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## **PREFATORY NOTE**

Materials found in this collection pertain primarily to the years between 1933 and 1940. In some instances as in the case of an individual advisor like Mary McLeod Bethune, whose relationship to the National Youth Administration extended to 1943, or Emmer Lancaster, Department of Commerce, who did not assume office until 1940, filmed records are continued into the early 1940s. But certain war-related agencies such as the Office of Price Administration (Record Group 188) that did involve black advisors like T. Arnold Hill were not filmed. In addition, although every effort has been made to incorporate each agency and department relevant to racial matters and to the lives of black people in the 1930s, it is possible that a few may have been missed. We are confident, however, that the major portion of National Archives materials which relates to the New Deal-black experience has been included.

One further point. The index guide is a good source for determining the broad categories for materials found in the various agencies. But within many of the general classifications are hidden important documents that might be passed over through only a cursory glance at the guide. For example, under the Office of Education, Negro Guidance, Miscellaneous Correspondence (Reel 1) one can find numerous letters from black educators to Ambrose Caliver and others that shed considerable light not only on the subject of "Vocational Guidance" but the state of black education in various regions of the United States during the 1930s. Likewise, under the Works Progress Administration, General Files (Reel 20), Alfred W. Smith's reports contain quotes from letters sent to Smith and his assistants from blacks who both praised and criticized the WPA's work in their local areas. In short, within many of the standard reports, general correspondence or press releases, one can discover important primary material that offers insights into the black experience and the relationship of the federal government to black Americans during the 1930s.

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