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## Covers

Front: the present home of the *Chicago Daily Defender* at 2400 S. Michigan Avenue. Robert Sengstack Abbott founded this paper in 1905. Carried by African American railroad workers throughout the United States, it was especially important in attracting migrants from the southern states, while persistently advocating civil rights and economic opportunities. JISHS photo.

Back: the present home at 820 South Michigan of the Johnson Publishing Company, founded in 1942 by John H. Johnson. Completed in 1971 and dedicated in 1972, this is the center of a publishing, cosmetics, and media empire whose influence is global. *Ebony* and *Jet* are Johnson Publishing's best-known and most influential productions. Photo courtesy JPC.