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Abstract: Personal papers, family and general correspondence, writings, field notes and research materials, working papers, office files and printed matter documenting Ralph Bunche's personal life and professional career, from his enrollment at the University of California to his retirement in 1971.

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Creator History

Ralph Johnson Bunche began his career as an educator and a political scientist, and later joined the United Nations, serving for the last twenty years of his life as a special assistant to the General Secretary of that world body. Born in 1904 of a working class family in Detroit, Michigan, Bunche went to live with his maternal grandmother in Los Angeles, California, after the death of his mother in 1917. He graduated from Jefferson High School in 1921, the University of California at Los Angeles in 1927 and the Harvard Graduate School in 1928. In 1929 he was awarded the Ozias Goodwin Memorial Fellowship at Harvard. His doctoral dissertation “French Administration in Togoland and Dahomey” received the Toppan Prize in 1934. Bunche conducted post-doctoral work in anthropology and colonial policy at Northwestern University in 1936, the London School of Economics in 1937 and the University of Capetown, South Africa, in 1938. He was a member of Phi Beta Kappa. Bunche met Ruth Harris in Washington, D.C. at the start of his career at Howard University in 1928. They married in 1930. Born in
Montgomery, Ala. in 1906 and the youngest of ten children, she graduated from Alabama State Normal and the Minor Normal School in Washington, D.C. where she worked as a teacher in the city's public school. Her father, Charles Harris, was the chief mailing clerk and a prominent civic leader in Montgomery. The Bunche couple had three children: Joan, Jane and Ralph, Jr. Ralph Bunche joined the staff of Howard University in 1928, first as a lecturer and later as the chairman of the Department of Political Science. While at Howard, he organized a series of conferences on the problems of African-American communities in the United States. He joined various committees protesting discrimination by department stores and theaters, and organized his students to join picket lines in Washington, D.C. In 1932, Bunche traveled to West and North Africa on a Rosenwald Fellowship to survey French colonial administration. His pamphlet “A World View of Peace” was published in 1936. The same year, he received a two year Social Science Research Council Fellowship for field and research work in Africa and Europe. Bunche took a leave of absence from Howard University in 1938 and joined the staff of the Carnegie Corporation in conducting and organizing a comprehensive survey of the social, political and economic status of blacks in the United States. Entitled “The Negro in America” and also known as the “Carnegie-Myrdal Study,” the survey was directed by the Swedish sociologist Gunnar Myrdal, and was based on the field work and the extensive research memoranda prepared by a staff of scholars and collaborators. In addition to coordinating various administrative aspects of the project, Bunche conducted several field trips in the South in 1939 and was the author of four sizable research memoranda: “A Brief and Tentative Analysis of Negro Leadership,” “Conceptions and Ideologies of the Negro Problem,” “The Political Status of the Negro” and “The Programs, Ideologies, Tactics and Achievements of Negro Betterment and Interracial Organizations.” These works are quoted extensively in Myrdal’s *American Dilemma* (Harper & Brothers, 1944). After the entrance of the United States in the Second World War, Bunche accepted a temporary assignment at the State Department, working first as a Senior Research Analyst in the Office of Strategic Services and, in 1944, as an area specialist for Africa and dependent territories. He became a member of the U.S. delegation at the founding of the United Nations in 1945, serving consecutively as Acting Chief of the Division of Dependent Area Affairs, Commissioner of the Anglo-American Caribbean Commission and, in 1946, as Director of the Division of Trusteeship. Bunche joined the Permanent Secretariat of the United Nations in 1948 with the title of Principal Director of the Trusteeship Council. Known also as Committee Four of the General Assembly, the Council supervised the administration of colonial territories formerly belonging to Germany. These territories included French and British Togoland, the French and British Cameroons, the Belgian Congo, Ruanda-Urundi, New Guinea and Western Samoa. He was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for his mediation of the Armistice Agreement between Israel and the Arab states in 1948, and was also credited for his role in organizing the U.N. Green Berets. He also played a major role in the day to day work of the organization, and enjoyed a wide reputation for his integrity, his commitment to world peace and his gift as a negotiator and administrator. Gravely ill toward the end of his life, Ralph Bunche retired from the United Nations in 1971, the year of his death. Ralph Bunche enjoyed wide prominence and respect both as a scholar and statesman. A political moderate, he believed in petitioning government for justice but did not hesitate to march in protest when all else failed. During the 1960s, however, he came under attack for his apparent lack of support and identification with the politics of protest and direct action advocated by the civil rights movement of that era. He was also criticized for his role in the Congo after the failure of the U.N. peacekeeping force in preventing the overthrow and the assassination of Patrice Lumumba. Bunche is honored today, nonetheless, as an outstanding world leader and as a role model in the African American community.

**Scope and Content Note**
The Ralph Bunche Papers document Bunche’s personal life and professional career, from his enrollment at the University of California to his retirement in 1971. They have been divided into the following series: FAMILY PAPERS, comprising personal and biographical materials on Ralph and Ruth Bunche; CORRESPONDENCE, both family and general; ADDRESSES, ARTICLES AND ESSAYS; the HOWARD UNIVERSITY files, comprising administrative and academic materials; the SOUTH AFRICA
RESEARCH TRIP in 1937; writings and research materials for the CARNEGIE-MYRDAL STUDY; working papers, mimeographed reports and printed matter relating to the United Nations' TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL; AWARDS, MEMBERSHIPS AND TRIBUTES; SCRAPBOOKS; PRINTED MATTER AND CLIPPINGS.

Arrangement: I. Family papers; II. Correspondence; III. Writings; IV. Howard University; V. South Africa research trip; VI. Carnegie-Myrdal Study; VII. United Nations Trusteeship Council; VIII. Awards, membership and tributes; IX. Scrapbooks; X. Printed matter

Key Terms

Subjects
African American college teachers
African American leadership
African American teachers
African American universities and colleges
African Americans -- Civil rights
African Americans -- Economic conditions
African Americans -- Legal status, laws, etc
African Americans -- Segregation -- Southern States
African Americans -- Social conditions
African Americans -- Study and teaching
Arab-Israeli conflict
Black author
Colonies -- Africa
Decolonization
Discrimination -- United States
International trusteeships
Jewish-Arab relations -- History -- 1917-1948
Mandates -- Cameroon
Mandates -- Palestine
Mediation, International
Nobel Prizes
Pacific settlement of international disputes
Pan-Africanism
Political science -- Study and teaching
Political scientists in government
Spartan Prize
Universities and colleges, Black
Voting -- United States

Geographic Names
Congo (Democratic Republic) -- History -- Civil War, 1960-1965
France -- Colonies -- Administration
Israel -- Politics and government
Palestine -- History -- Partition, 1947
Palestine -- Politics and government -- 1917-1948
South Africa -- Economic conditions -- 1918-1961
South Africa -- Politics and government -- 1909-1948
South Africa -- Race relations
South Africa -- Social conditions
Southern States -- Race relations
United States -- Ethnic relations
United States -- Race relations
Names
Bunche, Ralph J. (Ralph Johnson), 1904-1971
Azikiwe, Nnamdi, 1904-1996
Bernadotte, Folke, 1895-1948
Boas, Franz, 1858-1942
Bostic, Franklin
Bunche, Joan
Bunche, Olive Johnson
Bunche, Ruth Harris
Cayton, Horace
Davis, E. P.
Dorsey, Emmett
Filmer, Robert, 1588?-1653
Herskovits, Melville J. (Melville Jean), 1895-1963
Jackson, James
Jackson, Whilhelmina
Johnson, Charles Spurgeon, 1893-1956
Johnson, Ethel
Johnson, Guion Griffis, 1900-1989
Johnson, Guy Benton, 1901-1991
Johnson, Nellie Millie
Jones, Butler A
Keppel, Frederick P. (Frederick Paul), 1875-1943
Locke, Alain, 1885-1954
Makonnen, T. R
Myrdal, Alva, 1902-1986
Myrdal, Gunnar, 1898-1987
Norgren, Paul H. (Paul Herbert)
Padmore, George, 1902-1959
Pierce, Jane Bunche
Robinson, Grace Bunche
Sterner, Richard, 1901-1978
Stoney, George C.
Stouffer, Samuel A., 1900-1960
Thant, U, 1909-1974
Thompson, Charles H. (Charles Henry)
Urquhart, Brian
White, Walter, 1893-1955
Wilkerson, Doxey Alphonso, 1905-1993
Williams, Eric Eustace, 1911-1981
Bunch family
Carnegie Corporation of New York
Harvard College (1780- ). Class of 1928
Harvard University
Howard University
Howard University. Dept. of Political Science
International African Service Bureau
National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
Pan African Federation Organization
United Nations
United Nations Operation in the Congo
United Nations. General Assembly. Special Committee on Palestine
United Nations. Special Unit on Palestinian Rights
United Nations. Trusteeship Council
Family Papers 1922-1988

FAMILY PAPERS (1922-1988) comprise personal papers of Ralph and Ruth Harris Bunche. The Ralph Bunche subseries includes educational, medical and financial papers, passports, personal and family documents. The Ruth Harris Bunche subseries consists of general and professional correspondence, speeches and miscellaneous writings, certificates and awards, scrapbooks and printed matter. The correspondence reflects her contributions to various benefits, charities and social activities, sponsored in many cases by wives of influential men such as David Rockefeller, Walter White, Vladimir Horowitz, Count Bernadotte and Roy Wilkins. Other noted correspondents include Martin Luther King, Jr., Bayard Rustin, Eubie Blake, Marian Anderson, Edward Koch, Irving Berlin, Jeane Kirkpatrick and George Bush. Mrs. Bunche served as a New York State delegate to the White House Conference on Education in 1955. She participated, along with her husband, in the March on Washington in 1963.

Ralph J. Bunche

b. 1 f. 1 Address and date books
b. 1 f. 2 Educational -- Valedictory 1928, 1930
b. 1 f. 3 Jefferson High School
b. 1 f. 4-5 University of California at Los Angeles
b. 1 f. 6-8 Harvard University
b. 1 f. 9-10 Financial
b. 1 f. 11 Funeral
b. 1 f. 12 Household furnishing
b. 1 f. 13 Johnson family
b. 1 f. 14 Last will and testament
b. 1 f. 15 Medical
b. 1 f. 16 Personal effects
b. 1 f. 17 Travel
b. 1 f. 18 Travel and speaking engagements

U.C.L.A. Southern Branch, The Southern Campus 1927 (2 volumes)

Passports, (15) 1932-1965

Jefferson High School and University of California publications.

Ruth Harris Bunche

b. 4 f. 1 Speeches and miscellaneous writings
b. 4 f. 2 Address and note books
b. 4 f. 3 Certificates and awards
b. 4 f. 4 Letters sent
b. 4 f. 5 Letters received, to 1971
b. 4 f. 6 Letters received 1972-1988
b. 4 f. 7 Educational and professional activities
b. 4 f. 8 Family insurance
b. 4 f. 9-10 Legal
b. 4 f. 11 Memoirs (shorthand notes)
b. 4 f. 12 Memorial tributes
b. 4 f. 13 Passports and miscellaneous items
Family Papers (cont.)
Ruth Harris Bunche (cont.)

b. 4 f. 14  Printed matter
b. 5 f. 1   Christmas card lists
b. 5 f. 2   Guest book 1952-1964
b. 5 f. 3   Guest book n.d.
b. 5 f. 4   Funeral book
b. 5 f. 5   Miscellaneous
b. 5 f. 6   Receptions

Plaques

Correspondence 1929-1971
The CORRESPONDENCE series (1929-1971) is divided into Family and General Correspondence

Family correspondence
The subseries consists of letters exchanged between Ralph Bunche and his wife from 1929 to 1944, letters from his aunts Nelle and Ethel Johnson, his sister Grace Robinson, his mother Olive, correspondence with his children, and occasional correspondence between the Bunche household and the Harris, Johnson and Taylor families.

Ralph Bunche to Ruth Bunche
b. 7 f. 1   1929
b. 7 f. 2   1930
b. 7 f. 3   1930
b. 7 f. 4   1932
b. 7 f. 5   1933
b. 7 f. 6   1934-1941
b. 7 f. 7   n.d
b. 7 f. 8   Postcards, telegrams and fragments
b. 7 f. 9   Ralph Bunche to his children
           Ruth Bunche to Ralph Bunche
b. 8 f. 1   1929
b. 8 f. 2   1929
b. 8 f. 3   1930
b. 8 f. 4   1930
b. 8 f. 5   1932-1933
b. 8 f. 6   1936-1944
b. 8 f. 7   n.d
b. 8 f. 8   Postcards, telegrams and fragments.
           Olive Johnson Bunche
b. 9 f. 1   Grace Bunche Robinson
b. 9 f. 2   Nelle (Nellie Millie) Johnson
b. 9 f. 3   Nelle (Nellie Millie) Johnson
b. 9 f. 4   Ethel Johnson
b. 9 f. 5   Joan Bunche
b. 9 f. 7   Jane Bunche Pierce
Correspondence (cont.)
Family correspondence (cont.)

b. 10 f. 1  Ralph Bunche, Jr.
b. 10 f. 2  Ralph Bunche, Jr.
b. 10 f. 3  Johnson family
b. 10 f. 4  Harris family
b. 10 f. 5  Harris family
b. 10 f. 6  Pierce family
b. 10 f. 7  Taylor family
b. 10 f. 8  Alton, Ill. relatives
b. 10 f. 9  Miss Houston (housekeeper)
b. 10 f. 10  re “Lady,” (family pet)

General Correspondence

*General Correspondence* consists of three separate files: correspondence from his residency in London in 1937; correspondence relating to his retirement in 1971; and occasional correspondence between 1928 and 1971. Noted correspondents include Walter White, Alain Locke, George Padmore, T.R. Makonnen and Eric Williams.

b. 10 f. 11  1928-1935
b. 10 f. 12  Alain Locke 1931-1932, n.d.
b. 10 f. 13  1937
b. 10 f. 14  1937
b. 10 f. 15  Walter White 1939-1940
b. 10 f. 16  1938-1972
b. 11 f. 1  Esquire Magazine Award
b. 11 f. 2  Retirement, A-F 1971
b. 11 f. 3  Retirement, G-M 1971
b. 11 f. 4  Retirement, N-Z 1971
b. 11 f. 5  Ralph Bunche’s death 1971
b. 11 f. 6  Funeral arrangements 1971
b. 11 f. 7  Condolences, U. Thant 1971
b. 11 f. 8  Condolences, letters received 1971
b. 11 f. 9  Condolences, letters received 1971

Addresses, Articles and Essays 1928-1969

*Addresses, Articles and Essays (1928-1969)* are divided into two subseries:

**Conferences and Academic Writings**

The first subseries consists primarily of essays, articles and reviews written by Bunche, in addition to research notes and typescripts of his master's thesis “The Political Theory of Sir Robert Filmer” and his doctoral dissertation “French Administration in Togoland and Dahomey.”

b. 12 f. 1  Articles and reviews
b. 12 f. 2  Articles and essays
  “Political Theory of Sir Robert Filmer”
b. 12 f. 3  Typescript
b. 12 f. 4  Research notes
b. 12 f. 5  “French Administration in Togoland and Dahomey”
Addresses, Articles and Essays (cont.)

Conferences and Academic Writings (cont.)

Seminar on the “Contribution of Gandhian Outlook and Techniques to the Solution of Tensions Between and Within Nations,” New Delhi, India January 1953

b. 13 f. 1 Correspondence and program
b. 13 f. 2 Address by Ralph Bunche
b. 13 f. 3 Summary of discussions
b. 13 f. 4 Verbatim records

Addresses and Articles

Addresses and Articles consist of files of Bunche’s handwritten and typescript articles and speeches, with attachments. Spanning from 1951 to 1969, they are arranged chronologically, and alphabetically therein. Addressed mainly to academic and university audiences, and to civic and international gatherings, they deal with issues of world peace and his role at the United Nations. Also included are eulogies, television interviews and acceptance speeches for prizes, awards and honorary degrees conferred on him. Other writings by Bunche are located in the Carnegie-Myrdal series.

b. 14 f. 1 1950
b. 14 f. 2 Nobel Peace Prize
   1951
b. 14 f. 3 A-H
b. 14 f. 4 I-Q
b. 14 f. 5 R-Z
   1952
b. 14 f. 6 A-O
b. 14 f. 7 P-Z
b. 14 f. 8 1953
   1954
b. 14 f. 9 A-H
b. 14 f. 10 I-Z
b. 14 f. 11 1955
   1956
b. 15 f. 1 A-I
b. 15 f. 2 J-Z
b. 15 f. 3 1957
b. 15 f. 4 1958
   1959
b. 15 f. 5 A-S
b. 15 f. 6 T-Z
   1960
b. 15 f. 7 A-R
b. 15 f. 8 S-Z
b. 15 f. 9 1961
b. 16 f. 1 1962
   1963
b. 16 f. 2 A-Q
Addresses, Articles and Essays (cont.)
Addresses and Articles (cont.)
1963 (cont.)
b. 16 f. 3  R-Z
b. 16 f. 4  1964
b. 16 f. 5  1965
b. 16 f. 6  1966
b. 16 f. 7  1967

b. 16 f. 8  Bombay, India
b. 17 f. 1  The Hill School January
b. 17 f. 2  International House
b. 17 f. 3  Dayton Beach Open Forum Feb. 6
b. 17 f. 4  Radcliffe Club of New York Feb. 15
b. 17 f. 5  Marble Collegiate Church Feb. 19
b. 17 f. 6  Yale Political Union Feb. 21
b. 17 f. 7  Temple Emanu-El, Dallas Mar. 2
b. 17 f. 8  Texas Technical College Mar. 3
b. 17 f. 9  Gridiron Club Dinner Mar. 11
b. 17 f. 10  NBC-TV “Today” Show Mar. 21
b. 17 f. 11  Columbia University School of International Affairs Mar. 26
b. 17 f. 12  Foreign Policy Association Apr. 4
b. 17 f. 13  University of Chicago Apr. 6
b. 17 f. 14  University of Nebraska Apr. 26
b. 17 f. 15  Queens County Bar Association May 4
b. 17 f. 16  NAACP Legal Defense Fund May 17
b. 17 f. 17  U.N. International School May 24
b. 17 f. 18  Columbia University School of International Affairs May 26
b. 17 f. 19  U.S. Peace Council May 31
b. 18 f. 1  Pacem In Terris, Geneva May
b. 18 f. 2  (cancelled)
b. 18 f. 3  Deutscher Evangelischer, Germany Jun. 25
b. 18 f. 4  Expo Montreal ‘67: Aug
b. 18 f. 5  Purdue University Oct
b. 18 f. 6  Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools Nov. 4
b. 18 f. 7  Pugwash Conference (17th), Sweden
b. 18 f. 8  University of California at Los Angeles

1968
b. 18 f. 9  World Affairs Council, CA. Feb. 20
b. 18 f. 10  California State College Feb
b. 18 f. 11  Ohio State University Mar. 5
b. 19 f. 1  Old First Church, Springfield, MA. Mar. 20
b. 19 f. 2  Aruba, (cancelled) Mar
b. 19 f. 3  McCall Forum on Black Awareness Jun. 13
b. 19 f. 4  Institute of World Affairs Aug. 5
b. 19 f. 5  University of Nebraska Jun. 1

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Addresses, Articles and Essays (cont.)
Addresses and Articles (cont.)
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b. 19 f. 6 Queensboro Community Coll., NY Jun. 18
b. 19 f. 7 Pugwash Conference 18th), Sep
b. 19 f. 8 UCLA Alumni Magazine Oct
b. 19 f. 9 Esquire Magazine Round Table Dec. 10

1969

b. 19 f. 10 Alfalfa Club Dinner Jan
b. 19 f. 11 Apollo 8 Astronauts Visit U.N. Jan
b. 19 f. 12 Tryvie Lie Funeral Jan
b. 19 f. 13 St. Paul School Feb
b. 19 f. 14 UCLA, Associated Students Speakers Program Feb
b. 19 f. 15 Virginia Polytechnic Inst. Feb
b. 19 f. 16 Compton College Feb
b. 19 f. 17 R.F. Kennedy School, Compton, CA
b. 19 f. 18 NBC-TV “Today” Show Feb

b. 20 f. 1 D. Eisenhower Funeral Mar
b. 20 f. 2 Rockefeller Project Mar
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b. 20 f. 4 Rockefeller Project Apr
b. 20 f. 5 University of Detroit Apr
b. 20 f. 6 Greenwich Fair Housing, CT May
b. 20 f. 7 Temple University May
b. 20 f. 8 Occidental College, Los Angeles, CA May
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b. 20 f. 10 Autobiographical Jun. 1
b. 20 f. 10 Teachers Remembrance Day Jun. 1
b. 21 f. 1 UCLA, 50th Anniversary Dedication May
b. 21 f. 2 Pi Sigma Alpha Banquet May
b. 21 f. 3 Honolulu May
b. 21 f. 4 Readers’ Digest article Jun
b. 21 f. 5 U.N. Association of the U.S.A. Jun
b. 21 f. 6 East-West Conference, Hawaii Jul
b. 21 f. 7 East-West Philosophers Conference, Hawaii Jul
b. 21 f. 8 East-West Philosophers Conf. Jul
b. 21 f. 9 Nobel Symposium Sep
b. 22 f. 1 Pugwash Conference 19th), Dec
b. 22 f. 2 Pugwash Conference 19th), Dec

South Africa Trip 1937
The SOUTH AFRICA RESEARCH TRIP series (1937) consists of letters of recommendation, correspondence with the United States Department of State, South African officials and the Rosenwald Fund, in addition to field notes, legal documents and printed matter.

b. 23 f. 1 Main file
South Africa Trip (cont.)

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Howard University 1928-1941

HOWARD UNIVERSITY (1928-1941). Divided into correspondence and office files and arranged alphabetically, materials in this series reflect the scope of Bunche's activities during his tenure at this institution. Included are class syllabi, students' examinations and grades, lecture notes, reports and printed matter. Correspondents include Saul Bellow, Rupert Emerson, Melville Herskovits, Benjamin Azikiwe, and many of his colleagues at Howard: E.P. Davis, Emmett Dorsey, Mordecai Johnson, Charles H. Wesley, Frederick Wilkinson and Eric Williams.

Correspondence

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b. 24 f. 6-7 C
b. 24 f. 8-9 D
b. 24 f. 10-11 E
b. 24 f. 12 G
b. 24 f. 13-14 H
b. 24 f. 15 I
b. 24 f. 16 K
b. 24 f. 17 L
b. 24 f. 18 M
b. 24 f. 19 N-P
b. 24 f. 20-22 P
b. 25 f. 1 R
b. 25 f. 2-4 S
b. 25 f. 5 T
b. 25 f. 6 Unidentified
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Office Files
Alumni Association
The Amenia Conference
American Federation of Teachers
American Association of University Professors
Applications (prospective teachers)
Athletic and recreational activities
Awards
Books
Book orders
Budget, Department of Political Science
Budgets, books, departmental expenses
Colonial policy
Davis, E. P., College of Liberal Arts
Davis, E. P., the Graduate Division
Disciplinary
Dorsey, Emmett E.
Education and National Defense Committee
Enrollment
Examinations
Faculty
Grades, students 1931-1936
Grades, students 1937-1941
Grades, students n.d.
The Graduate Council
The Graduate School
The Italo-Ethiopian Conflict, background study
Joint Committee on National Recovery 1935
Lecture and class notes
Librarian, W. Daniel
Lucy Moten Fellowship
National Negro Congress
Newsletter (Howard U. Oct. 1939
Notebook: “Citizenship and Suffrage”
Political science majors 1937
Political Science Department
Printed matter
Purchase orders
Reading lists
Registrar
Reports
Roosevelt, Franklin D. Petition to 1938
Carnegie-Myrdal Study 1938-1941

This series consists of correspondence, draft manuscripts and typescripts of memoranda written by Bunche, as well as interviews, reports and field notes prepared by Bunche, Myrdal and a staff of assistants and collaborators. This material is arranged into four subseries: research and administrative correspondence and memoranda, arranged alphabetically and chronologically; research memoranda prepared by Bunche; reports, field notes and research materials filed by the name of their creators; reports, field notes and research materials filed by city, by county or by state; and printed matter. The memorandum on “Negro Leadership” is incomplete, while separate files exist for each chapter of the lengthy “Programs, Ideologies, Tactics and Achievements of Negro Betterment and Interracial Organizations,” along with questionnaires and questionnaire analyses prepared for the study. Principal contributors to this series, in addition to Bunche and Myrdal, include George Stoney, Whilhelmina Jackson and James Jackson. Major surveys were conducted in St. Louis and Kansas City (Missouri); Jackson, Vicksburg and Natchez county (Mississippi); Birmingham, Huntsville, Gadsden and Tuskegee (Alabama); Chattanooga, Tuscalooga and Nashville (Tennessee); Cleveland and Dayton (Ohio); Augusta, Atlanta, Savannah and Putnam County (Georgia); Charleston, the Sea Islands, Columbia, Winston-Salem and Greensville (South Carolina); Jacksonville, Tampa and Miami (Florida); and in Little Rock, Chicago, Minneapolis and Oklahoma City. Materials collected include voting charts, annotated city maps indicating segregated boundaries, campaign literature, newsletters and pamphlets.

Correspondence

b. 29 f. 1 1939
b. 29 f. 2 1939-1940
b. 29 f. 3 1940-1941
b. 29 f. 4 Bunche to Alva Myrdal
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b. 29 f. 6 Johnson, Guy
b. 29 f. 7 McKinney, G.W.
b. 29 f. 8 Myrdal, Gunnar
b. 29 f. 9 Norgren, Paul
b. 29 f. 10 Sterner, Richard
b. 29 f. 11 Stoney, George
b. 29 f. 12 Stouffer, Samuel
b. 29 f. 13 Thomas, Dorothy
b. 29 f. 14 Whitten, Richard

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b. 29 f. 15 Budget
b. 29 f. 16 Jackson, Wilhelmina
b. 29 f. 17 Personnel
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Research Memoranda by Bunche

b. 30 f. 2-7 “A Brief and Tentative Analysis of Negro Leadership”
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b. 30 f. 9-10 “Conceptions and Ideologies of the Negro Problem”
Carnegie-Myrdal Study (cont.)
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b. 31 f. 1  "Conceptions and Ideologies of the Negro Problem"

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           "The Programs, Ideologies, Tactics and Achievements of Negro Betterment
           and Interracial Organizations"

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b. 32 f. 1-7 Questionnaires on Negro organizations

b. 33 f. 1  "The NAACP," Drafts of chapters

b. 33 f. 2  National Negro Business League

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b. 33 f. 5  Outlines

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b. 33 f. 8-11 Questionnaire analysis

b. 33 f. 12 The Universal Negro Improvement Association

b. 33 f. 13 "Working Guide Memorandum"

b. 33 f. 14-17 Corrigenda

Field Notes, and Research Materials

b. 33 f. 18 Boas, Franz: "Race: America's Social Barrier"
Bunche, Ralph

b. 33 f. 19 "Charts of Population Voting," Southern states 1936

b. 33 f. 20 Interview with Mrs. Roosevelt 1940

b. 34 f. 1  Birmingham notes

b. 34 f. 2-3 Southern trip

b. 34 f. 4  Negroes and the vote

b. 34 f. 5  Bunche & Myrdal: Field notes, Southern trip

b. 34 f. 6  Bryant, William: Slave revolts and the Negro Convention

b. 34 f. 7  Cahn, Z.: "The Jewish Phase in the Negro Problem"

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