.

E.119

Löve, A.

1975

Lynn, R.

1978

re intellectual abilities of different races.

E.120

McConney, F.S.

1975

Meier, H.

1977-79

Meier, reviewed Race in <u>Criticon</u>. In his letter to Meier of 7 June 1977 Baker acknowledged that while his work on race obviously had political implications which he believed to be important, he had deliberately left the political aspect of the subject almost entirely to others. The controversy over Burt's use of evidence is referred to in the correspondence.

Miller, P.A.

1977-78

E.121

Naudé, C.

1974

Norman, G.H.G.

1974-75

E.122

Oakley, K.P.

1968-69, 1974

Oakley received a complimentary copy of Race.

Orem, R.C.

1974

Oxford Journals (Oxford University Press)

1975

Baker gave his views on 'academic need and on prospects for a high scholarly standard' of a proposed new journal called Ethnic Studies.

E.123

## Patterns of Prejudice

1976

In a letter to the editor Baker took exception to a reference to Race in an article on racism in science.

Pearson, R.

1974

Includes Baker's comments on Pearson's Introduction to Anthropology.

Purcell, H.D.

1981

E.124-E.129

Putnam, C.

1974-80

Putnam initiated the correspondence after reading Race which he considered 'the definitive and magisterial work on the biology of race'. Putnam was himself the author of a book on race, Reality and Race, published in 1967.

E.124 1974 In his letter of 4 June, Baker indicates that he intended to deal with the 'Negrid' brain in a sequel to Race.

Continued

E.125 1975 In his letter of 15 January, Putnam explains that he has distributed a paragraph from Race to officials of Princeton University and prominent Americans, including four members of the Supreme Court. In the same letter he attributes the success of the Negro movement to American Jews who 'have achieved it by spreading the no-race-differences fallacy through the media, which they largely control'. In a February 1975 letter, Baker notes that one of his correspondents on racial questions had given up corresponding with him when he discovered that he was a great friend of Michael Polanyi.

E.126 1976 Baker's letter of 21 March discusses his Royal Society Memoir of J.S. Huxley and his plans for a sequel to Race.

E.127 1977 Baker's letters discuss his plans for future publications on race and other topics.

E.128 1978-79 Includes correspondence on possible American edition of Race et Intelligence and shortened version or paperback edition of Race. Putnam's letter of 11 April 1978 is a useful statement of his views on the consequences of the 'race equality fraud' and on the struggle against it.

E.129 1980 and n.d. Principally re republication of Race in America. Includes copy of Putnam's 'Memo on Race' (incorporating extract from Race) which he was sending to Vice-President-elect Bush and other prominent Americans.

E.130 Race Relations Board

1974

Includes Baker's answers to questions posed by the Race Relations Board, and put to him by a representative of The Sunday Mirror on 1 March 1974.

E.131, E.132 Robertson, W

1974-78 and n.d.

E.131 1974-76

E.132 1977-78 and n.d. Baker's letter of 17 June 1977 discusses P.B. Medawar's views on Race and sets out, in detail, his (Baker's) relations with M. Polanyi.

E.133

Ross, K.F.A.

1974, 1980

E.134	Seaholm, C.H. re Celts.	1974-76	
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	Smith, A.	1974	
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	Weinberger, G.	n.d.	
	Europid ancestry of 'Negro' leaders in America.		
E.138-E.142	Miscellaneous shorter correspondence relating to Race (including Baker's requests for information) arranged in an alphabetical sequence. Unindexed.		
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#### Reviews

E.143-E.149 Reviews (English and American editions).

Originals and photocopies. Many have Baker's ms. comments 'favourable', 'moderate', 'very hostile', etc.

7 folders.

E.150, E.151 Reviews (German edition).

2 folders.

E.152 Correspondence re reviews of Race, 1975-76.

E.153-E.173 'Race: a sequel'

As soon as Baker had seen <u>Race</u> through to publication in 1974, he began work on a sequel. By March 1976 however he had decided to concentrate on producing scientific papers on various aspects of the racial problem hoping, if his health permitted, 'to fuse them altogether, with new material as well, into the book that I envisage ('<u>Race</u>: a sequel')'. See E.126. The material presented here is largely that discarded from <u>Race</u> at the request of his editor at OUP.

- E.153 Typescript lists of topics probably related to arrangement of index cards.
  Two copies, not identical.
- E.154 'Abstracts of books for Race: a sequel'.
- E.155-E.173 'Papers on race not used in the first edition of my book, but well worth keeping for the second edition or for another book'.

Contents of a folder so inscribed.

E.155 Pages omitted from Chapter II [Introduction to Part 3. Studies of Selected Human Groups].

2pp. draft (with Baker's note 'Discarded from my book at Richard Brain's repeated request, but IMPORTANT: KEEP'); 1p. draft of the same (with virtually identical note by Baker); references on cards.

E.156 Pages omitted from chapter 23 'The assessment of cognitive ability'. 5pp. typescript with ms. note by Baker 'rejected by Richard Brain, but worth keeping'.

E.157, E.158 'Pages omitted from Chapter 26 [Racial differences in achievement 1. Introduction I at Richard Brain's request, 17th Dec. 1971. Well worth keeping'. Contents of an envelope so inscribed which also includes 2pp. omitted from chapter 27. 2 folders.

E.159-E.162 'Sport. Pages discarded on 13th Jan. 1971 on the advice of Richard Brain'. See also E.53.

E.159 16pp. typescript draft of proposed chapter 23 'Sport'.

E.160, E.161 34pp. ms. draft, heavily corrected. 2 folders.

E.162 Miscellaneous ms. notes and drafts for chapter 23.

E.163, E.164 40pp. typescript draft for proposed chapter 24 of Race with Baker's note 'Art. Pages discarded on 13 Jan. 1971 on the advice of Richard Brain'. 2 folders.

E.165 20pp. typescript draft on the art of the Bushmen of Southern Africa, intended for the chapter on art.

E.166-E.169 Ms. draft of chapter on art. 4 folders.

E.170 Miscellaneous notes and drafts for chapter on art.

E.171 Photograph of a 'Nilotid' with 'an exceptionally large penis' sent to Baker by M.A. Garrison in 1975.

E.172 'The penis in Negrids. Photographs that have been sent to me by Mr. M.A. Garrison ... to show that penes that are very large in the relaxed (non-erect) state do occur in Negrids, though not in all'.

Baker notes that Garrison started writing to him on this subject after he had read what Baker had written on it in Race.

E.173 'Photographs sent to me by my correspondent in Ghana as evidence for the view that members of certain African (Negrid) tribes differ from Europids in male sexual anatomy'.

E.174-E.178 'Racial differences'.

An address to the South African Society, 29 May 1974.

E.174, E.175 Ms. drafts including note on 'how I came to write the book [Race]'. 2 folders.

E.176 14pp. typescript draft.

E.177 Correspondence re arrangements; correspondence arising from address.

E.178 Copy of constitution of the South African Society; ticket for Baker's lecture.

E.179-E.183 'Race'

Article published in Sunday Times Magazine, 10 November 1974.

E.179-E.181 Miscellaneous ms. and typescript drafts, including discarded pages. 3 folders.

E.182 Proofs and copy of published article.

E.183 Correspondence with Sunday Times.

E.184, E.185 'Die Rassenwirklichkeit', Neue Anthropologie, 1975. See also E.106.

E.184 Ms. and typescript draft (in English).

E.185 Typescript draft (in German); reprint of published article.

E.186 'The Reality of Race'.

English version of paper published (in German) in Neue Anthropologie, accepted for publication by The Mankind Quarterly.

13pp. typescript draft; correspondence, 1975-76.

E.187 Review of: S. Cole, <u>Leakey's Luck</u> (for <u>New Humanist</u>). Correspondence, notes, draft and published review, 1975.

E.188, E.189 Craniometry.

Baker gave demonstrations of a portable craniometer at the Royal Society in May and June 1976. In a letter of 21 March 1976 to C. Putnam (E.126) Baker explains that he had invented a new craniometer for comparing the skulls of different races and had been asked to demonstrate it at one of the two Soirées that the Royal Society held each year. 'This is going to happen on 6th May. It bears, of course, on our problem, and will be helpful. People will of course be able to chat with me as a [sic] sit the whole evening beside my demonstration. We can talk about race! These Soirées are well attended by people who matter'.

E.188 Brief correspondence and 'data obtained by those who used my craniometer at the Royal Society on 6th and 7th May 1976, to find the location of the sphenion'. Baker's subjects included pressmen, fellows of the society and 'selected' schoolchildren.

E.189 Diagram.

#### Background material

E.190-E.192 re skulls.

3 folders.

E.193 Miscellaneous.

Includes note of matters to be discussed with Michael C?Polanyil, n.d.

# SECTION F CORRESPONDENCE F.1 - F.53 F.1 Andrade, E.N. da C. 1953 1973 Barrington, E.J.W. Baker's ms. draft with biographical details of Gavin de Beer. Barrington was de Beer's Royal Society memorialist. Blacker, C.P. F.2-F.4 1948, 1953, 1964, 1965, 1968-75 Blacker, a close friend of Baker's over many years, always addressed him as 'Bill'. The letters, all of which are from Blacker (or his wife), cover a variety of topics, including Baker's book on race which was dedicated to Blacker. F.2 1948, 1953, 1964, 1965 F.3 1968-71 F.4 1972-75 195(?), 1978 F.5 Chayen, J.

	Chou, J.T.Y.	1958, 1970, 1975, n.d			
	Clarke, J.	1960, 1974			
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	Cohen, I.B.	1955			
F.7	Company of Biologists Limited	1980			
	re the honour of Baker being a member s	re the honour of Baker being a member since the Company's foundation.			
	Cooper, K.W.	1954			
	Corner, E.J.H.	1964			
	re Solomon Islands expedition.				
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F.8	David, G.B.	1969, 1975			

1975

Deutsch, K.

# Correspondence

F.9	Elton, C.S.  1 letter only.	1970
	Eugenics Society	1939, 1974
	1939 item (photocopy) is statement on Baker's workinvestigation Committee. Baker resigned from the	
	Family Planning Association	1967
	Letter of thanks only, re lecture on early history of	of contraception.
F.10	Ford, E.B. (Henry) various dates	1961-77 and n.d.
F.11	Galbraith, W.	1972, 1976, 1980
F.12	Gesellschaft für Vor- und Frühgeschichte	1975
	Gill, G.W.	1972
	Hardy, A.C.	1960
	Haurowitz, F.	1959
F.13	Heck, H. et al	1975-76
	re recreation, by selective breeding, of the tarpa	n, Equus przewalskii.
F.14	Hillman, H.	1973
	Hirsch, G.C.	1958, 1965-72
F.15	Hoffman, T.W.  re Sinharajah Rain-Forest, Ceylon.	1980
	Horobin, R.	1975

F.16-F.18	Huxley, J.S.	
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1922, 1974-80

F.16 1922 item is Huxley's letter of congratulation on the award of the Christopher Welch Scholarship to Baker; later correspondence with Lady Huxley and Anthony Huxley (son) is re Huxley's last illness and death, memorial meeting and Royal Society Memoir (written by Baker).

F.17, F.18 Correspondence and papers, 1975-80, arising from Baker's editing of the third edition of Huxley's Evolution, the modern synthesis.

Journal of Cell Science	1970
Lane, N.J.	1963, 1965

Lennox, B. 1954

F.20 Macfadyen, A. 1962

Macfarlane, 1976

Copy of letter from Baker on his contraception research.

McManus, J.F.A. 1969

McGee-Russell, S.M. 1979

F.21 Malhotra, S.K. 1963, 1975, 1977, 1979-80

F.22 Marine Biological Association 1975

Marshall, F.H.A. 1937

Mayr, E. 1977

re J.S. Huxley, history of biology.

F.23 Medawar, P.B. 1972, 1980

1980 correspondence relates to Medawar's Advice to a Young Scientist.

F.24, F.25 Methuen & Company Limited

1966-70

F.24 1966, January-July. Letters from publisher re new edition of Cytological Technique; proof cover.

F.25 1967-70 Letters from publisher re reprints of <u>Principles of Biological Microtechnique</u>; draft preface for 1968 reprint.

F.26 Montagna, W.

1952

Mordue, J.G.

1974

re listing of letters of nineteenth-century naturalist Richard Owen.

Morgan, W.S.

1975

F.27 Museum of the History of Science (Oxford)

1970-71, 1973

Baker was a member of the Committee of the Museum. He made a number of gifts to the Museum and advocated admission charges.

F.28

Nayar, K.K.

1953-54, 1958

F.29, F.30 New Hebrides Cultural Centre

1975-80

F.29 Correspondence re Baker's expeditions to the New Hebrides in 1922-23, 1927 and 1933-34. Baker's letter of 17 March 1980 lists the contents of the metal box in which he stored his New Hebrides papers.

F.30 List of Baker's publications on the New Hebrides; ms. notes on Baker's expeditions; letter from 'Zita' (Baker's first wife) in the New Hebrides, 5 June 1927; letter from US army lieutenant, Mark Nero, about climbing Mt. Tauka previously climbed by Baker and his wife, 18 February 1944.

F.31

Palay, S.L.

1958

Pantin, C.F.A.

1958-60, 1965, n.d.

1960 correspondence relates to Pantin's resignation from editorship of journal (probably Quarterly Journal of Microscopical Science).

F.32

Pechimutha, Sm.

1970-80

F.33 Peters, R.A. 1967, 1977 Picken, L. 1953 F.34 Polanyi, M. 1972, 1979 1979 correspondence is request for information from doctoral candidate working on Polanyi's political thought, with Baker's reply. Also included here are copies of published articles by Baker on Polanyi, 1978 and 1979. Polunin, N. 1968 F.35 Quarterly Journal of Microscopical Science 1964-65 re Baker's resignation from the editorship. Richards, O.W. 1973 Richards comments on a paper by Baker on the eye and microscopy. 1969-76 F.36, F.37 Ross, K.F.A. F.36 1969, 1974-76 F.37 1971, 1973 F.38-F.42 Royal Microscopical Society 1964-79 Correspondence and papers re general affairs of the Society. F.38 1964-65 Baker was nominated President of the Society in 1964. F.39 1966, 1968-70 F.40 1976, 1978-79 and n.d.

Correspondence and papers re the Society's Nomenclature Committee. Baker was convenor.

F.41 1968-69 F.42 1970-73

F.43-F.46 Royal Society various dates 1960-80

Correspondence and papers re general affairs of the Society.

F.43 1960, 1962, 1968. 1960 material relates to a grant to Baker from the Scientific Investigations Grant-in-aid.

F.44 1972-78, 1980. 1973 material relates to the organisation of cooperation in fundamental scientific research in Western Europe. In 1978 Baker suggested as a suitable topic for a discussion meeting the reality or unreality of racial differences in cognitive ability.

Correspondence and papers re 1971 Royal Society expedition to the New Hebrides.

F.45 Correspondence, 1970-72, with expedition members, A.G. Marshall and Lord Medway.

F.46 Correspondence and papers, 1974, re meetings held at the Royal Society to discuss results of expedition.

F.47	Science Museum (London)	1965
	Scott, J.E.	1973
	Shimotima T	1071

Shimojima, T. 1971

Sind, B.N. 1961-62

Singer, C. 1952-54

Smith, R.N. 1951

Lieut. Col. Smith of the Corps of Engineers in the American Army congratulated Baker on the accuracy of his map of the lake of Gaua in the New Hebrides.

F.48 Society for Experimental Biology 1973-74

re 50th anniversary meeting. Baker was a founder member.

F.49 Tansley, A.G. 1952

re founding of the New Phytologist.

Thomas, O.L. 1960, 1975

Thomson, G.P. 1957

Tinbergen, N. 1962

re Oxford Zoology department.

F.50	University College at Buckingham	1970-79
	Baker was a strong supporter of the idea of and became a 'Friend' of the University Co	
F.51	Voluntary Euthanasia Society	1975
	Watt, A.P., & Son	1973-74
	re Science and the planned state (1945)	
	Weinsieder, A.	1972
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	Brief corres pondence arising from The scienhad asked Wells to have a look at.	ntific life (1942) which Baker
F.53	Zuckerman, S.	1952, 1962

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#### G.1 Baker's own accounts of his scientific research.

'Note on my research on chemical contraception, 1928-1939', 1968 (2pp. typescript).

'Sidelight' for Gale Research Company, 6 June 1974.

1p. typescript note on Baker's anthropological interests.

#### **Appointments**

- G.2 Letter appointing Baker Reader in Cytology at Oxford, 1955.
- G.3 Correspondence with J.W.S. Pringle, 1967-70, re part-time appointment in the Department of Zoology after Baker's retirement from his Readership. Folder also includes a little later correspondence with Pringle, 1971, 1979.
- G.4 Draft of Baker's letter declining offer of a Visiting Professorship at Vancouver, 16 April 1968.

  Baker's main reason was his wish to continue working on his book on race.

#### G.5 Civil Defence

Letters to Baker, 1949-58, re his involvement in civil defence matters.

#### Honours

- G.6 Letters of congratulation on Baker's election to the Fellowship of the Royal Society, 1958.
- G.7 Proposal for volume of essays to be presented to Baker on his retirement.

  The volume, Cell Structure and its Interpretation, was published in 1968.

#### Biographical

G.8 Letters recommending Baker for a Knighthood, 1973-74.

#### G.9, G.10 Libraries

Miscellaneous items re Baker's contacts with Oxford and other university, national and public libraries.

2 folders.

#### G.11 New College, Oxford

Two letters only, 1964, the year of Baker's appointment to a Professorial Fellowship.

### G.12 Religion

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### G.13 Scientific English

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