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**REQUEST FOR RECORDS DISPOSITION AUTHORITY**  
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JOB NO	NCL-70-80-2
DATE RECEIVED	10-4-79
NOTIFICATION TO AGENCY	
In accordance with the provisions of 44 U.S.C. 3303a the disposal request, including amendments, is approved except for items that may be stamped "disposal not approved" or "withdrawn" in column 10	
OCT 10 1979 <i>Walter M. Stender</i> Date <b>ACTING</b> Archivist of the United States	

TO **GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION,  
NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS SERVICE, WASHINGTON, DC 20408**

1 FROM (AGENCY OR ESTABLISHMENT)  
Bureau of Lines

2 MAJOR SUBDIVISION  
Division of Statistics

3 MINOR SUBDIVISION  
Administration

4 NAME OF PERSON WITH WHOM TO CONFER  
Jane Williams

5 TEL EXT  
634-1571

6 CERTIFICATE OF AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE

I hereby certify that I am authorized to act for this agency in matters pertaining to the disposal of the agency's records; that the records proposed for disposal in this Request of 1 page(s) are not now needed for the business of this agency or will not be needed after the retention periods specified.

**A Request for immediate disposal.**

**B Request for disposal after a specified period of time or request for permanent retention.**

C DATE 9/28/79	D SIGNATURE OF AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE <i>Victor E. Traver</i> Victor E. Traver	E TITLE Paperwork Management Officer
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7 ITEM NO	8 DESCRIPTION OF ITEM (With Inclusive Dates or Retention Periods)	9 SAMPLE OR JOB NO	10 ACTION TAKEN
1.	Records Concerning an Unpublished History of the Bureau of Mines, 1910 - 1960		
	Correspondence Files		
2.	Working Papers		
These series were recommended for disposal in Job No. NC3-70-7903.			
			<i>2 items</i>

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The draft chapters have permanent value, while the correspondence files and working papers do not. On August 7, 1979, I discussed these records with Edward Hill of MCG, who informally agreed with my evaluation of the records.

1. Drafts of Chronological Chapters. 5 inches. Boxes 37-38.

These undated chapters are arranged by chapter nos. 1 - 10. The chapters relate the history of the Bureau from its establishment on July 1, 1910, through June 30, 1960. Each chapter treats a 5 year period. These drafts have unique informational value in summarizing the Bureau's history from its own viewpoint. Moreover, in the absence of any published history, they are unique in their comprehensive coverage of the Bureau's first 50 years. They will be useful to scholars needing both an overview of the Bureau's development and preliminary accounts of the Bureau's role in such major crises as World War I and the depression of the 1930s. This series should be accessioned by NARS.

2. Drafts of Topical Chapters. 4 inches. Boxes 37-38.

These chapters are undated and unarranged. They are filed in folders with subject headings. The topics of these drafts include "Mineral Leasing," "Health and Safety," "Mining Technology," "Explosives Investigations," "Oil Shale," and "Administration and Organization." The folders do include a few duplicates and revisions that could be weeded. These drafts contain unique information about the Bureau's views on its most important activities, functions, and policies. They provide a convenient summary of some of the Bureau's major programs. My cursory examination indicates that they include some information not in the chronological chapters and, therefore, will be a worthwhile supplement to series no. 1. This series should be accessioned by NARS.

3. Correspondence Files. 3 inches. Boxes 37-38.

These files consist of 1 folder in box 37 labeled "History" with items dated 1953-60 and 2 folders in box 38, of which one has items dated 1953 and the other has items dated 1959. These files consist of internal Bureau letters and memoranda concerning the preparation of the history. They include transmittals, requests for drafts by specified dates, some editorial comments on various drafts, and some partial drafts. They do not document the inception of the project and do not explain why the history was never published. One cannot use these files to trace the evolution of the project or the basic decisions taken during the project. Thus, these files do not have evidential or informational value. This series should not be accessioned by NARS.

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4. Working Papers. 1 foot. Boxes 37-38.

These include partial drafts of chapters, handwritten notes, lists of the Bureau's facilities, lists of Bureau employees with advanced degrees, copies of Bureau publications, graphs, copies of organizational charts from 1915 into the 1930s, and photographs. These materials have no significant evidential or informational value. The photographs appear to be duplicates from the Bureau's historical collection of 90,000 negatives and prints, which has recently been offered to NARS. Mr. Hill and I agreed that NMG might remove the organizational charts as a reference file to help it service the Bureau of Mines records in its custody. This series should not be accessioned by NARS.