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Although many primary and secondary sources were extremely valuable for the writing of this book, two of them—the Woodring Personal Papers and the Secretary of War’s General Correspondence, 1932–1942—were absolutely essential. For the former collection I am deeply in debt to Mr. Cooper C. Woodring of Plandome, New York, who gave me complete access to these papers, which are as yet uncatalogued. In going through this collection, which I estimate to contain approximately 4,000 letters, 200 telegrams, 5,000 news clippings, 800 pamphlets and published reports, 1,000 photographs, and hundreds of miscellaneous items, I tentatively organized the material into the following categories:

1. Woodring’s family—ancestors, parents, sisters, relatives, etc.
2. Pre-1928 Activities
   a. news clippings
   b. letters
3. American Legion Activities
   a. news clippings
   b. pamphlets, programs, etc.
4. Governor
   a. campaign material
   b. published speeches, reports, etc.
   c. personal letters, memorandums, telegrams
   d. news clippings
5. Assistant Secretary of War
   a. official correspondence
This collection was especially valuable in providing information on Woodring's prepolitical career and his activities after leaving public life, but the material from his years as Governor and as a War Department official is rather sketchy and therefore will be of limited value to the in-depth researcher. Nevertheless, when this collection is completely organized and indexed, it should prove of great value to students of both Kansas and United States history.

The Secretary of War, General Correspondence, 1932–1942, which is located in the National Archives, was also indispensable to the study. This collection of several hundred boxes of material contains nearly every piece of official correspondence that crossed Woodring's desk at the War Department between 1933 and 1940.

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