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HARRY DEXTER WHITE

(1892 — 1948)

A random collection of the papers of Harry Dexter White, economist, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, U. S. Executive Director of the International Monetary Fund, is in the library of Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey.

Measure of Size: 15 filing boxes (of vertical file folders)  
of the kind measuring 5" front to back.

The papers consist mostly of memoranda and notes, with no correspondence to speak of. Some of it duplicates what is now in the Treasury Department.

An inventory is available, a copy of which is being prepared for this Committee.

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## Biographical Note

1892, Oct. 29	Born, Boston, Massachusetts
	Married Ann Terry; 2 children
Prior to World War I	Instructor of economics at Harvard Then professor at Lawrence College, Appleton, Wisc.
World War I	Served as lieutenant overseas
	On return to U.S. directed an A.E.F. orphan asylum for two years
1924	B.A., Stanford University
1925	M.A., Stanford University
1935	Ph.D., Harvard
1934	Director of Research, U. S. Treasury
1935	Sent to England to study economic and monetary questions
1940	Director of Monetary Research, U. S. Treasury
1941-42	Worked on monetary proposals for formal United Nations Conference - report called White Plan. Bretton Woods Conference of July, 1944 adopted many of his provisions.
1942	Special Assistant to Secretary of the Treasury
1943-45	Assistant to Secretary of the Treasury
1945-46	Assistant Secretary of the Treasury
1946-47	U. S. Executive Director, International Monetary Fund, having waged successful campaign for U. S. recognition of the Fund
1947, Apr. 8	Ended government service with resignation as Executive Director, I. M. F.
1948, July 31	Accused by Elizabeth Bentley before House Un-American Activities Committee of being Soviet spy - denied charges as fantastic
1948, Aug. 16	Died

See: Obituary, New York Times, August 17, 1948  
Who Was Who in America, 1943-50, vol. II, Marquis

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From letter of 5/2/56 from Alexander  
P. Clark of Princeton Library.