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Guide to the

Utilization of Negro Manpower in the Army collection

1951-1968 Sc MG 667

Summary

Creator: Bogart, Leo

Title: Utilization of Negro Manpower in the Army collection

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Abstract: This collection contains an advance draft of the "Utilization of Negro Manpower in the Army: A 1951 Study", and a copy of The Reporter (December 1954) which includes Leo Bogart's article. There are also several reports including "The Army and Its Negro Soldiers"; "The Utilization of Negro Troops in Korea: A Report on a Field Survey", June 1951; and "The Utilization of Negro Troops in Korea: A Supplementary Report", September 1951. Additionally, there are copies of correspondence between Bogart and officials concerning the declassification of the "Utilization of Negro Manpower.".

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Creator History

"Utilization of Negro Manpower in the Army: A 1951 Study," also known as "Project Clear", was commissioned by the United States Army to gauge the use of Black personnel in the Army. This analysis pulled together a variety of sociological data including interviews with Black and white enlisted men and officers; reviews of World War II historical data; army studies, reports and other publications; and reports about Black participation in the Korean War. Previous desegregation policies employed by the army; Black officers, and enlisted men; integrated troops serving in Korea; and the changing social

climate of the United States contributed to the formation of this report.

Dr. Leo Bogart was part of the team effort to produce "Project Clear: The Utilization of Negro Troops in Korea", which was included in the larger "Utilization of Negro Manpower" study. Bogart subsequently wrote "The Army and Its Negro Soldiers", published in 1954, which cited a draft of the study. Bogart sought to have the "Project Clear" report declassified under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) of 1966.

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Key Terms

Subjects

African American soldiers
African Americans -- Segregation
Korean War, 1950-1953
United States. Army -- African American troops
World War, 1939-1945 -- Participation, African American

Geographic Names

United States -- Armed Forces -- African Americans United States -- Race relations

Names

Bogart, Leo Project Clear

Container List

- b. 1 f. 1 "Utilization of Negro Manpower in the Army: A 1951 Study", advance draft copy
- b. 1 f. 2 "The Utilization of Negro Troops in Korea: A Report on a Field Survey" 1951 June
- b. 1 f. 3 "The Utilization of Negro Troops in Korea: A Supplementary Report" 1951 September
- b. 1 f. 4 Bogart, Leo. "The Army and Its Negro Soldiers", The Reporter 1954 December
- b. 1 f. 5 Correspondence 1951-1968