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archives, diaries, and memoirs of policymakers and newly available FBI files. Other essays address the less formal but no less influential roles of African American cultural ambassadors, such as Joe Louis, Louis Armstrong, and hip hop artists. The volume concludes with analysis of the effects on race and foreign policy of President Barack Obama, who was both a beacon of hope and a disappointment to observers of U.S. foreign policy both stateside and abroad"--

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