

## **7. Reports, General, 1940-48**

“Report on the Possibilities of Establishing an International Area Contiguous to Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument,” May 20, 1942, Folder: Reports, General, 1940-48, Box 2319, Central Classified Files, 1907-49, RG 79, NARA-MD.

The source begins with a letter to the Regional Director of the Department of the Interior, from Charles Richey. Richey, the Superintendent, was sent to the area to investigate the possibility of establishing “a park or monument area contiguous to Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument” (pg. 1) on the Mexican side of the border. Following this letter are reports by Assistant Naturalist Dodge and Custodian Supernaugh. The reports cover a wide range of material pertinent to this investigation. The topics include topography, climate, native people, plants, animals, and certain land features both manmade and natural. Another important issue that was assessed in a report was the availability of water and condition of water wells in use. The group also had a highway engineer examine the land with the hope of planning a highway to or through the area. This is important because in order for a national park or Monument to succeed, it needs to have a nearby highway or interstate.