

**RECORDS OF THE PRESIDENT'S ADVISORY
COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

1936 – 1939

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The George-Deen Act, which was approved by President Roosevelt on June 8, 1936, authorized increased Federal appropriations for vocational education. The President felt, in view of the criticisms leveled at the bill, a committee should be set up to study the existing program of Federal Aid for Vocational Education, the relation of these programs to general education and the prevailing economic and social conditions, and the need for an expanded program. The President's Advisory Committee on Education, originally known as the President's Committee on Vocational Education, first met on November 6-7, 1936 under the chairmanship of Floyd W. Reeves. As the studies progressed, it was evident that the problem of vocational education could not easily be divorced from the larger problems of education in general. On April 19, 1937, the President enlarged the committee and expanded the scope of its responsibility. A preliminary statement was sent to the President on April 24, 1937 making recommendations for appropriations under the George-Deen Act which went into effect on July 1, 1937. A more comprehensive report was prepared and submitted to the President on February 18, 1938.

The papers consist of correspondence, office files, background materials, staff studies and printed matter. Most of the material relating to vocational education has been separated from the general education files.

The papers have been divided into three series as follows:

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General Correspondence Files:
Incoming and outgoing correspondence dealing with the work of the committee. The correspondence is filed alphabetically by subject or surname of correspondence and thereunder chronologically.

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Subject Files: President's Advisory Committee on Education:
Contains office files, staff studies, background material, evaluations and a summary of staff findings. Related material is found under the President's Committee on Vocational Education. [See below]

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Subject Files: President's Committee on Vocational Education:
Contains office files, a small amount of correspondence, working files, transcripts of conference proceedings, studies, reports, memoranda and printed matter. Related material is found under the President's Advisory Committee on Education. [See above]