

**“HARVEST OF SHAME”: DISCOVERING THE PLIGHT OF
DOMESTIC MIGRATORY FARM LABOR, 1940—1960**

On November 25, 1960, CBS aired a ^{*}documentary hosted by Edward R. Murrow entitled "Harvest of Shame." The program brought the plight of the domestic migrant farm workers into the homes of Americans across the country. The airing of this program prompted citizens and non-citizens to write to Secretary of Labor James P. Mitchell and the White House asking for action to help this underprivileged segment of American society. It is recommended that students begin this project by viewing the hour-long program before reading the letters and memoranda written by a cross-section of American citizens. These materials are located in "Migratory Labor - Harvest of Shame." It is also recommended that a second folder, "Migratory Labor - General," be used in conjunction with these documents.

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