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To provide information about a large and growing sector of the economy, the National Bureau's investigations of production, employment and productivity were expanded in 1943 to include the service industries. This report by George J. Stigler, *Domestic Servants in the United States, 1900-1940*, is the first product of this additional investigation. Another now in preparation will provide a general survey of the service industries as a whole, and others will deal in detail with education, wholesale and retail trade, and government.

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