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Dr. Roland Baughman of Columbia University called today concerning the papers of Edward Vreeland, which were said by his son to have gone to Columbia in 1936. Dr. Baughman has had all official correspondence of the University for that period searched and has been able to turn up no evidence that the papers actually did go to Columbia.

He said it was possible, though highly improbable, that a professor could have served as intermediary and absorbed the Vreeland papers into his own papers, thereby leaving no official record. This, he said, was extremely unlikely.

He suggested that perhaps Vreeland's son confused Columbia with another New York institution - e.g. N.Y.U., The New York Public Library, The New York Historical Society (this latter unlikely).

At any rate, there is no record of the papers having been sent to or received by Columbia.

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