

eight states was visited and a total of 120,000 feet of film was exposed. The result represents, with few exceptions, contributions of the combined holdings of official records of the states. Hundreds of agencies, government officials and individual citizens have given of their resources and services in various stages of the project.

The second phase of the project involved the working out of a simple classification scheme and the physical arrangement of the filmed material under that scheme. The materials are systematically organized on individual reels of film and the reels are numbered chronologically by states. Within each state jurisdiction the materials are arranged under the eleven lettered classes. This scheme allows for a two-way grouping of the microfilms into separate state collections or into a nation-wide collection of any of the lettered subject classes and, it is believed, will adequately meet requirements of the various research interests as the microfilms are serviced to users. The scheme also provides for collateral and terminal supplements.

During the collection and editorial phases of the project notes have been kept from which a guide to the use of the Records of the States might be prepared. This third phase of the project will require analysis of the materials and coordination of information contained in the findings. Its completion must await the more urgent task of making the microfilms readily available to all who desire to obtain a better understanding of the behavior of our free institutions of government.