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This series of Branch Department files spans from 1966 to 1971 and comprises three subseries: Branches—Newsletters and Other Material, Regions, and Regional Files. The first subseries of branch newsletters and printed materials reveals an active and diverse NAACP branch network that continued to work for the association’s long-standing goal of ending discrimination in American life. The Regions and Regional Files subseries contain correspondence and reports on local, state, and regional NAACP initiatives.

The first subseries is Branches—Newsletters and Other Material from NAACP branches and state conferences. These newsletters are arranged in alphabetical order by state. The newsletters allow for a detailed view of the main concerns and campaigns of NAACP branches during the period between 1966 and 1970. They focus on local branch news but also usually include reports about national developments. This edition of newsletters shows that, even after the passage of federal civil rights legislation in 1964 and 1965, NAACP branches continued to work to end discrimination in housing, education, employment, and the criminal justice system. The newsletters also cover some of the new challenges faced by the association during this period, including the rise of the Black Power movement, urban riots, and President Richard M. Nixon’s attempts to appoint Supreme Court justices who opposed the NAACP’s civil rights agenda. The diverse reaction of NAACP branches to the concept of Black Power is a particularly interesting theme in the newsletters. States represented in this subseries are Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Nevada, New Hampshire, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, and Wisconsin. The newsletters begin on Reel 1 and continue through to the end of Reel 4. Other newsletters from NAACP branches for the period from 1966 to 1972 can be found in UPA’s Papers of the NAACP, Part 29: Branch Department, Series B: Branch Newsletters, Annual Branch Activities Reports, and Selected Branch Department Subject Files, 1966–1972. Newsletters for the period between 1956 and 1965 have been microfilmed by UPA in Papers of the NAACP, Part 25: Branch Department Files, Series C: Branch Newsletters and Printed Materials, 1956–1965.

The second subseries in this edition, Regions, consists of printed materials from NAACP regional offices. NAACP Branch Director Gloster B. Current established regional offices during the late 1940s in order to provide a full-time professional staff to link local branches with the NAACP’s national headquarters in New York. Current
required the field staff to submit detailed monthly and yearly reports to the national office summarizing their activities and the status of NAACP initiatives in the region. Regional offices covered in this subseries are the New England Regional Conference, Midwest Regional Office (Region IV), Southeast Regional Office, Southwest Regional Office, and West Coast Regional Office.

The New England Regional Conference files contain the annual report for 1970 and a transcript from a conference on employment. Issues covered at the conference included government contracts, employment in the construction industry, and membership in building trades unions. A file of materials from the New England Regional Conference can also be found in the third subseries in this edition (see Reel 7, Frame 0273).

The Southeast Regional Office was led by Ruby Hurley from its founding in 1951 until her retirement in 1979. This office covered the states of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee. The first file from this office (Reel 5, Frame 0475) contains Hurley’s 1965 annual report discussing violence against African Americans, implementation of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, school desegregation, urban renewal, the War on Poverty, and voter registration. Also included in this file is the 1967 program for branches in the Southeast Region and the 1969 “Handbook for Branches.” The handbook provides basic background information on the NAACP and on the functions of branch offices. The second file (Reel 5, Frame 0591) consists of newsletters from the Southeast Regional Office. The newsletters discuss school desegregation, voter registration, NAACP memberships, and the Supreme Court decision in *NAACP v. Overstreet*. Materials from the Southeast Regional Office are also included in the third subseries in this edition and are described below.

The largest group of files in this Regions subseries are from the West Coast Regional Office. The West Coast Regional Office covered the states of Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, and Washington. It was led during this period by Regional Director Leonard H. Carter and Field Director and Legislative Advocate Virna M. Canson. The West Coast Regional Office files begin with annual reports for 1966, 1967, and 1971. These reports cover NAACP activities regarding employment, housing, and school desegregation. There are also reports on other topics, such as civil rights legislation in the states of the region, antiriot legislation in California, and the United Farm Workers strike against grape growers in Delano, California. Subjects covered in two files of West Coast Regional Office newsletters (Reel 6, Frames 0266 and 0390) include affirmative action legislation in California, school busing, and open housing legislation in California and Washington State. A file of “Legislative News” (Reel 6, Frame 0533) contains reports from Virna Canson.

The third subseries in this edition is Regional Files. These files cover the same regional offices as in the Regions subseries; however, these materials are arranged separately in the NAACP collection at the Library of Congress, and UPA has microfilmed these records according to this arrangement. The Midwest Regional Office (Region IV) files consist of correspondence and reports from Regional
Director Julius E. Williams. These files contain regular monthly reports as well as special reports on segregation in the Kansas City, Missouri, schools; on a branch controversy in Denver; and on a racial disturbance in Maywood, Illinois. Several files of correspondence and reports from the Southeast Regional Office cover the activities of Ruby Hurley and her field staff, including Charles Evers, Robert Saunders, I. DeQuincey Newman, and Joe Louis Tucker. Southwest Regional Office files in this subseries consist of correspondence and reports from Regional Director Richard L. Dockery.

This Regional Files subseries concludes with correspondence, memoranda, and reports from West Coast field staff members. Represented are Regional Director Leonard H. Carter; Field Director and Legislative Advocate Virna M. Canson; and Field Directors Loring D. Emile, Joseph L. Howerton Jr., William Martin, and Jesse D. Scott. Topics covered in these files include the California Rural Legal Assistance program, employment and housing discrimination, NAACP memberships and fund-raising, migrant agricultural workers, the United Farm Workers strike against grape growers in Delano, California, and the reorganization of the San Francisco and Los Angeles NAACP branches.

Other parts of UPA’s *Papers of the NAACP* that provide additional information on the period from 1966 to 1972 are the following:

- *Supplement to Part 1, 1966–1970, Meetings of the Board of Directors, Records of Annual Conferences, Major Speeches, and Special Reports*
- *Supplement to Part 16, Board of Directors File, 1966–1970*
- *Supplement to Part 23, Legal Department Case Files, 1960–1972*
- *Part 29: Branch Department, Series A: Field Staff Files, 1965–1972; Series B: Branch Newsletters, Annual Branch Activities Reports, and Selected Branch Department Subject Files, 1966–1972; and Series D: Branch Department General Subject Files, 1966–1970*
- *Part 30: General Office Files, 1966–1972, Series A: Subject Files*

Branch Department Files for the period before 1966 can be found in several other parts of Papers of the NAACP:

- *Part 12: Selected Branch Files, 1913–1939*
- *Part 25: Branch Department Files*
- *Part 26: Selected Branch Files, 1940–1955*
- *Part 27: Selected Branch Files, 1956–1965*
SOURCE NOTE

All documents microfilmed for this edition are held by the Manuscript Division of the Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. The files selected for this edition were drawn from Group IV (1965–1975), Series J (Printed Matter) and Series C (Branch Department Files), of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) Records collection.

EDITORIAL NOTE

Professors John H. Bracey, Jr., and Sharon Harley compiled this edition of Papers of the NAACP after a thorough survey of all Printed Matter in Series J, Group IV, and the Regional File in Series C, Group IV, of the NAACP Records collection at the Library of Congress. Each file selected for this edition has been reproduced in its entirety.
## ABBREVIATIONS

The following abbreviations have been used throughout this guide.

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The following is a listing of the folders comprising Papers of the NAACP, Part 29: Branch Department, Series C: Branch Newsletters and Regional Field Office Files, 1966–1971. The four-digit number on the far left is the frame at which a particular file folder begins. This is followed by the file title, the date(s) of the file, and the total number of pages. Substantive issues are highlighted under the heading Major Topics, as are prominent correspondents under the heading Principal Correspondents.

Reel 1
Frame No.

Group IV, Series J, Printed Matter
Branches—Newsletters and Other Material

Group IV, Box J-4
   Major Topics: African American military personnel; employment; African American culture; Pima County Junior College; proposed boycott of 1968 Olympic Games; boycott of California grapes; 1969 NAACP national convention.

   Major Topics: Murder of Wharlest Jackson; Image Awards; War on Poverty; Model Cities program; Black Power.

   Major Topics: Chestnut-Wilton Homeowners Association; housing; 1966 NAACP national convention; Black Power; relationship between Jews and African Americans; consumer protection; UAW; Fremont General Motors plant; National Committee to Revitalize the NAACP; affirmative action in employment; National Association for the Advancement of Black People’s Caucus; students; speaking visit by Shirley Chisholm; NAACP opposition to Supreme Court nomination of Clement Haynsworth; UFWOC strike against California grape growers.

   Major Topics: School desegregation; Martin Luther King Jr.; housing; Head Start program; Nathaniel S. Colley; Negro History Week; Riverside NAACP youth council; urban riots; Vietnam War; Community Action Programs (War on Poverty).

Group IV, Box J-5
0450 Colorado [Denver, Park Hill], 1967. 29 pp.
   Major Topics: School desegregation; Black Power.
   Major Topics: 1967 Danbury mayoral election; housing; employment; education; selective service; NAACP opposition to block grants for education; affirmative action in employment; school desegregation; textbooks.

   Major Topics: Florida Housing Producers Association; 1966 state convention; Florida civil rights legislation proposal; legislation regarding interracial marriages; housing; Federal Housing Administration.

   Major Topics: School desegregation; memberships; voter registration; hospital desegregation; Black Power.

   Major Topics: Black Power; discrimination by labor unions; criminal justice system; NAACP opposition to Supreme Court nomination of G. Harrold Carswell.

   Major Topic: Fund-raising.

   Major Topics: Fund-raising; Head Start program; Iowa Civil Rights Act of 1965; housing; employment; Davenport Human Relations Commission; survey results on urban riots; school desegregation; Black Power NAACP youth council; Martin Luther King Jr.; public welfare programs.

Reel 2

Group IV, Series J, Printed Matter cont.
Branches—Newsletters and Other Material cont.

Group IV, Box J-5 cont.
   Major Topics: Support for Meredith March Against Fear; expulsion from U.S. Congress of Adam Clayton Powell Jr.; urban riots; Martin Luther King Jr.; UFWOC strike against California grape growers; boycott of California grapes.

Group IV, Box J-6
   Major Topics: Kansas Code of Fair Practices; school desegregation.

   Major Topics: Searches and seizures; textbooks; voter registration; Louisiana State University system; Angola State Penitentiary [Angola, Louisiana]; police brutality; school desegregation; NAACP opposition to Supreme Court nomination of Clement Haynsworth; 1968 and 1970 state conventions; conditions at Leesville City Jail.

   Major Topics: Housing; building trades unions; Black Power; Martin Luther King Jr.; Civil Rights Act of 1968; Maryland General Assembly; Voting Rights Act extension; NAACP opposition to Supreme Court nomination of Clement Haynsworth; Poor People’s Campaign; National Council of Negro Women; 1969 NAACP national convention; education.
   Major Topics: Positive Program for Boston; Black Power; Negro History Week; New Bedford NAACP youth council; housing; Holliston schools; 1969 NAACP national convention.

   Major Topics: Police brutality; fund-raising; Michigan NAACP state conference constitution; 1966 state convention.

   Major Topics: Minneapolis NAACP youth council; separatism; education; Task Force on Minority Cultures; NAACP opposition to Supreme Court nomination of Clement Haynsworth; housing; suburban areas; White House Conference on Food, Nutrition, and Health; NAACP opposition to Supreme Court nomination of G. Harrold Carswell; voter registration.

   Major Topics: Aaron E. Henry; disaster relief; voter registration; employment; agricultural laborers; food distribution public welfare program; Meredith March Against Fear; Coahoma County Progressive Voters League; school desegregation; Child Development Group of Mississippi; selective service.

   Major Topics: Murder of Wharlest Jackson; 1967 federal civil rights legislation; Missouri Summer Project (1967); NAACP opposition to Supreme Court nomination of Clement Haynsworth; employment.

0825 Nevada [Reno–Sparks], 1967. 8 pp.

   Major Topics: Employment; housing; New Hampshire open housing legislation.

Reel 3

Group IV, Series J, Printed Matter cont.
Branches—Newsletters and Other Material cont.

Group IV, Box J-7

   Major Topics: Murder of Wharlest Jackson; Atlantic City Civil Rights Commission; voter registration; memberships; urban renewal; employment; Black Arts Theater; education.

   Major Topics: Model Cities program; school desegregation; housing; murder of Wharlest Jackson; Black Power.

   Major Topics: Education; Harlem schools; 1969 NAACP national convention; murder of Wharlest Jackson; Virginia legislation on interracial marriage; employment discrimination; housing.
   *Major Topics:* Council on Community Concerns; Albany NAACP youth council; housing regulations; Black Power; NAACP opposition to Supreme Court nomination of Clement Haynsworth.

   *Major Topics:* Assassination of Vernon Dahmer; housing; 1966 state convention; Negro History Week; National Council of Negro Women.

   *Major Topics:* School desegregation; War on Poverty; March on Albany; New York State civil rights legislation; education; 1967 state convention; Vietnam War; police brutality; Eugene T. Reed; housing.

   *Major Topics:* Education; funeral for Martin Luther King Jr.; Nassau County open housing legislation; suburban areas; tutoring program; housing.

   *Major Topics:* Housing; White House Conference on Civil Rights; Black Power; Child Development Group of Mississippi; murder of Wharlest Jackson; consumer protection; Milwaukee, Wisconsin, NAACP youth council’s Commando Organization for Self Defense; New York City schools.

   *Major Topics:* Martin Luther King Jr.; Vietnam War; employment discrimination; housing; 1968 NAACP national convention; United Farm Workers strike and boycott of California grapes; firing of NAACP Associate General Counsel Lewis M. Steel; New York City schools; Pupil Incentive Program; 1969 NAACP national convention; NAACP opposition to Supreme Court nomination of Clement Haynsworth; 1969 state convention.

**Group IV, Box J-8**

   *Major Topics:* Pupil Incentive Program; firing of NAACP Associate General Counsel Lewis M. Steel; sickle cell anemia; NAACP opposition to Supreme Court nomination of Clement Haynsworth; New York City schools; college and university students.

   *Major Topics:* Black Power; school desegregation; housing discrimination; 1969 NAACP national convention.

**Reel 4**

**Group IV, Series J, Printed Matter cont.**

**Branches—Newsletters and Other Material cont.**

**Group IV, Box J-8 cont.**

   *Major Topics:* Fund-raising; expulsion of Adam Clayton Powell Jr. from U.S. House of Representatives; NAACP opposition to public funding of parochial and private schools; urban riots; Martin Luther King Jr.; New York City schools; United Federation of Teachers; NAACP opposition to Supreme Court nomination of Clement Haynsworth.
Major Topics: 1966 state convention; NAACP opposition to public funding of parochial and private schools.

0218 Ohio, “A”–“T” [Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, Lorain, Trumbull County, Toledo], 1966–1968. 72 pp.  
Major Topics: Expulsion of Adam Clayton Powell Jr. from U.S. House of Representatives; Deal v. Cincinnati Board of Education (school desegregation); 1966 NAACP national convention; Hough riot (1966); voter registration; Columbus schools.

Major Topics: Housing discrimination; memberships; voter registration; state public welfare programs.

Major Topics: Memberships; fund-raising; Hough riot (Cleveland, 1966); education; War on Poverty; housing; employment; political participation; 1966 Civil Rights Act; 1966 state convention; consumer protection; Ethridge v. Rhodes (discrimination in construction industry and by building trades unions); demonstrations by Central State University students; riot prevention; Ohio NAACP branches—Campbell–Struthers, Fremont, Lake County, Springfield, Crawford County, Trumbull County, Fostoria, Ravenna, Columbus, Sandusky, Allen County, Ashtabula, and Youngstown.

Group IV, Box J-9

Major Topics: Demonstration protesting assassination of civil rights leaders in Mississippi; 1967 NAACP national convention; Lower Merion schools; textbooks; Lincoln University; United Political Action Committee; demonstrations regarding employment discrimination at U.S. Steel Corporation.

Major Topics: Voter registration; Martin Luther King Jr.; state NAACP youth councils.

Major Topics: Relationship between Jews and African Americans; NAACP youth councils; urban renewal.

Major Topics: Murder of Wharlest Jackson; employment; schools; voter registration; Texas NAACP branches—Corpus Christi, Fort Bend–Wharton, Fort Worth, San Antonio; White House Conference on Civil Rights; Huntsville NAACP branch; 1966 NAACP national convention; 1966 state convention; Galveston, Austin, and Victoria NAACP branches; police brutality; enforcement of federal civil rights legislation; riot at Texas Southern University; 1967 and 1968 NAACP national conventions; school desegregation; 1968 state convention.


Major Topics: Fund-raising; Seattle schools; War on Poverty; consumer protection; Civil Rights Act of 1968.

Major Topics: Political participation; 1967 state conventions.

Reel 5

Group IV, Series J, Printed Matter cont.
Regions

Group IV, Box J-9 cont.
   Major Topics: Education; housing; memberships; NAACP youth councils;
   employment; government contracts; construction industry employment; building
   trades unions; social services for military veterans; Massachusetts Racial
   Imbalance Act (schools); Montachusett, Massachusetts, NAACP branch;
   Manchester, New Hampshire, NAACP branch; leadership training; public welfare
   programs.

   Major Topics: Employment; government contracts; construction industry
   employment; building trades unions; social services for military veterans.

   Major Topics: Leadership training; housing; political participation; school
   desegregation; employment; enforcement of federal civil rights legislation.

Group IV, Box J-10

   Major Topics: Violence and intimidation against African Americans; Ku Klux Klan;
   implementation of Civil Rights Act of 1964; school desegregation; urban renewal;
   employment; War on Poverty; voter registration; Alabama NAACP State
   Conference; Florida NAACP branches; Georgia NAACP branches;
   demonstrations in Natchez, Mississippi.
   Principal Correspondent: Ruby Hurley.

   Major Topics: School desegregation; NAACP v. Overstreet; NAACP in Alabama,
   Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee;
   Elementary and Secondary Education Act; voter registration; memberships;
   assassination of Martin Luther King Jr.; Mississippi NAACP State Conference;
   Principal Correspondent: Ruby Hurley.

   Major Topics: Memberships; education; health care facilities.
   Principal Correspondent: Richard L. Dockery.

   Major Topic: Memberships.
   Principal Correspondents: Phillip H. Savage; Henry R. Smith; Irene H. Smith;
   Littleton P. Mitchell; Milton Cooper; Delores Stanton.

   Major Topics: State civil rights legislation in Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii,
   Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, and Utah; employment; housing; education; health care
   facilities and services; political participation; consumer protection; government
   contracts; affirmative action in employment; 1966 NAACP national convention;
   NAACP youth councils; memberships; UFWOC strike against Delano, California,
   grape growers; California antiriot legislation; urban riots; school desegregation.
   Principal Correspondents: Robert L. Carter; Leonard H. Carter; Bettye Black; Virna
   M. Canson.
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Group IV, Series J, Printed Matter cont.

Regions cont.

Group IV, Box J-11


Major Topics: 1966 regional conference; political participation; memberships; education; housing; employment; NAACP youth councils; 1966 NAACP national convention; 1967 regional conference; 1967 Asilomar Conference; health care facilities and services; consumer protection; 1968, 1969, and 1971 regional conferences.


Major Topics: Demonstrations against employment discrimination by U.S. Steel Corporation; California antiriot legislation; University of Puget Sound; housing; voter registration; Black Power; memberships; NAACP youth councils; Freedom Fund; California State Supreme Court; apprenticeship training programs; construction industry employment; “Crisis and Commitment” statement; discrimination by building trades unions; Virna M. Canson; expulsion of Adam Clayton Powell Jr. from U.S. House of Representatives; John Muir School (San Francisco) boycott; Riverside, California, NAACP branch; Head Start program; Washington State open housing legislation; Model Cities program; California open housing legislation; school desegregation.


Major Topics: Employment; California open housing legislation; Berkeley, California, school busing; Muhammad Ali; discrimination by Plumbers Union Local 38; suburban areas; housing; schools; “Cool Summer” plans; 1967 federal civil rights legislation; Ethridge v. Rhodes (discrimination in construction industry and by building trades unions); government contracts; Washington State open housing legislation; California affirmative action in employment legislation; Reno-Sparks, Nevada, NAACP branch; International Association of Heat and Frost Insulators and Asbestos Workers; employment discrimination; Langston Hughes; Revolutionary Action Movement alleged plot to assassinate Roy Wilkins and Whitney M. Young Jr.; nomination of Thurgood Marshall for U.S. Supreme Court; Virginia interracial marriage legislation; teachers; Nevada Equal Rights Commission; stay of executions for San Quentin inmates; textbooks; 1967 regional conference; San Francisco NAACP branch; UFWOC strike against Delano, California, grape growers.


Major Topics: California housing legislation; apprenticeship training programs; California legislation (general); consumer protection; California public welfare programs; police; employment; voter registration; political participation; NAACP opposition to nomination of Clement Haynsworth for U.S. Supreme Court; NAACP opposition to Governor Ronald Reagan appointee to California Human Relations Agency.

Principal Correspondent: Virna M. Canson.
West Coast Regional Office, Southern California Field Office and Central Area

Major Topics: Memberships; *Ethridge v. Rhodes* (discrimination in construction
industry and by building trades unions); California Rural Legal Assistance
program (War on Poverty program); Office of Economic Opportunity;
employment; housing; urban areas.

Principal Correspondents: Jesse D. Scott; Roy Wilkins.

Group IV, Series C, Branch Department Files
Regional File

Midwest Regional Office, *Juli

Major Topics: Housing; school desegregation; education; tornado in Topeka,
Kansas, and disaster relief; employment; discrimination by building trades
unions; voter registration; political participation.

Principal Correspondents: Gloster B. Current; Julius E. Williams.

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Midwest Regional Office, *Juli

Major Topics: Springfield, Missouri, NAACP youth council; memberships;
employment; St. Louis, Missouri, NAACP branch; Omaha, Nebraska, racial
disturbance; housing; Kansas City, Missouri, schools; school desegregation.

Principal Correspondents: Julius E. Williams; Gloster B. Current.

Midwest Regional Office, *Juli

Major Topics: Mile High NAACP branch (Denver, Colorado); Kansas City, Missouri,
schools; housing; employment; Missouri Summer Project (1967); voter
registration; Maywood, Illinois, racial disturbance; Hannibal, Missouri, NAACP
branch; Kansas City, Missouri, NAACP branch.

Principal Correspondents: Julius E. Williams; Robert A. Wright; Gloster B. Current;
Roy Wilkins.


Major Topics: Connecticut NAACP State Conference; memberships; Freedom Fund;
1966 regional conference.

Principal Correspondents: Keesler H. Montgomery; Thomas H. Allen; Gloster B.
Current.

Southeast Regional Office, *Correspondence and Other Material*, 1966. 130 pp.

Major Topics: Confederation of Alabama Political Organizations; memberships.

Principal Correspondents: Gloster B. Current; Ruby Hurley; Roy Wilkins; Lucille
Black; Charles Evers; L. C. Bates.
0551  Southeast Regional Office, Correspondence and Other Material, January–June 1967. 88 pp.
    Major Topics: Eviction of tenant farmers in Sumter County, Alabama; memberships; 1967 regional conference; school desegregation; federal open housing legislation; selective service; African American–owned businesses; EEOC; Black Power; employment.
    Principal Correspondents: Ruby Hurley; Gloster B. Current; John A. Morsell.

0639  Southeast Regional Office, Correspondence and Other Material, July–December 1967. 94 pp.
    Major Topics: Memberships; NAACP Special Contribution Fund; voter registration; NAACP youth members.
    Principal Correspondents: Gloster B. Current; Ruby Hurley.

    Major Topics: Political participation; Civil Rights Act of 1968; War on Poverty; federal law enforcement legislation; school lunch programs; Harrison County (Mississippi) Civic Action Agency (War on Poverty agency).

    Major Topics: Memberships; War on Poverty; employment; political participation; activities of field staff members Ruby Hurley, Charles Evers, Robert Saunders, I. DeQuincey Newman, and Joe Louis Tucker; school desegregation; hospital desegregation; employment; NAACP in Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee; Charleston, South Carolina, hospital workers strike; food stamps; tornado in Hazlehurst, Mississippi, and disaster relief; Mississippi State Employment Service; Mississippi Concentrated Employment Service.
    Principal Correspondents: Ruby Hurley; Charles Evers; A. L. Johnson; K. L. Buford; Hazel M. Land; Aaron E. Henry; Alex Waites.

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Regional File cont.

Group IV, Box C-36

0001  Southwest Regional Office, [Correspondence], 1966. 137 pp.
    Major Topics: Employment practices of Minyard Food Stores; urban renewal; recreational facilities; Bogalusa Voters League.
    Principal Correspondents: John A. Morsell; Richard L. Dockery; Gloster B. Current; Lucille Black.

0138  Southwest Regional Office, [Correspondence], 1967. 184 pp.
    Major Topics: Organizing by UFWOC in Rio Grande City, Texas; police brutality allegations; New Mexico NAACP State Conference; NAACP youth councils.
    Principal Correspondents: John A. Morsell; Richard L. Dockery; Gloster B. Current; James Brown Jr.
0322  **Southwest Regional Office, [Correspondence], 1968.** 154 pp.  
*Major Topics:* Conditions in Huntsville, Texas, prison; Model Cities program; employment; building trades unions; Central State College (Edmond, Oklahoma).  
*Principal Correspondents:* Richard L. Dockery; Althea T. L. Simmons; William R. Morris; Herbert S. Hamilton; Gloster B. Current.

0476  **Southwest Regional Office, [Correspondence], 1969–1970.** 176 pp.  
*Major Topics:* Corpus Christi, Texas, NAACP branch; Dona Ana County, New Mexico, NAACP branch; Negro History Week; school desegregation; food assistance and food stamp programs.  
*Principal Correspondents:* Richard L. Dockery; Althea T. L. Simmons; Gloster B. Current.

0652  **Group IV, Box C-37**  
0652  **Southwest Regional Office, Reports, 1966–1971.** 92 pp.  
*Major Topics:* Activities of Richard L. Dockery; schools; urban renewal; police brutality; NAACP in Arkansas, Louisiana, Texas, Oklahoma, and New Mexico; health care facilities and services; teachers; memberships; South Dallas NAACP branch; voter registration; housing discrimination; employment; school desegregation; textbooks.  
*Principal Correspondent:* Richard L. Dockery.

0744  **West Coast Regional Office, Virna M. Canson, Correspondence and Memoranda, 1967.** 60 pp.  
*Major Topics:* California State legislature; California open housing legislation; California Fair Employment Practices Commission; California Rural Legal Assistance program (War on Poverty program); migrant agricultural workers.  
*Principal Correspondent:* Virna M. Canson.

0804  **West Coast Regional Office, Virna M. Canson, Correspondence and Memoranda, 1968–1970.** 135 pp.  
*Major Topics:* Memberships; 1968 primary election; consumer protection; education; California open housing legislation; employment; separatism; students.  
*Principal Correspondents:* Virna M. Canson; Gloster B. Current; Leonard H. Carter.

*Major Topics:* Activities of Virna M. Canson; California NAACP branches; Arizona NAACP branches; Reno, Nevada, schools; California open housing legislation; California Fair Employment Practices Commission; housing; meeting with labor union leaders; consumer protection; 1968 primary election.  
*Principal Correspondent:* Virna M. Canson.

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*Major Topics:* Memberships; Freedom Fund.  
*Principal Correspondents:* Leonard H. Carter; Gloster B. Current.

**Major Topics:** Constitution and by-laws for Northern Area Conference of NAACP West Coast Region; NAACP’s nonpartisan policy; Palo Alto–Stanford, California, NAACP branch; memberships; fund-raising; reorganization of San Francisco NAACP branch; “Crisis and Commitment” statement; schools; employment; NAACP youth councils; housing.

**Principal Correspondents:** Leonard H. Carter; Virna M. Canson; Gloster B. Current; Roy Wilkins; Charles E. Mays; William Martin.


**Major Topics:** Memberships; multicultural education; Bayshore Employment Service, Inc.; Berkeley, California, NAACP branch Summer Work Opportunities Program; Hawaii open housing legislation.

**Principal Correspondents:** Leonard H. Carter; William Martin; Gloster B. Current.


**Major Topics:** Students: Ethridge v. Rhodes (discrimination in construction industry and by building trades unions); California open housing legislation; California Rural Legal Assistance program (War on Poverty program); migrant agricultural workers; memberships.

**Principal Correspondents:** Leonard H. Carter; Robert L. Carter; Gloster B. Current; Jesse D. Scott; Lucille Black; Virna M. Canson.


**Major Topics:** Employment discrimination; California Rural Legal Assistance program (War on Poverty program); memberships; fund-raising.

**Principal Correspondents:** Leonard H. Carter; Gloster B. Current.

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**Major Topics:** Housing discrimination; employment discrimination; Berkeley, California, school desegregation; NAACP’s nonpartisan policy; memberships.

**Principal Correspondents:** Leonard H. Carter; Mary Jane Johnson.


**Major Topics:** National Committee to Revitalize the NAACP (Young Turks); UFWOC strike in Delano, California; employment; San Francisco schools; memberships; San Francisco police; California NAACP branches.

**Principal Correspondents:** Leonard H. Carter; John A. Morsell; Roy Wilkins; William R. Morris.


**Major Topics:** Employment; memberships; Freedom Fund; reorganization of Los Angeles NAACP branch.

**Principal Correspondents:** Leonard H. Carter; Gloster B. Current; John A. Morsell; Robert L. Carter.
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      Major Topics: Palo Alto–Stanford, California, NAACP branch; Los Angeles schools; memberships; voter education project proposal; Indian Wells Valley, California, NAACP branch.
      Principal Correspondents: Gloster B. Current; Leonard H. Carter; Roy Wilkins.

      Major Topics: Fund-raising; West Coast Region NAACP branch directory; NAACP support for UFWOC.
      Principal Correspondents: Leonard H. Carter; Virna M. Canson.

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0373  West Coast Regional Office, Loring D. Emile (Field Director), 1966–1967. 192 pp.
      Major Topics: Mexican Americans in Los Angeles; education; Los Angeles riot following murder of Leonard Deadwyler by Los Angeles police; California NAACP youth councils.
      Principal Correspondents: Leonard H. Carter; John A. Morsell; Loring D. Emile; Althea T. L. Simmons; Gloster B. Current.

0565  West Coast Regional Office, Joseph L. Howerton Jr. (Field Director), 1967. 121 pp.
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      Principal Correspondent: Joseph L. Howerton Jr.

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      Major Topics: Housing discrimination; employment discrimination; Bakersfield, California, riot; Las Vegas, Nevada, NAACP branch; University of Puget Sound.
      Principal Correspondents: Leonard H. Carter; John A. Morsell; William Martin; Charles E. Mays; Gloster B. Current.

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