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Historical Note

Beginning in 1932, the Public Health Service began a study of the effects of untreated syphilis on black men in Macon County, Alabama. On August 24, 1972 Merlin K. DuVal, M.D., Assistant Secretary for Health and Scientific Affairs in the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, announced the appointment of an ad hoc panel headed by Broadus N. Butler, president of Dillard University, to investigate the study. The panel was empowered to explore whether the study was justified, whether it should be continued, and if existing H.E.W. regulations properly protected the rights of patients. The final report of the panel was delivered on April 28, 1973.

During the course of its investigation, the panel collected a broad variety of historical documents and other papers. In 1973 a copy of the working papers of the panel was deposited in the National Library of Medicine by Dr. R. C. Backus, the Executive Secretary of the Tuskegee Syphilis Ad Hoc Advisory panel. These working papers constitute the collection known as "Documents on origin and development of the Tuskegee syphilis study".

The collection consist of photocopies of twelve volumes. The material was organized by the panel into ten general groupings identified in the general index to the papers. An item-level index to the material was also prepared. In the upper right hand corner of each page of the index is found a roman numeral control number, indicating the major grouping in which the material belongs, and the box number in which the material is found. Each entry in the finding aid is preceded by this index number.

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Collection Scope and Content Note

During the course of its investigation, the panel collected a broad variety of historical documents and other papers. In 1973 a copy of the working papers of the panel was deposited in the National Library of Medicine by Dr. R. C. Backus, the Executive Secretary of the Tuskegee Syphilis Ad Hoc Advisory panel. These working papers constitute the collection known as "Documents on origin and development of the Tuskegee syphilis study".

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