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Folder Title	Rock A Bye Baby Documentary Film	OA Number	19594
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Description of Item(s)	Videocassette-VHS - "Rock A Bye Baby" Documentary Film from Time-Life, Child Abuse program from CTV Toronto, Happy Babies - The Canela tribe of Brazil, Discovery Channel, Stored in AV regular storage on 12-5-8-6		

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NOTES ON THE TIME LIFE DOCUMENTARY FILM: "ROCK A BYE BABY"

A one-half hour color film and/or video tape on the effects of maternal-social deprivation upon the young in animals and children. The importance of physical touching and body movement in the maternal-infant relationship (physical affectional bonding) for the normal development of the brain and for emotional-social behaviors are documented.

The film documents how sensory deprivation of body touch and body movement-- which is inherent in the failure to develop physical affectional bonding in the maternal-infant relationship-- results in abnormal development of the brain which underlies a variety of developmental behavioral abnormalities: depression; hyperactivity; hyper-reactivity; chronic stimulus-seeking behaviors including stereotypical body movements and self-mutilation; anti-social behaviors; pathological violent behaviors and functional mental retardation.

Rock A Bye Baby has been viewed on NET and has been shown at the:

1. 1970 White House Conference on Children
2. Society For Research In Child Development
3. American Psychological Association
4. American Association For The Advancement of Science
5. American Psychiatric Association
6. International Association For Transactional Analysis
7. VWorld Congress of Psychiatry
8. XXth International Congress of Psychology
9. Society For Biological Psychiatry
10. International Congress of Sexology
11. International Society On Family Law
12. Many other professional societies

Although produced in 1970, "Rock A Bye Baby" is still being used today as an educational film in many different academic departments in colleges and universities throughout the country, as well as in high school curriculums on early child development. The lessons of "Rock A Bye Baby" are as valid today as they were a quarter of a century ago.

At one time "Rock A Bye Baby" held the record as the most successful non-theatrical film produced by Time Life and has received a number of national and international awards including the CINE Golden Eagle Award; the American Film Festival's "Emily" award for the best film of the festival (May 1972) and a Blue Ribbon for the best film in the Education and Early Child Development category; and received an award at the Edinburgh Film Festival.

The Time Life Documentary "Rock A Bye Baby" tells the story of research developments and scientific breakthroughs on understanding the effects of maternal-social deprivation upon brain-behavioral development that were initiated and supported by the Developmental Behavioral Biology Program, National Institutes of Health (NICHD), National Institutes of Health (NIH)--a program of research created by James W. Prescott, Ph.D who also served as the Scientific Director, "Rock A Bye Baby."

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DESCRIPTIVE NOTES ON THE VIDEO DOCUMENTARY PROGRAMS

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1. ROCK A BYE BABY. Time Life (1/2 hour).

The Time Life documentary "Rock A Bye Baby" (1/2 hour) has won a number of national and international awards and I gave its first premiere showing at the 1970 White House Conference on Children. This documentary highlights a number of research programs that I established as Health Scientist Administrator, Developmental Behavioral Biology Program, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD), National Institutes of Health. These research programs document the emotional-psychological devastation of the failure of physical affectional bonding in the maternal-infant relationship which includes profound depression, alienation and pathological violence during adolescence and adulthood. Brain-behavioral abnormalities are vividly dramatized which includes the pathological violence consequent to the failure of maternal-infant bonding in the isolation reared infant monkeys.

2. CHILD ABUSE. CTV Toronto (11 minutes).

This CTV Toronto documentary provides a synoptic overview of my SAD (Somatosensory Affectional Deprivation) theory of peace and violence, particularly, as it involves child abuse. This documentary contains explicit medical photographs of abused children and a five second clip of the rape scene in "Clock Work Orange" and some natural nudity in primitive cultures. I mention this so that potential viewers can be forewarned as some individuals can be re-traumatized by this material, although, this documentary was broadcast on a Canadian national TV network. More dramatic documentation of brain abnormalities consequent to SAD is provided in the CTV Toronto documentary on "Child Abuse" that illustrates how corrective brain surgery of the cerebellum--a principal brain structure involved in the regulation of emotional behaviors--transformed an uncontrolled pathologically violent adult monkey into a very friendly, alert and peaceful animal. This brain surgery was conducted to document brain cell abnormalities in the isolation reared monkey due to isolation rearing and not as a treatment for violent behaviors.

3. HAPPY BABIES. Evening Magazine. San Francisco (7 minutes). Interview- Connie Chung

The third documentary involves an interview with Connie Chung--"Happy Babies" when she was with Evening Magazine, San Francisco and portrays specific parenting practices described by Suzanne Arms that results in maternal-infant bonding. This "SAB" (Somatosensory Affectional Bonding) promotes the emotional-social-intellective growth of the infant/child and prevents depression, alienation, hyperactivity-hyperreactivity and later violence during adolescence and adulthood.

4. NEUROPSYCHOLOGY OF AFFECTIONAL BONDING. LA 4 News (5 minutes). Interv Jack Perkins

The fourth program is an interview with Jack Perkins when he was with LA NEWS 4 where we discuss the neuropsychology of sensory stimulation and deprivation upon brain- behavioral development and why touching, hugging (somesthetic stimulation) and carrying one's infant/child on the body of the mother and father or caretaker (vestibular-cerebellar stimulation) are essential for normal brain development and function and, thus, normal emotional-social development of the infant/child.