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Historical Note: Harold Vincent served as Milwaukee School Superintendent from 1950 until 1967. He was born in Indiana in 1900. He earned his degree from Greenville College in Illinois and taught school in South Dakota from 1923 to 1926. He relocated to Ohio and advanced from teacher, to vice- principal, to assistant superintendent, and finally Superintendent of Schools in Canton, Ohio. After his move to Milwaukee, Vincent was very active in civic affairs, but, in the 1960s, he became a target for criticism from civil rights groups for not taking forceful steps to eliminate de facto segregation in Milwaukee’s schools. He retired as superintendent in 1967 and died the following year from a heart attack.

Scope and Content: The records consist of correspondence, publications, reports, memos, and other ephemera that help document Vincent’s educational career in Ohio as well as Milwaukee, his civic activities, and his role in the school desegregation controversy.

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