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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This edition collects all substantive Legal Department files for the 1940–1955 period that were not included with previous editions of UPA’s microform collection, *Papers of the NAACP*. The overwhelming bulk of the cases for this period are included in previous editions covering such subjects as educational equality (*Part 3*), voting rights (*Part 4*), residential segregation (*Part 5*), criminal justice (*Part 8*), military justice (*Part 9*), labor and employment discrimination (*Part 13*), and segregation (*Part 15*). The files that remained hitherto unfiled cover subjects that did not result in sufficient litigation to warrant separate editions. They are collected here as an omnibus edition.

Although these files are not a large bulk of material, they are nonetheless of considerable significance. There are three general veins of material: 1) subject files on topics such as communism, the Ku Klux Klan, and the National Bar Association; 2) administrative files such as Legal Department Reports, National Legal Committee records, and Legal Defense Fund records; and 3) personnel files on Legal Department staff members, including Thurgood Marshall and others. Because the files are arranged alphabetically, the three types of material are not separated as such.

Among the subject files, it should be known that the Bilbo file—covering the effort to deny Theodore Bilbo a seat in the U.S. Senate because of his open advocacy of disobedience to the 1944 Supreme Court decision on black voting rights—is carried over into *Part 18B, Special Subjects, Administrative Files, 1940–1955*.

The Carter Wesley Files (under “W”) strongly complement *Papers of the NAACP, Part 4: The Voting Rights Campaign 1916–1950*. Wesley, the editor of the *Houston Informer*, was close to the landmark constitutional case against the “whites-only” primary election in Texas. Much of the material in Wesley’s files concern the white primary litigation, and some material concerns the university admission case of *Sweatt v. Painter*.

Several of the files in this edition contribute to the theme of communism. Along with the series titled “Communism,” see also files on the Browder Passport case and Hollywood Ten.

There are subject files on discriminatory administration of federal programs, including the Farm Security Administration and the Works Progress

Administration. Other subjects covered by the edition include the American Legion, Conscientious Objectors, the Ku Klux Klan, Prison Conditions, and Seditious.

Files that document the administration of the NAACP legal work include those titled "Inc. Fund," which was the abbreviation for the NAACP Scholarship and Legal Defense Fund, Inc. These files include the 1940 incorporation records of the Legal Defense Fund and financial records. Legal Department Reports, although irregular, provide useful summaries of the entire scope to NAACP legal redress activities, including cases not taken up. These records can be most effectively used together with Board of Directors minutes in *Part 1* and Supplements to *Part 1*, which include additional Legal Department reports. Finally, the correspondence files of the National Legal Committee provide insights on the overall direction of the NAACP legal redress campaign. The individual file on Charles Houston pertains to his role on the National Legal Committee. (Houston preceded Thurgood Marshall as head of the Legal Department; he resigned in 1939.)

Personnel files provide insight on the overall administration of the Legal Department as well as on the background of many of the staff members. Thurgood Marshall's files are central to the administration of NAACP legal work. Assistants to Marshall on the legal staff included Edward R. Dudley, Milton R. Konvitz, Leslie Perry, Marian Wynn Perry, Leon Ransom, Frank D. Reeves, and Franklin H. Williams.

NOTE ON SOURCES

All documents reproduced for this microfilm publication are held by the Manuscripts Division of the Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. The original NAACP collection at the Library of Congress is subdivided into four accession groups, Group I, 1909–1939; Group II, 1940–1955; Group III, 1956–1965; and Group IV, 1966–1975. The files for this publication were drawn exclusively from Group II, 1940–1955.

EDITORIAL NOTE

This edition was compiled after a careful survey of the original collection of NAACP records by Professors John H. Bracey, Jr. and August Meier. This edition focuses on the alphabetical subject files compiled by the NAACP's Legal Department.

The documents in this collection complement those encompassing other NAACP microform collections. Most complementary are *Part 3, The Campaign for Educational Equality, 1919–1950*; and *Part 4, The Voting Rights Campaign, 1915–1950*.

ABBREVIATIONS

FBI	Federal Bureau of Investigation
H.R.	U.S. House of Representatives resolution
HUAC	House Un-American Activities Committee
NAACP	National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
NYA	National Youth Administration
S.	U.S. Senate bill
WPA	Works Progress Administration

NAME LIST

The following list identifies, by title or description, significant individuals mentioned in this microfilm collection.

Alexander, Edith M.	assistant director, Community Relations Division, Department of Welfare, City of New York
Alexander, Sadie	attorney-at-law, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; secretary, National Bar Association
Alford, Horace C.	attorney-at-law, Birmingham, Alabama; attorney for the plaintiff in <i>Chapman v. American Legion</i>
Baldwin, C. B.	administrator, Farm Security Administration
Baldwin, Roger N.	director, American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)
Barnes, Frank	president, Santa Monica [California] Branch, NAACP; alleged "fellow traveler"
Bennett, Gwendolyn	supervisor, Harlem Community Art Center; supervisor, New York WPA art projects
Benson, Caesar	resident, Greenville, Mississippi; participant, Tenant Purchase Loan Program, Farm Security Administration
Berge, Wendell	assistant attorney general, Justice Department
Bethune, Mary McLeod	director, Division of Negro Affairs, NYA
Biddle, Francis	attorney general, Justice Department
Bilbo, Theodore S.	U.S. senator, Mississippi
Blackburn, Alan	director, Social Welfare, New York Association for the Blind
Boatner, John	tenant, Lakeview Federal Government Project, Arkansas
Breitell, Charles D.	counsel to governor, state of New York
Browder, Earl	secretary-general, Communist Party of the United States of America
Brown, Harvey	Negro soldier, arrested under a court-martial order
Caldwell, Willard F.	governor, Florida
Caliver, Ambrose	senior specialist in the education of Negroes, U.S. Office of Education, Federal Security Agency
Cameron, J. Herbert	field secretary, Anderson [Indiana] Branch, NAACP
Carter, Robert L.	assistant special counsel, NAACP

Celler, Emanuel	chairman, Judiciary Committee, U.S. House of Representatives
Daniel, Constance E. H.	senior administrative assistant, Information Division, Farm Security Administration
Davis, Jerome	executive director, Promoting Enduring Peace, Inc.
Dennis, Eugene	general-secretary, Communist Party of the United States of America
Dickerson, Earl B.	president, National Bar Association
Dodson, Thurman L.	president, National Bar Association
Dudley, Edward R.	assistant special counsel, NAACP
Durham, W. J.	attorney-at-law, Sherman, Texas; supporter of Texas Primary case
Emery, A. L.	attorney-at-law, Okmulgee, Oklahoma
Evans, George W.	secretary, National Bar Association
Faulk, Herman J.	resident, New Iberia, Louisiana; supporter of WPA welding school project
Faulkner, W. J.	president, Nashville [Tennessee] Branch, NAACP; president, Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance, Nashville, Tennessee
Fitchue, Mattie	resident, Finleyville, Pennsylvania
Flowers, W. Harold	attorney-at-law, Pine Bluff, Arkansas
Flynn, Elizabeth Gurley	secretary-treasurer, Defense Committee for Civil Rights for Communists
Foote, Caleb	executive secretary, Central Committee For Conscientious Objectors
Fraenkel, Osmond K.	attorney-at-law; member, National Bar Association
Frazier, Leon W.	president, Phillips County Branch, NAACP, Oneida, Arkansas
Gibbons, Anita	secretary, Legal Department, NAACP
Gordon, Margaret L.	corresponding secretary, Norfolk [Virginia] Teachers' Association
Graves, Lucy	secretary to Thurgood Marshall
Grayson, William P.	advertising manager, <i>Baltimore Afro-American</i>
Greenberg, Jack	assistant special counsel, NAACP
Hamilton, Grace Towns	secretary, National Commission on Ethnic Minorities
Hammack, F. R.	director, State Department of Corrections, Atlanta, Georgia
Hardy, J. Leo	president, New Iberia [Louisiana] Branch, NAACP
Harlow, S. Ralph	professor, Department of Religion and Biblical Study, Smith College, Northampton, Massachusetts; member, Board of Directors, NAACP

Hart, Stokely Delmar Hart	president, Colored American National Organization; dissident
Hastie, William H.	dean, Howard Law School, Washington, D.C.; chairman, National Legal Committee; member, Board of Directors, NAACP; member, Board of Directors, NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc.
Heithaus, Claude H.	Roman Catholic priest; professor of languages, St. Louis University, St. Louis, Missouri
Hoover, J. Edgar	director, FBI
Houston, Charles H.	attorney-at-law, Houston, Houston & Hastie, Washington, D.C.; special counsel, NAACP
Idlett, W. K.	home demonstration agent, U.S. Agriculture Department, Dothan, Alabama
Jackson, Emory O.	executive secretary, Birmingham [Alabama] Branch, NAACP
Jackson, Luther P.	professor, Virginia State College, Petersburg, Virginia
Johnson, Grayce E.	secretary, Legal Department, NAACP
Johnson, Roscoe	Chicago resident terrorized by mob after moving into a white neighborhood
Jones, Donald	regional secretary, Southwest Regional Office, NAACP, Dallas, Texas
Jones, Madison S., Jr.	administrative assistant, NAACP Headquarters, New York City
Koch, E. E.	clerk, Eighth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, St. Louis, Missouri
Konvitz, Milton R.	assistant special counsel, NAACP
Lafollette, Charles M.	attorney-at-law; attorney of record supporting congressional investigation of Theodore S. Bilbo
Lawson, Belford V.	general counsel, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Washington, D.C.
LeFlore, J. L.	chairman, Regional Conference of Southern Branches, NAACP, Mobile, Alabama
Lilly, Octave, Jr.	resident, New Iberia, Louisiana; supporter of WPA welding school project
Marshall, Thurgood	special counsel, NAACP
Martin, Freeman L.	associate editor; editor-in-chief, <i>National Bar Journal</i>
Maxwell, Cassandra E.	secretary to Thurgood Marshall
Miller, W. H.	doctor; community leader, Charleston, South Carolina
Milner, Lucille B.	secretary, American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)
Ming, William R., Jr.	attorney-at-law, Chicago, Illinois; dean, University of Chicago Law School
Mitchell, Roman	tenant farmer requesting NAACP intercession in Alabama land purchase through Farm Security Administration

Moon, Henry Lee	director, Public Relations, NAACP
Motley, Constance Baker	legal assistant, Legal Department, NAACP
Murphy, Carl	president, <i>Afro-American</i> Newspapers, Baltimore, Maryland
Murphy, George B., Jr.	publicity department, NAACP Headquarters, New York City
Murphy, Paul F.	director, Division of Employment, WPA
Page, Ambrose A.	attorney-at-law, St. Louis, Missouri; supporting attorney for the plaintiff in <i>Chapman v. American Legion</i>
Perry, Leslie S.	administrative assistant, Washington, D.C. Bureau, NAACP
Perry, Marian Wynn	assistant special counsel, NAACP
Pinckney, Lawrence M.	state WPA administrator, Columbia, South Carolina
Porter, G. F.	member, Executive Committee, Dallas Branch, NAACP
Powell, Adam Clayton, Jr.	U.S. congressman, New York
Randolph, Bessie Beatrice	disgruntled former WPA Education Program teacher
Ransom, Leon "Andy"	member, National Legal Committee; dean, Howard University Law School, Washington, D.C.
Redmond, Sidney R.	member, Board of Directors, National Bar Association; editor-in-chief, <i>National Bar Journal</i> ; member, St. Louis Branch, NAACP
Reeves, Frank D.	legal research assistant, Legal Department, NAACP
Richardson, Scovel	secretary, National Bar Association
Robertson, King	WPA complainant, Hamner, Alabama
Robinson, Spottswood, III	attorney-at-law, Richmond, Virginia; Southeast Regional Counsel, Legal and Defense Educational Fund, NAACP, Richmond, Virginia
Roosevelt, Eleanor	former First Lady; civil rights activist
Ross, James A.	director, Racial Relations, WPA, Albany, New York
Rotnem, Victor	chief, Civil Rights Section, Justice Department
Samuels, Gloria	secretary to Thurgood Marshall
Sanders, Henry	resident, Tillar, Arkansas; evicted from Tenant Purchase Loan Program farm
Sands, Stella	Creek Indian married to a Negro
Smith, A. Maceo	secretary, Texas State Conference of Branches, NAACP, Dallas, Texas
Smith, Alfred Edgar	staff advisor, WPA
Temple, William H.	member, Executive Committee, Chicago Branch, NAACP; chairman, Legal Redress Committee, Chicago Branch, NAACP
Thomas, Prentice	attorney-at-law, Louisville, Kentucky; assistant special counsel, NAACP

Thompson, Charles H.	dean, College of Liberal Arts, Howard University, Washington, D.C.
Trent, W. J., Jr.	race relations officer, Office of the Administrator, Federal Works Agency
Truman, Harry S	U.S. president
Tureaud, A. P.	attorney-at-law, New Orleans, Louisiana; member, National Legal Committee, NAACP
Turner, Henry C.	chairman, New York State Commission Against Discrimination, New York City
Walker, J. O.	director, Resettlement Division, Farm Security Administration
Wesley, Carter	general manager, <i>The Informer</i> Newspapers, Houston, Texas; president, Southern Negro Conference For Equalization of Educational Opportunities
Westbrooks, Richard E.	chairman, Civil Rights Committee, National Bar Association
Whitaker, E. B.	regional director, Farm Security Administration, Little Rock, Arkansas
White, Walter	executive secretary, NAACP; secretary, National Legal Committee, NAACP; director, Washington, D.C. Bureau, NAACP
Wilkerson, Doxey A.	director, National Dennis Defense Committee
Wilkins, Roy	assistant executive secretary, NAACP; editor, <i>The Crisis</i>
Williams, Aubrey	administrator, NYA
Williams, Franklin H.	assistant special counsel, NAACP
Williams, Vernon B., Jr.	secretary, Chicago Unit, International Reassemble of the Church of Freedom League
Woodward, Isaac	discharged Negro soldier who was brutally assaulted by a South Carolina sheriff
Worthy, William	conscientious objector who refused to participate in the Civilian Public Service alternative

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0001 **Alpha Phi Alpha Contribution to Texas Primary Case [Hasgett v. Werner], 1941–1942.** 43pp.

Major Topics: Fraternity legal counsel organization; Texas State Conference activities.

Principal Correspondents: Prentice Thomas; A. Maceo Smith; Belford V. Lawson, Jr.; Thurgood Marshall.

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0044 **American Legion—Chapman, et al. v. American Legion, et al., 1942–1943.** 48pp.

Major Topics: World War I veterans in Alabama; Alabama Supreme Court petition; NAACP decision not to participate in suit.

Principal Correspondents: Horace C. Alford; Ambrose A. Page; Milton R. Konvitz.

0092 **American Legion—“Forty & Eight [La Société des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux],” 1949–1950.** 10pp.

Major Topic: Membership restriction.

Principal Correspondent: Franklin H. Williams.

0102 **American Legion—General, 1944–1950.** 109pp.

Major Topics: American Legion posts' admission policies; segregated posts.

0211 **American Legion—Questionnaire, 1944–1945.** 23pp.

Major Topics: Request for American Legion posts' admission policies; listing of posts and policies.

Principal Correspondents: Lucille B. Milner; Thurgood Marshall.

Group II, Box B-4

0234 **Bailey and Brewer v. Wilkins and NAACP—Access to [Membership] Mailing Lists, 1950–1951.** 123pp.

Major Topics: Supreme Court of the State of New York case; NAACP constitution.

Principal Correspondents: Roy Wilkins; Robert L. Carter.

0357 **Bilbo Investigation—Cases, Undated.** 371pp.

Major Topics: Legal precedents; excerpts from past congressional remarks in *Congressional Record* regarding seating of elected members; congressional investigation into possible violations of federal law; qualifications issue and the Constitution.

- 0728 **Bilbo Investigation—Clippings, 1946–1947.** 60pp.
Major Topics: Political activities; Mississippi newspapers containing speeches, May–July 1946.
- 0788 **Bilbo Investigation—Drafts and Notes, 1946.** 182pp.
Major Topics: NAACP statement of case and request to Special Senate Campaign Investigating Committee; notes on transcript of testimony; Charles M. LaFollette's "The Case Against Bilboism"; compilation of press remarks.

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- 0001 **Browder Passport Case, 1941–1942.** 68pp.
Major Topics: Support of Citizens' Committee To Free Earl Browder; National Federation for Constitutional Liberties activities.
Principal Correspondent: Elizabeth Gurley Flynn.

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- 0069 **Communism—Bennett, Gwendolyn, 1941.** 15pp.
Major Topic: WPA investigation.
Principal Correspondents: Gwendolyn Bennett; Frank D. Reeves.
- 0084 **Communism—Barnes, Frank, 1948.** 12pp.
Major Topic: Loyalty investigation.
- 0096 **Communism—Dennis, Eugene: U.S. House Un-American Activities Committee Challenge, 1947–1948.** 51pp.
Major Topics: Civil Rights Congress activities; constitutionality of HUAC questioning; Fourteenth Amendment issue.
Principal Correspondents: Thurgood Marshall; Doxey A. Wilkerson.
- 0147 **Conscientious Objectors—Black Jews, 1942–1943.** 28pp.
Major Topics: Selective Service; International Reassemble of the Church of Freedom League, Inc.
Principal Correspondents: Vernon B. Williams, Jr.; Thurgood Marshall.
- 0175 **Conscientious Objectors—General, 1942–1948.** 105pp.
Major Topics: Selective Service; William Worthy Case; Civilian Public Service (CPS) camp discrimination; strike at CPS #76, Glendora, California; National Committee on Conscientious Objectors; National Service Board for Religious Objectors; Homer Nichols Fund and Committee on Educational Aid for Released Conscientious Objectors; Harvey Brown Case; Committee to End Slave Labor in America; Central Committee For Conscientious Objectors.
Principal Correspondents: Thurgood Marshall; Anita Gibbons; Edward R. Dudley; Adam Clayton Powell, Jr.

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- 0280 **Dudley, Edward R., 1943–1955.** 50pp.
Major Topic: Legal Department staff.
Principal Correspondents: Edward R. Dudley; Thurgood Marshall; Roy Wilkins.

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- 0330 **Equal Rights Amendment, 1940–1944.** 66pp.
Major Topics: National Woman's Party activities; protective laws and legislation; anti-union attitude of "Equal Righters"; Connecticut Committee for Equal Rights Amendment.
Principal Correspondents: Edward R. Dudley; Milton R. Konvitz.

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- 0396 **Farm Security Administration—Benson, Ceasar, 1940.** 18pp.
Major Topic: Land tenancy under Bankhead-Jones Act.
- 0414 **Farm Security Administration—General, 1940–1946.** 184pp.
Major Topics: Sanders eviction case; Tenant Purchase Division activities; Negro loans; Roman Mitchell case; Negro agricultural situation in the South; Farm Security Act of 1937; establishment of the Farmers' Home Corporation.
Principal Correspondents: Constance E. H. Daniel; Thurgood Marshall; Charles H. Houston; E. B. Whitaker; Henry Sanders.
- 0598 **Farm Security Administration—Idlett, W. K., 1941–1942.** 34pp.
Major Topic: Agricultural Department In-Home Demonstration agent.
Principal Correspondents: W. K. Idlett; Thurgood Marshall.
- 0632 **Farm Security Administration—Lake Providence, Louisiana, 1940.** 14pp.
Major Topics: Resettlement of agricultural labor; Tyrone Plantation; Transylvania Cooperative Store, Inc.
Principal Correspondents: J. O. Walker; Thurgood Marshall.
- 0646 **Farm Security Administration—Lakeview, Arkansas [Federal Government] Project, 1940–1941.** 103pp.
Major Topics: Living conditions and discrimination issue; *U.S. v. John Boatner*.
Principal Correspondents: Thurgood Marshall; W. Harold Flowers; Leon W. Frazier.
- 0749 **Farm Security Administration—Poll Tax Loans, 1942.** 59pp.
Major Topics: Rehabilitation loans for taxes and discrimination; Alabama.
Principal Correspondents: Thurgood Marshall; Walter White; C. B. Baldwin; Constance E. H. Daniel.
- 0808 **Federal Health Bill [S. 1230], 1941.** 36pp.
Principal Correspondents: Frank D. Reeves; Thurgood Marshall.

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- 0844 **Field Secretaries' Reports, 1954–1955.** 70pp.
Major Topics: Action Plans for West Virginia, North Carolina, and Arkansas; desegregation activities; Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc.; Fisk University Conference.

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- 0001 **Harlow, S. Ralph—General, 1947–1949.** 6pp.
Principal Correspondent: S. Ralph Harlow.
- 0007 **Harlow, S. Ralph—Law School Survey, 1947.** 53pp.
Major Topics: Isaac Woodward case; teaching materials on Negro civil rights cases.
Principal Correspondent: S. Ralph Harlow.
- 0060 **Hollywood Ten, 1947–1950.** 48pp.
Major Topics: HUAC investigation of Communists in Hollywood; Negro stereotypes; legal support; *Lawson & Trumbo v. U.S.* cases; American Jewish Congress—NAACP *amicus curiae* brief.
Principal Correspondents: Thurgood Marshall; Marian Wynn Perry; Charles H. Houston.

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- 0108 **Houston, Charles [H.], 1940–1950.** 201pp.
Major Topics: Claude H. Heithaus, “An Appeal to American Conscience” and admission of Negroes to St. Louis University; employment discrimination issue; President’s Committee on Fair Employment Practice; National Legal Committee; Senator Theodore S. Bilbo and Mississippi Democratic Party; President Truman’s civil rights program; U.S. Civil Service Commission; biographical sketch.
Principal Correspondents: Charles H. Houston; Walter White; Thurgood Marshall.
- 0309 **Inc. Fund [NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc.]—Authorization for Check Signing, 1942–1944.** 18pp.
- 0327 **Inc. Fund [NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc.]—Cases Pending, 1943.** 8pp.
Major Topics: Equality in teachers’ salaries; voting in Democratic Party primaries; Negro criminal cases.
- 0335 **Inc. Fund [NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc.]—Change in Branch Constitution regarding Legal Cases, 1943.** 5pp.
- 0340 **Inc. Fund [NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc.]—Establishment of, Material regarding, 1940–1941.** 64pp.
Major Topics: Certificate of incorporation appeal case; by-laws.
Principal Correspondent: Thurgood Marshall.
- 0404 **Inc. Fund [NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc.]—Files List, 1941–1946, and Undated.** 26pp.
Major Topic: Records organization.
- 0430 **Inc. Fund [NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc.]—Financial Reports and Statements, 1941–1954.** 205pp.
Major Topics: Budgets; legal defense and educational campaign funds.
- 0635 **Incorporation—NAACP Certificate, 1941.** 6pp.

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- 0641 **Intermarriage—General, 1946–1949.** 7pp.
Major Topic: Prohibition cases in Montana and Mississippi.
- 0648 **Intermarriage—Stevens v. U.S., 1942–1945.** 137pp.
Major Topics: Probate of Stella Sands estate; prohibition of Negro-Indian marriages.
Principal Correspondents: Thurgood Marshall; A. L. Emery; Milton R. Konvitz.

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- 0785 **Juries—Exclusion of Negroes, General, 1940–1949.** 39pp.
Major Topics: Negro Jury Question; *New York v. Morris Preston*; legal support; Dallas, Texas, jury service; “Outline of Procedure for Attacking Unconstitutional Exclusion of Negroes from Jury Service”; *U.S. v. Foster*.
Principal Correspondents: Thurgood Marshall; G. F. Porter.
- 0824 **Juvenile Delinquency in New York City, 1940.** 29pp.
Major Topics: Public School 40 incidents; South Jamaica area; Harlem area.
Principal Correspondent: Thurgood Marshall.
- 0853 **Konvitz, Milton [R.], 1940–1945.** 117pp.
Major Topics: *Dunne, et al. v. U.S.*; American Red Cross discrimination case; representation in misdemeanor cases; Nuremberg Trials.
Principal Correspondents: Milton R. Konvitz; Walter White; Thurgood Marshall.
- 0970 **Ku Klux Klan—The Beaufort Gazette [Advertisement], 1943.** 9pp.

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- 0001 **Ku Klux Klan—General, 1942–1946.** 181pp.
Major Topics: Threats and terrorism; postwar resurgence; Georgia Klan Mask Bill; situation in Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, Indiana, and Alabama; corporate status in New York State; labor union membership campaigns in the South; anti-Ku Klux Klan periodical *The Southern Patriot*; Ferguson Brothers murder case.
Principal Correspondents: Thurgood Marshall; Willard F. Caldwell; Marian Wynn Perry.
- 0182 **Ku Klux Klan—General, 1947–1950.** 148pp.
Major Topics: Threats and terrorism; situation in Louisiana, Georgia, and Florida; state requests for FBI investigations; propaganda.
Principal Correspondents: Walter White; J. Edgar Hoover; Emory O. Jackson; Jack Greenberg.

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- 0330 **Ku Klux Klan—H. Browne & Associates Reports, 1949.** 59pp.
Major Topics: Situation in Alabama; operative/informant reports.
Principal Correspondents: Madison S. Jones, Jr.; Eleanor Roosevelt.
- 0389 **Ku Klux Klan—New York City and State, 1946–1949.** 68pp.
Major Topics: Ku Klux Klan, Inc. issue; Nassau County cross-burning incident; threats and terrorism situation in New York State.
Principal Correspondent: Constance Baker Motley.
- 0457 **Ku Klux Klan—White Citizens' Council, 1954–1955.** 38pp.
Major Topics: Preservation of segregation; Mississippi; resurgence of white supremacy in the South; threat to labor unions.

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- 0495 **Legal Reports—Inc. Fund [NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc.], [1941] 1942–1945.** 39pp.
- 0496 January 1941–October 1942 [cumulative report]. 12pp.
- 0508 January–June 1945 [semiannual report]. 26pp.
Major Topic: Listing of name and status of education, teachers' salary, discrimination, civil rights, and various types of legal cases (criminal, police brutality, etc.).
- 0534 **Legal Reports—NAACP Legal Department, 1940–1942.** 174pp.
- 0535 January–May, July–December 1940 [includes 1940 annual report]. 61pp.
- 0596 January–November 1941. 68pp.
- 0664 February–December 1942. 44pp.
Major Topics: Listing of name and status of education, teachers' salary, discrimination, civil rights, and various types of legal cases (criminal, police brutality, etc.); U.S. Supreme Court opinions; legal and political accomplishments; military discrimination issue.
- 0708 **Legal Reports—NAACP Legal Department, 1943–1945.** 173pp.
- 0709 January–April, July, October–November 1943. 42pp.
- 0751 January–August, October–November 1944. 53pp.
- 0804 January–December 1945 [includes 1945 annual report]. 77pp.
Major Topics: Listing of name and status of education, teachers' salary, discrimination, civil rights, and various types of legal cases (criminal, police brutality, etc.); legal and political accomplishments; military discrimination issue; voting issue.

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- 0881 **Legal Reports—NAACP Legal Department, 1946–1947.** 204pp.
0882 January–December 1946 [includes 1946 annual report]. 82pp.
0964 January–November 1947 [includes 1947 annual report]. 121pp.
Major Topics: Listing of name and status of education, restrictive covenants, criminal, military courts-martial, discrimination, voting, transportation, civil rights, teachers' salary, employment, housing, and various types of legal cases (criminal, police brutality, etc.); military discrimination.

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- 0001 **Legal Reports—NAACP Legal Department, 1948–1950.** 143pp.
0002 January–December 1948. 49pp.
0051 January–November 1949. 41pp.
0092 January–November 1950. 52pp.
Major Topics: Listing of name and status of education, restrictive covenants, criminal, military courts-martial, discrimination, voting, transportation, civil rights, teachers' salary, employment, housing, and various types of legal cases (criminal, police brutality, etc.); military discrimination; loyalty issue; Ku Klux Klan activities; Justice Department activities; lynching.
- 0144 **Legal Reports—Robinson, Spottswood, III [Southeast Regional Counsel], 1953–1955.** 58pp.
0145 January–August 1953. 38pp.
0183 February–May 1954 [only transmittal letters]. 4pp.
0187 September, December 1955 [only transmittal letters and 1955 annual report]. 15pp.
Major Topics: Public school, transportation segregation cases; investigation of rail transportation and terminal facilities in Richmond, Virginia.
- 0202 **Lobbying Act [Federal Regulation of], 1946–1947.** 41pp.
Major Topics: Investigation of political action committees; registration of lobbyists.
Principal Correspondent: Leslie S. Perry.

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- 0243 **Marshall, Thurgood—General, 1940–1941.** 179pp.
Major Topics: Education issue; antilynching; National Commission on Ethnic Minorities; National Lawyers Guild; U.S. Supreme Court opinion regarding police interrogation; jury exclusion issue; requests for information; teachers' salary issue; New Orleans teachers case; Texas Primary case.
Principal Correspondents: Thurgood Marshall; Grace Towns Hamilton; Cassandra E. Maxwell; Walter White; Roy Wilkins; Frank D. Reeves.
- 0422 **Marshall, Thurgood—General, 1942–1943.** 248pp.
Major Topics: Legal assistance requests; teachers' salaries cases; New Orleans teachers case; Negro social work; St. Louis, Missouri, visit; Camp Claiborne soldiers *habeas corpus* case; inter-NAACP political control structures of branches; residential segregation cases; reorganization of legal department; procedure for legal cases by branches; equal education issue; staff salaries.
Principal Correspondents: Thurgood Marshall; Frank D. Reeves; Roy Wilkins; Grayce E. Johnson; Milton R. Konvitz; Walter White.

- 0670 **Marshall, Thurgood—General, 1944.** 147pp.
Major Topics: Admission to Eighth U.S. Circuit Court and Interstate Commerce Commission Bar Association; Negro soldiers; outline of Legal Department activities; travel matters; New York State Commission Against Discrimination; Texas Democratic Party primary activities.
Principal Correspondents: Thurgood Marshall; Roy Wilkins; E. E. Koch; Milton R. Konvitz.
- 0817 **Marshall, Thurgood—General, 1945–1946.** 214pp.
Major Topics: Travel matters; Cairo, Illinois, teachers' salaries case; teachers' salaries cases; southern primaries situation; discrimination issues; Georgia NAACP Conference; Legal Department staff; class suits; public transportation discrimination in South Carolina; leadership training conferences; medical condition; Columbia, Tennessee, intimidation incident.
Principal Correspondents: Thurgood Marshall; Walter White; Edward R. Dudley; Robert L. Carter.

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- 0001 **Marshall, Thurgood—General, 1947.** 122pp.
Major Topics: Equal educational opportunities issue; Second National Conference on Citizenship; NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc. Legal Department coordination with branches; travel matters; Texas State Conference of Branches, NAACP; administration matters; policy on education cases.
Principal Correspondents: Thurgood Marshall; Walter White; William P. Grayson.
- 0123 **Marshall, Thurgood—General, 1948–1950.** 263pp.
Major Topics: Outline of procedure for legal cases; Tuskegee Institute Regional Conference; Birmingham, Alabama, segregation case; press articles about Marshall; Tom Poston article on Marshall and antidiscrimination cases; Legal Department staff activities; university admission cases; antisegregation policy; NAACP Legal Program; Yamashita case; education cases; Georgia lynchings.
Principal Correspondents: Thurgood Marshall; Walter White; Donald Jones; Roy Wilkins; Carl Murphy; Luther P. Jackson; Henry Lee Moon; Gloria Samuels.

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- 0386 **Marshall, Thurgood—General, 1951–1955.** 149pp.
Major Topics: Segregation in armed forces in Korea; Texas "Jaybird Primary" decision; pending litigation; courts-martial situation in Korea; Milford, Delaware, racial situation; awards and honoraria; speaking engagements; school desegregation.
Principal Correspondents: Thurgood Marshall; Roy Wilkins; Walter White; Henry Lee Moon; Jerome Davis.
- 0535 **Marshall, Thurgood—Itineraries, 1942–1948.** 44pp.
- 0579 **Marshall, Thurgood—[Walter White] Testimonial Dinner at Norfolk, Virginia, 1941.** 15pp.
Major Topic: Norfolk Teachers' Association.
Principal Correspondent: Margaret L. Gordon.
- 0594 **Marshall, Thurgood—Testimony before U.S. House Judiciary Subcommittee on Bill to Limit Habeas Corpus in Federal Courts, [June 24,] 1955.** 251pp.
Major Topics: Administration of justice; S. 1753; H.R. 5649.
Principal Correspondents: Thurgood Marshall; Emanuel Celler.

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- 0845 **Ming, William [R., Jr.], 1947–1950.** 38pp.
Major Topic: South Carolina primaries case.
Principal Correspondents: William R. Ming, Jr.; Thurgood Marshall.
- 0883 **Minutes—Legal Staff Conferences, 1942–1948.** 25pp.

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- 0001 **National Bar Association, 1940, 1943.** 92pp.
Major Topics: Membership lists; *National Bar Journal*; desegregation speech; Pan American Union request; conventions.
Principal Correspondents: Freeman L. Martin; Thurgood Marshall; George W. Evans.
- 0093 **National Bar Association, [1944] 1945–1947.** 216pp.
Major Topics: Committee on Discriminatory Legislation; conventions; National Committee to Abolish the Poll Tax regarding H.R. 7; enforcement of state and federal civil rights laws; *National Bar Journal*; Chicago convention's civil rights resolutions; Post-War Planning Conference, Cleveland; civil rights committee.
Principal Correspondents: Thurgood Marshall; S. R. Redmond; Sadie Alexander; Earl B. Dickerson; Richard E. Westbrooks; Robert L. Carter.
- 0309 **National Bar Association, 1948–1950.** 134pp.
Major Topics: S. 472 [federal aid to public schools]; H.R. 2953; conventions; National Lawyers Guild issue; membership list; New York Bar Association on S. 2311 [Subversive Activities Control Act, 1949].
Principal Correspondents: Scovel Richardson; Osmond K. Fraenkel; Thurman L. Dodson; Robert L. Carter.
- 0443 **National Defense, 1940, 1941.** 29pp.
Major Topic: Desegregation of armed forces.
Principal Correspondent: Thurgood Marshall.

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- 0472 **National Legal Committee (NAACP)—Action in National Defense, 1941.** 20pp.
Major Topic: Discrimination and the national defense program.
Principal Correspondent: Thurgood Marshall.
- 0492 **National Legal Committee (NAACP), 1942–1944.** 150pp.
Major Topics: Membership; NAACP Legal and Defense and Educational Fund, Inc.; synopsis of teachers' salaries and criminal cases.
Principal Correspondents: Thurgood Marshall; Walter White; William H. Hastie.
- 0642 **National Legal Committee (NAACP), 1950–1955.** 23pp.
Major Topics: Membership; NAACP Legal and Defense and Educational Fund, Inc.; Louisiana school cases.
Principal Correspondents: Thurgood Marshall; A. P. Tureaud.

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- 0665 **New York Association for the Blind, 1940–1943.** 52pp.
Major Topic: Discrimination against the Negro blind.
Principal Correspondents: George B. Murphy, Jr.; Alan Blackburn.

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- 0717 **Perry, Leslie [S.], 1945–1947.** 36pp.
Major Topics: Postwar national income issue; congressional voting records; lobbying efforts.
Principal Correspondents: Leslie S. Perry; Walter White.
- 0753 **Perry, Marian Wynn, 1945–1949.** 116pp.
Major Topics: Appointment; employment discrimination; standard of living issue; Negro youth; casework.
Principal Correspondents: Marian Wynn Perry; Walter White; Roy Wilkins; Thurgood Marshall.

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- 0869 **Prison Conditions, 1940–1944.** 127pp.
Major Topics: Floyd W. Bartley situation; statistics; South Carolina prison farms; Baltimore, Maryland, and District of Columbia prison population; Florida prison camps; Montgomery, Alabama, prison; segregation in prison.
Principal Correspondents: Thurgood Marshall; Milton R. Konvitz.

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- 0001 **Prison Conditions, 1945–1947.** 92pp.
Major Topics: Texas, New York, Georgia, Tennessee, North Carolina, and Florida prisons; Screven County, Georgia, Public Works Camp investigation; police brutality; treatment in local work camps/farms.
Principal Correspondents: Thurgood Marshall; Charles D. Breitell; Marian Wynn Perry; Henry C. Turner; Franklin H. Williams; F. R. Hammack.
- 0093 **Prison Conditions, 1948–1950.** 136pp.
Major Topics: Georgia prison work camps; Texas, Ohio, Florida, and Georgia prisons; federal prisons; segregation in prison; local work camps/farms.
Principal Correspondents: Franklin H. Williams; A. Maceo Smith; Marian Wynn Perry; Constance Baker Motley; Robert L. Carter.
- 0229 **Prison and Relief Associations, 1946–1947.** 37pp.
Major Topics: List of organizations; Prison Association of New York.
Principal Correspondent: Marian Wynn Perry.

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- 0266 **Racial Tension—General, 1943[–1949, 1954]–1955.** 176pp.
Major Topics: Situation in—Pittsburg and Sulphur Springs, Texas; Muncie, Indiana; Birmingham and Selma, Alabama; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Roscoe Johnson incident in Chicago.
Principal Correspondents: Milton R. Konvitz; Thurgood Marshall; J. Herbert Cameron; Lucille B. Milner; Jack Greenberg.
- 0442 **Racial Tension—New Iberia, Louisiana, 1944–1945.** 105pp.
Major Topics: Federal Welding School Project; affidavits from Octave Lilly, Jr., J. Leo Hardy, and Herman J. Faulk; Fair Employment Practices Commission activities; Justice Department response.
Principal Correspondents: A. P. Tureaud; Thurgood Marshall; J. Leo Hardy; Francis Biddle; Walter White.

- 0547 **Ransom, Leon "Andy," [1936, 1939] 1940–1942.** 174pp.
Major Topics: University of Tennessee admissions cases; branch recruitment; Nashville, Tennessee, assault; travel expenses.
Principal Correspondents: Leon "Andy" Ransom; Thurgood Marshall; Frank D. Reeves; Roy Wilkins; W. J. Faulkner.
- 0721 **Ransom, Leon "Andy," 1943–1946.** 54pp.
Major Topics: U.S. Supreme Court request for information on criminal cases; National Legal Committee activities; Robinson case; teachers' salaries cases; travel expenses.
Principal Correspondents: Leon "Andy" Ransom; Thurgood Marshall; Milton R. Konvitz; Edward R. Dudley; Robert L. Carter.

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- 0775 **Reeves, Frank [D.], 1940–1953.** 91pp.
Major Topics: Employment controversy; "The Negro Lawyer—His Accomplishments on the National Scene since 1935"; Washington Bureau; labor.
Principal Correspondents: Roy Wilkins; Walter White; Frank D. Reeves; Thurgood Marshall.

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- 0866 **Sedition, 1942–1944.** 102pp.
Major Topics: Pacific Movement of the Eastern World, Inc.; Stokley Delmar Hart, et al. [East St. Louis] sedition case; Brotherhood of Liberty for Black Man of America; Colored American National Organization; East St. Louis, Illinois, racial situation; Minneapolis (Trotskyist) sedition case; Japanese propaganda.
Principal Correspondents: Walter White; Victor Rotnem; William H. Temple; Roger N. Baldwin; Wendell Berge; Thurgood Marshall.

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- 0001 **Statistics—Education of Negroes, 1941.** 38pp.
Major Topics: Teachers' salaries; U.S. Office of Education; Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools for Negroes.
Principal Correspondents: Walter White; Ambrose Caliver; Charles H. Thompson.
- 0039 **Supreme Court [U.S.]—Cases Won by NAACP, 1941.** 12pp.
Major Topics: "Grandfather Clause" case; Elaine, Arkansas, riot case; Louisville, New Orleans, and Richmond segregation cases; Texas Primary cases; jury list and confession intimidation cases.

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- 0051 **Wesley, Carter—Houston Informer, 1940–1941.** 148pp.
Major Topics: Police brutality; proposed Texas Primary case; Texas State Democratic Party; Texas State Conference of Branches, NAACP's Executive Committee activities; A. Maceo Smith; *Grovey v. Townsend*.
Principal Correspondents: Carter Wesley; Walter White; Thurgood Marshall; W. J. Durham.

- 0199 **Wesley, Carter—Houston Informer, 1942–1945.** 189pp.
Major Topics: Texas Primary case—*Smith v. Allwright et al.*; Texas State Democratic Party; *Grovev v. Townsend*; Trinity, Texas, mob assault on newspaper carrier; postal mishandling of *The Informer*; Southern Negro Conference for Equalization of Educational Opportunities; libel suit [Sheriff Whitehead suing *Informer* over article on intimidation of Ida E. McCoy Lee].
Principal Correspondents: Carter Wesley; Thurgood Marshall; W. J. Durham; Walter White; A. Maceo Smith.
- 0388 **Wesley, Carter—Houston Informer, 1946–1947.** 201pp.
Major Topics: Southern Negro Conference for Equalization of Educational Opportunities; Sweatt case [university admission case]; *Whitehead v. Informer* [libel suit]; Texas Conference for the Equalization of Educational Opportunities controversy; *Grovev v. Townsend*; Hearne School case.
Principal Correspondents: Carter Wesley; Thurgood Marshall; Walter White; A. Maceo Smith.
- 0589 **Williams, Franklin H., 1945–1948.** 147pp.
Major Topics: Equal educational opportunities; Negro veterans; courts-martial cases; segregation in interstate transportation cases; Legal Department reorganization; D. V. Carter assault and intimidation case; Fulton County, Georgia, racial situation.
Principal Correspondents: Franklin H. Williams; Thurgood Marshall; Walter White.
- 0736 **Williams, Franklin H., 1949–1953.** 206pp.
Major Topics: Negro veterans; courts-martial cases; school desegregation efforts; Florida State Conference of Branches, NAACP; Groveland case; pending litigation; West Coast Regional Office, NAACP organization.
Principal Correspondents: Franklin H. Williams; Thurgood Marshall; Walter White; Robert L. Carter; Roy Wilkins.

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- 0001 **“Work or Fight” Laws, 1943.** 28pp.
Major Topics: World War I “Work or Fight” statutes; Mobile, Alabama’s “Work or Fight” Drive and arrests of Negroes; Maryland “Work or Fight” laws.
Principal Correspondents: Milton R. Konvitz; J. L. LeFlore; Thurgood Marshall.
- 0029 **WPA—General, 1940.** 217p.
Major Topics: C. B. Robertson Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) investigation; California relief problems; National Youth Administration (NYA); *Work, Wages, and Education*; federal relief efforts; segregation of St. Louis, Missouri, NYA personnel; northward migration of workers; National Joint Conference Committee; requests for legal assistance for claims; California NYA’s Negro programs; discrimination; Workers Alliance of New York State.
Principal Correspondents: Thurgood Marshall; Walter White; Aubrey Williams; Sidney R. Redmond; King Robertson; Lucy Graves.

- 0246 **WPA—General, 1941.** 227pp.
Major Topics: Requests for assistance with employment/compensation claims; employment discrimination in Amarillo, Texas; employment of women; Montgomery, Alabama, Negro recreation program; Edith Sewell case and New York City Music Project; federal wage legislation; New York relief situation; “Negro in Art” Program; statistics.
Principal Correspondents: Thurgood Marshall; King Robertson; Walter White; James A. Ross; Alfred Edgar Smith; Edith M. Alexander; Frank D. Reeves; W. J. Trent, Jr.
- 0473 **WPA—General, 1942.** 141pp.
Major Topics: Requests for assistance with welfare claims/employment claims; New York City’s Welfare Department activities; Negro discrimination on WPA projects; Negro WPA employee statistics.
Principal Correspondents: Walter White; W. J. Trent, Jr.; Frank D. Reeves; Edith M. Alexander; Thurgood Marshall; Prentice Thomas.
- 0614 **WPA—Glen Wilton, Virginia, 1940.** 25pp.
Major Topic: Request for assistance with employment/relief claim.
Principal Correspondents: Bessie Beatrice Randolph; Thurgood Marshall.
- 0639 **WPA—Pennsylvania, 1940.** 54pp.
Major Topics: Request for Negro student financial aid; Mattie Fitchue case.
Principal Correspondents: Thurgood Marshall; Mattie Fitchue; Alfred Edgar Smith; Mary McLeod Bethune; Paul F. Murphy.
- 0693 **WPA—Sewing Project, 1940–1941.** 39pp.
Major Topics: Closure of Charleston, South Carolina, Negro women’s project; request for assistance; National Defense Housing Act.
Principal Correspondents: Thurgood Marshall; Alfred Edgar Smith; W. J. Trent, Jr.; W. H. Miller; Lawrence M. Pinckney.

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