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The Smithsonian Institution National Anthropological Archives has recently been awarded a grant of \$25,000 by the National Historical Publications and Records Commission for a one-year project to arrange, describe, and publish on microfilm the California material among the papers of John P. Harrington. Harrington, a linguist and ethnologist with the Bureau of American Ethnology

between 1915 and 1945, amassed a trove of ethnological, linguistic, and historical data on the Indians of California. Its publication should facilitate the work of many researchers throughout the country. An incidental benefit will be preservation of the material on archival quality microfilm to assure its availability to generations of future scholars. Dr. Herman J. Viola, Director of the Archives, will have overall charge of the project, and Dr. Ives Goddard, of the Smithsonian's Department of Anthropology, will be its chief linguist. In addition, a number of experts in various disciplines will be called upon for advice. The project will begin in early December.

Although the Archives hopes to continue to make the material available to researchers, certain portions will of necessity be unavailable for brief periods of time as arrangement and microfilming proceed. Researchers are urged, therefore, to make arrangements for use of the papers well in advance of visits. Past researchers have been remarkably generous with information useful in processing the Harrington papers and have been patient and cooperative in following archivists' admonitions in handling the documents. In order to allow the production of the most usable microfilm possible, such generosity and cooperation are needed now more than ever.

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