

REQUEST FOR RECORDS DISPOSITION AUTHORITY <i>(See Instructions on reverse)</i>		LEAVE BLANK	
TO GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS SERVICE, WASHINGTON, DC 20408		JOB NO N1-074-88-1	DATE RECEIVED 11 APRIL 1989
1. FROM (Agency or establishment) DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY		NOTIFICATION TO AGENCY	
2. MAJOR SUBDIVISION NAVAL DATA AUTOMATION COMMAND		In accordance with the provisions of 44 USC 3303a the disposal request, including amendments, is approved except for items that may be marked "disposition not approved" or "withdrawn" in column 10. If no records are proposed for disposal, the signature of the Archivist is not required.	
3. MINOR SUBDIVISION			
4. NAME OF PERSON WITH WHOM TO CONFER Dick MacKay (NIRM) Elaine Everly (NNTA)	5. TELEPHONE EXT 724-1512 763-1710	DATE 4/20/89	ARCHIVIST OF THE UNITED STATES <i>C. Baller</i>
6. CERTIFICATE OF AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE			

I hereby certify that I am authorized to act for this agency in matters pertaining to the disposal of the agency's records, that the records proposed for disposal in this Request of 39 page(s) are not now needed for the business of this agency or will not be needed after the retention periods specified, and that written concurrence from the General Accounting Office, if required under the provisions of Title 8 of the GAO Manual for Guidance of Federal Agencies, is attached.

A GAO concurrence is attached, or is unnecessary

B. DATE 4/12/89	C. SIGNATURE OF AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE <i>E. W. Baller</i> Captain E.W. Baller, USN	D. TITLE HEAD, DIRECTIVES, POSTAL AND RECORDS MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT (CODE 80)
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	<p>Records of the Bureau of Ordnance (BUORD)</p> <p>The Bureau of Ordnance was established in the Navy Department by an act of 5 July 1862, and assigned functions which had previously been performed by the Bureau of Ordnance and Hydrography. The Bureau of Ordnance was responsible for the design, manufacture, procurement, issue, and maintenance of all forms of naval armament, offensive and defensive, including guns, ammunition, torpedoes, mines, depth charges, fire control equipment, armor, and, in later years, rockets and guided missiles. To provide for the upkeep and repair of these weapons, it operated gun factories, ordnance plants, torpedo stations, proving grounds, ammunition and mine depots, and other shore installations.</p> <p>The Bureau of Ordnance was abolished by an act of August 18, 1959, effective December 1, 1959, and its functions, together with those of the Bureau of Aeronautics were transferred to the newly created Bureau of Naval Weapons.</p> <p>On the following 36 pages of this Request for Records Disposition Authority 109 accessions (7,167 cubic feet) of BUORD records through its</p>		

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	<p>disestablishment in 1959 are grouped into archival series (S-# numbered pages) and described. The accessions included in each series and their volume as well as the disposition for each is included. All records included in this request are located at the Washington National Records Center.</p> <p>Some of the accessions in this Request for Records Disposition Authority contain records subject to court ordered freezes on records related to asbestos (ABS) or military sales to Iran (IRA). <u>No destruction of these records will be permitted until the freeze is removed.</u></p> <p>Records recommended for destruction (16 accessions/1,405 cubic feet) will be destroyed immediately except for those accession subject to the freezes on asbestos records (ABS) or military sales to Iran (IRA). The disposition authority for these records will be this Request for Records Disposition Authority (N1-74-88-1). These records will be destroyed automatically when the freezes are removed.</p> <p>Most of the records included in this Request are recommended for permanent retention (93 accessions / 5,762 cubic feet). These records will be accessioned into the National Archives during Fiscal Year 1989 and 1990. Even though designated Permanent, disposable materials are often intermingled with permanent records and the separation cannot be readily accomplished until the records are transferred to the National Archives. After transfer, the National Archives will remove records authorized for destruction under the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Records that are disposable under approved Navy and Marine Corps disposition authorities. 2. Records that are disposable under the General Records Schedule. 3. Nonrecord material including duplicate copies. 4. Any specific portion of a series identified as disposable in the disposition section of this Request for Records Disposition Authority. 5. Central correspondence and research and development related series that do not document significant projects nor provide substantive documentation on important functions of the Bureau of Ordnance. 		

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No destruction of any type will be permitted on those accessions identified as containing "asbestos related" records or records related to military sales to Iran until such time as the freeze is removed.

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GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE, UNCLASSIFIED AND CONFIDENTIAL. 1944-59 3370 cu. ft.

Arranged in annual segments, thereunder by Navy Filing Manual symbols; ships' files generally precede subject and name-title groups. A few accessions are mixed but most are exclusively either unclassified or confidential. Restricted material is interspersed in the unclassified series. Confidential accessions include interspersed "NATO Confidential" material. Speedletters, messages, and routing sheets seem to predominate in the files. Three accessions consist of segments of earlier date (1907-49 in one, 1912-46 in another, and 1903-44 in the third) that should be interfiled with records already accessioned by NARA.

Recommended Disposition: Permanent; transfer to NARA. Non-record material and disposable material that can be clearly identified as such, covered by General Records Schedules or other approved disposal authorities, will be removed during archival processing.

Justification: These records continue and complement a comparable series, 1885-1944, already accessioned by NARA (Entry 25, P.I. 33). They are part of the documentation of the Bureau's primary program functions, albeit at the lowest level of security classification. Many of the records are facilitative in character, many seem to have been received only for informational purposes, and many relate to projects or activities in which the Bureau was involved only collaterally, but it is impossible to rule out the presence of interspersed documentation of long-term significance, which could probably be identified only by careful screening on a folder-by-folder basis.

R. C. Accessions:

1529	1944-45
4444	1946
5595	1947
5704	1912-46
6829	1948
6830	1948
8040	1949
8041	1949
9218	1907-49
9800	1950-51
10023	1950-51
10681	1952
10682	1952
12271	1953
12341	1953
14034	1954
14035	1954
15893	1955
15894	1955
59A-1052	1956
59A-1053	1956
60A-1884	1957
60A-1885	1957
61A-2318	1958
61A-2334	1958
62A-2433	1959 (Jan.-Nov.)
63A-2163	1903-44

POTENTIALLY DISPOSABLE SEGMENTS OF ACCESSIONS

Acc. 1529 (1944-45, Unclassified, Conf.)	Boxes 41-43 (A16-1) 113-114 (L1-1, L1-2) 122-128 (L4-1 to L4-3) 239-383 (Ships) 385-390 (EF) 658-678 (Ships)
Acc. 4444 (1946, Conf.)	Boxes 1-88 (Ships) 117, 118 (EF) 144-146 (L1-1, L1-2) 153, 154 (L4-3)
Acc. 5595 (1947, Conf.)	Boxes 1-58 (Ships) 76 (EF)
Acc. 6829 (1948, Unclassified)	Boxes 1-15 (Ships) 36-45 (L1-1 to L4-3)
Acc. 6830 (1948, Conf.)	Boxes 1-3 (Ships)
Acc. 8040 (1949, Unclassified)	Boxes 1-15 (Ships) 45, 46 (L4-1, L4-3)
Acc. 8041 (1949, Conf.)	Boxes 1-3 (Ships)
Acc. 9800 (1950-51, Unclassified)	Boxes 1-28 (Ships) 58 (EF) 79-82 (L1-1, L1-2) 101-116 (L4-1, L4-3)
Acc. 10023 (1950-51, Conf.)	Boxes 1-11 (Ships) 28 (A16-1) 31 (EF) 44 (L4-2)
Acc. 10681 (1952, Unclassified)	Boxes 1-21 (Ships) 54-55 (L1-1, L1-2) 71-79 (L4-1, L4-3)
Acc. 10682A, B	Boxes 1-7 (Ships) 15 (A16-1) 17 (EF)
Acc. 12271 (1953, Conf.)	Boxes 1-6 (Ships) 14 (A16-1)

Acc. 12341
(1953, Unclassified)

Boxes 1-21 (Ships)
57 (L1-1, L1-2)
68-75 (L4-1 to
L4-3)

Acc. 14034
(1954, Conf.)

Boxes 1-6 (Ships)
19 (EF)
27, 28 (L4-2, L4-3)

Acc. 14035
(1954, Unclassified)

Boxes 1-19 (Ships)
39 (EF)
57 (L1-1, L1-2)
68-74 (L4-1 to
L4-3)

Acc. 15893
(1955, Conf.)

Boxes 1-4 (Ships)
12-15 (A10-1)
17 (A16-1)
23-25 (L4-3)

Acc. 15894
(1955, Unclassified)

Boxes 1-14 (Ships)
18-20 (A2-9)
32-39 (A10-1)
41 (A13)
44 (A19)
47 (EF)
55-64 (L1-1 to
L4-3)
67-70 (L8-2)
81-85 (L8-5)

Acc. 59A-1052
(1956, Conf.)

Boxes 1-4 (Ships)
11-14 (A10-1)
16 (A16-1)
22-24 (L4-3)

Acc. 59A-1053
(1956, Unclassified)

Boxes 1-13 (Ships)
15-18 (A2-9)
30-37 (A10-1)
39 (A13)
42 (A19)
51-60 (L1-1 to
L4-3)
64-68 (L8-2, L8-3)
80-85 (L8-5)

Acc. 60A-1884 (1957, Unclassified)	Boxes 1-14 (Ships) 16-19 (A2-9) 33-42 (A10-1) 44-45 (A13) 57-66 (L1-1 to L4-3) 71-77 (L8-2, L8-3) 91-98 (L8-5)
Acc. 60A-1885 (1957, Confidential)	Boxes 1-5 (Ships) 12-17 (A10-1) 20 (A16-1) 25 (L4-2, L4-3)
Acc. 61A-2318 (1958, Unclassified)	Boxes 1-14 (Ships) 17-20 (A2-9) 34-41 (A10-1) 44 (A13) 46 (A19) 55-61 (L1-1 to L4-3) 65-69 (L8-2, L8-3) 83-89 (L8-5)
Acc. 61A-2334 (1958, Conf.)	Boxes 1-4 (Ships) 9-11 (A10-1) 23-25 (L4-2, L8-5)
Acc. 62A-2433 (also B, C) (1959, Conf. and Unclassified)	Boxes 31-44 (Ships) 45-81 (A2-9) 63-68 (A10-1) 73 (A19) 76 (EF) 84-91 (L1-2, L4-3) 95-100 (L8-2) 114-119 (L8-5) 145-149 (Ships) 154-155 (A10-1) 161 (L1-1) 179 (EF)
Acc. 1900 (1943, Secret)	No boxes disposable in their entirety

Acc. 2362 (1944, Secret)	Boxes 53-59 (Ships) 7-11 (EF)
Acc. 2423 (1942, Secret)	No boxes disposable in their entirety
Acc. 5465 (1946, Secret)	Boxes 1, 2 (Ships files) 21, 22 (EF)
Acc. 6848 (also C, D, E) (1946, Secret)	No boxes disposable in their entirety
Acc. 7356 (also C, D) (1947, Secret)	No boxes disposable in their entirety
Acc. 8400 (also A, B) (1948, Secret)	Boxes 8-10 (A16-1) 12-17 (EF)
Acc. 10641 (also C, D) (1949, Secret)	Boxes 1-3 (Ships, A1-1) 8 (A16-1) 11-19 (EF)
Acc. 12578 (also C, D) (1950, Secret)	Boxes 1-2 (Ships, A1-1) 8, 9 (A16-1) 13-24 (EF)
Acc. 14195 (also B, C) (1951, Secret)	Boxes 2-3 (A1-1) 14-18 (A16-1) 20-29 (EF) 43 (L1-1)
Acc. 15482 (also B, C, D) (1952, Secret)	Boxes 2-6 (Ships, A1-1) 14-17 (A16-1) 22-38 (EF) 55 (L1-1)
Acc. 59A-0351 (B, C, D, E, F also) (1953, Secret)	Boxes 2-5 (Ships, A1-1) 19-23 (A16-1) 29-42 (EF)
Acc. 59A-1577 (also B, C, D, E, F, G) (1954, Secret)	Boxes 1-5 (Ships, A1-1, A2-9) 16-20 (A16-1) 25-39 (EF) 64 (L1-1)
Acc. 60A-1645 (also B, C, D, E) (1955, Secret)	Boxes 4-6 (A1) 23-29 (A16-1) 39-53 (EF)

Acc. 60A-2296 (also C, F, G, H, I)
(1956, Secret)

Boxes 3-10 (Ships, A1-1)
14-26 (A10-1)
30-35 (A16-1)

Acc. 60A-2582 (also D, H, L)
(1957, Secret)

Boxes 2-8 (A1 to A2-9)
13-27 (A10-1)
29-35 (A13, A16-1)
39-40 (A19, A20)
44-57 (EF)

Acc. 61A-2871
(1958, Secret)

Boxes 1-2 (Ships)
3-9 (A1, A1-1)
14-23 (A10-1)
26-32 (A16-1)
38-40 (A19)
45-56 (EF)
75-81 (L4-1, L4-3)

Acc. 62A-2701
(1959, Secret)

Boxes 1-3 (Ships)
4-10 (A1, A1-1)
15-22 (A10-1)
25-30 (A16-1)
35-36 (A19)
42-52 (EF)
69-70 (L4-2)

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE, SECRET 1942-59 1198 cu. ft.

Arranged in annual accessions, thereunder by Navy Filing Manual symbols; ships' files generally precede subject and name-title groups. Accessions for 1948 and later also include secret contract correspondence. In all accessions, incoming and outgoing correspondence are filed separately.

Recommended Disposition: Permanent; transfer to NARA. Non-record material and disposable material that can be clearly identified as such, covered by GRS or other approved disposal authorities, will be removed during archival processing.

Justification: These records continue and complement a comparable series already accessioned by NARA; they are part of the documentation of the Bureau's primary program functions.

R. C. Accessions:

1900	1943
2362	1944
2423	1942
5465	1944
6848	1946
7356	1947
8400	1948
10641	1949
12578	1950
14195	1951

15482	1952
59A-0351	1953
59A-1577	1954
60A-1645	1955
60A-2296	1956
60A-2582	1957
61A-2871	1958
62A-2701	1959 (Jan.-Nov.)

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ENCLOSURES TO GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE. 1941, 1943, 1945. Confidential.

50 cu. ft.

Copies of printed and near-print reports and studies, fiscal tabulations, brochures, photostat copies of after-action reports, and the like, received with incoming correspondence for the three years cited, and segregated for separate filing because of bulkiness. Enclosures for 1941 and 1943 (12 cu. ft.) unarranged; enclosures for 1945 arranged by Navy Filing Manual except for last 3 boxes, which are unarranged.

Recommended Disposition: Temporary; dispose of at once.

Justification: Records are chiefly of an informational character, needed for current business when the records were administratively active. No unique documentation of long-term value is discernible.

R. C. Accessions: 3538 (50 cu. ft.) (Original volume 71 cu. ft.)

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CONTRACT CORRESPONDENCE. c. 1950-62. Unclassified and Confidential. 366
cu. ft.

Correspondence of an administrative and technical character with contractors; speed letters; messages; memoranda; routing sheets; approvals; reports of payment; reports of shortages; field changes and amendments affecting the contract; contractors' monthly statements; occasional interspersed copies of technical reports; and related materials. Arranged numerically, within each accession, by contract number, chiefly in the NOrd, NOrd (f), and NOD contract series. (Secret contract correspondence, at least after 1947, is interfiled with secret general correspondence)

Recommended disposition:

1. Files documenting the development of significant weapons systems or research projects: Permanent; transfer to NARA.
2. All other files, particularly contracts for routine services or expendable supplies: Temporary; dispose of when asbestos "freeze" is withdrawn.

Justification:

1. Contract files identified in this category constitute a significant portion of the research and development records of the Bureau and should have continuing research¹ and historical value.
2. Contracts in this category are disposable under authority of GRS 3, item 4c(1) and SecNav Inst 5212.5B/4280/1B.

R. C. Accessions:

988⁴~~7~~ (10)
10262 (25)
14276 (33)
16079 (44)
59A-1668 (61)
60A-2854 (123)
62A-2645 (70)
Total: 366 cu. ft.

Note1: The above are current footages. Substantial reductions in volume of 9884 and 60-A-2854 have already been made by disposal.

Note2: All of the above accessions are under the asbestos hold order except 14276 and 10262.

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INVITATIONS FOR BIDS 1958-59. Unclassified. 2 cu. ft.

Envelopes containing original invitations for bids, together with related correspondence and inter-office memoranda. Arranged by year, thereunder by invitation number, thereunder alphabetically by name of contractor, Records originated with the Bureau's Contract Division.

Recommended Disposition: Temporary; dispose of immediately.

Justification: SecNav Inst. P 5212.3B/4280/1B specifies a 6-year retention period; GRS 3, item 6c(1) specifies 5 years. All of the records have been retained well in excess of these periods.

R. C. Accession: 59 A-2865 (2)

5-6

CONTRACT TERMINATION FILES. c. 1956-61 Confidential 14 cu. ft.

Legal documents, forms, correspondence, memoranda, etc., identifying cancelled portions of ordnance contracts, together with information about termination costs and fees. Arranged by contract number (NOrd 3102-19016). Retired by the Bureau's Contract Adjustment Board.

Recommended Disposition: Temporary; dispose of when asbestos "freeze" is lifted.

Justification: SecNavInst 5215.5B/4280 (1) (b) specifies a 6-year retention period; all of these records are more than 6 years old. This appears to be a fragment of a larger series, the remainder of which was disposed of before the "freeze" on asbestos-related records was put into effect.

R. C. Accessions: 67 A-5822

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ORGANIZATION AND MANAGEMENT PLANNING RECORDS. 1959-65. Confidential 6 cu. ft.

Directives, memoranda, correspondence, instructions, functional statements, and the like relating to the organization, management, and functions of the bureau, including material on organizational planning for the successor Bureau of Naval Weapons. Arranged generally by subject.

Recommended Disposition: Permanent; transfer to NARA.

Justification: Records appear to have substantial informational value about bureau organization and functions not known to be duplicated elsewhere. They appear to have high research potential.

R. C. Accessions:

67 A-7224

68 A-0365

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PROGRAM DIRECTIVES RELATING TO ANNUAL SHIPBUILDING AND CONVERSION PROGRAMS.

1952-66. Confidential 1 cu. ft.

Consist of program directive forms authorizing expenditure of funds for specific program items for the fiscal year, accompanied by computer tabulations listing material or equipment, and the cost thereof, covered by the directive. Identified as "record copy;" some have also been marked "cancelled."

Recommended Disposition: Temporary; dispose of immediately.

Justification: These are really no more than accounting records and as such have no long-term value.

R. C. Accessions:

68 A-1010

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BUREAU OF ORDNANCE DIRECTIVE SUMMARIES. 1943-49. Secret 3 inches.

Copies of bureau-level "directive summaries" relating to such subjects as research and development, ships' armament, and defense aid projects. They appear to be copies maintained and retired by PL2 (Directives Branch, Planning and Progress Division). Arranged numerically by serial number (5601 - 12324, with gaps).

Recommended Disposition: Permanent; transfer to NARA.

Justification: Records appear to document management and control of significant programs and activities of the Bureau.

R. C. Accessions: 60 A-2636

CANCELLED FORMS AND REPORTS. c.1942-60. Confidential. 30 cu. ft.

These are copies of obsolete Bureau of Ordnance standard instructions and notices, and other forms, together with information about their publication and use, filed in publication "history" jackets. Both printed and manuscript copies are included. Arranged numerically by form number or report symbol number. Retired by the Paperwork Management Section, Office Services Division, or the Office Methods Branch.

Recommended Disposition: Temporary; dispose of at once.

Justification: GRS 16, items 4, 8; these are essentially facilitative and housekeeping-type records.

R. C. Accessions:

15002
59 A0993.
60 A-1896
60 A-2474
61 A-2444 (not locatable)
63 A-3271
66 A-5097 (not locatable)

S - 11

SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL REPORTS c.1946-61. Restricted and Confidential.
1242 cu. ft.

Consist mainly of bound, published reports submitted by contractors. Some originated also with testing and experimental stations of the Bureau and with other agencies, such as the Air Force. Some of the earlier reports, from intelligence agencies, include interrogation reports of German scientists and translations of wartime German scientific and technical reports. Subject matter is very diverse, but topics in the fields of electronics and aerodynamics appear to predominate. Records appear to be arranged according to library-style call numbers which are based on the contractor's name. Some duplication exists. Some reports are marked "record copy." Series was continued by the successor Bureau of Naval Weapons. Retired by Bureau of Ordnance Technical Library.

Recommended Disposition: Permanent; transfer to NARA

Justification: Records embody the results of significant scientific and technological research performed on behalf of the bureau in connection with its major programs, much of which is likely to have continuing interest and value.

R. C. Accessions: 3233A, C

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BUREAU OF ORDNANCE TECHNICAL PUBLICATIONS. 1902-67. Unclassified, Confidential, and Secret. 717 cu. ft.

A record set of Bureau of Ordnance technical publications, including the Bureau of Ordnance Manual, Circular Letters, Ordnance Standards, Ordnance Pamphlets (OP's), Ordnance Alterations (ORDALT's), and related publications. Arranged by type of publication, thereunder by individual publication number. There appear to be some gaps, but in some categories duplicate copies exist. Both original editions and revisions are included.

Recommended Disposition: Permanent; transfer to NARA

Justification: As a record set, this series clearly deserves permanent retention. It appears to be roughly equivalent to the Army TM 9- series of ordnance technical manuals or the Air Force's published Technical Orders.

R. C. Accessions:	B3148	G3148
	C3148	H3148
	D3148	J3148
	E3148	K3148
	F3148	L3148

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ORDNANCE SPECIFICATIONS ("OS" SERIES). 1949-61. Confidential 11 cu. ft.

Bureau of Ordnance specifications for the manufacture of guns, gun mounts, missiles, missile launchers, ammunition (projectiles and propellants), and related fire control and communications equipment. Designated as a master set and maintained by "Code 751." Arranged numerically by specification number. Chiefly blueprints, vandykes, or other processed formats.

Recommended Disposition: Permanent; transfer to NARA.

Justification: GRS 22, item 2; GRS 19, items 8, 10.

R. C. Accessions:

61 A-3062

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RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT RECORDS ON GUNS, GUN MOUNTS, AND BREECH MECHANISMS.
1925-53. Unclassified. 9 cu. ft.

Bound volumes and loose sheets containing pencilled computations and calculations, accompanied by some blueprints. Arranged by caliber of gun (40-mm. to 20-in.) Some are purely theoretical computations for design of turrets and mounts never actually constructed (e.g., 4-gun 14-in. turret, 4-gun 16-in. turret, 2-gun 11-in. turret). Retired by the Research and Development Division.

Recommended Disposition: Permanent; transfer to NARA.

Justification: Records appear to constitute unique documentation of a significant research and development effort of the Bureau. Earlier records of the same character have already been accessioned by NARA (Entry 183, P.I. 33).

R. C. Accession:

3737 (partial)

10191

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RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT RECORDS RELATING TO AIRCRAFT BOMBS. 1943-56.

Confidential. 3 cu. ft.

Contractors' project records relating to research and development work on aircraft bombs. Consist of correspondence, memoranda, and technical reports. Arranged numerically by project number. One project, dated 1953, covers a "pulsed light bomb ranging device," which appears to foreshadow or be an early example of laser technology.

Recommended Disposition: Permanent; transfer to NARA.

Justification: Records document one aspect of the development of aircraft armament, one of the Bureau's areas of responsibility.

R. C. Accessions:

13189

5-16

HISTORY CARDS FOR NAVAL GUNS. c.1918-35. Unclassified. 1 cu. ft.

These are 3 x 5 cards apparently relating to condemned guns. Arranged according to caliber and model, and by serial number thereunder. Cards are keyed to Bureau correspondence files also. Retired by the Bureau's Research and Development Division.

Recommended Disposition: Temporary; dispose of at once.

Justification: Records do not appear to have significant research or evidential value. They were created as part of a routine ordnance inspection process which resulted in the condemning and scrapping of these guns. Chapter 8 of the current revision of the Navy Filing Manual authorizes destruction of such records after disposal of the gun.

R.C. Accession: 3737 (partial)

S-17

ORDNANCE STATUS REPORTS AND RELATED RECORDS. 1941-56. Secret and Confidential.
5 cu. ft.

This consists of (1) 3 cu. ft. of photostatic copies of ships' characteristics cards for vessels of the Reserve Fleet, which show armament installed; (2) 1 cu. ft. of armament change cards (NavOrd 462); and (3) one set of the published Ordnance Status Report (2 vols.) for 1960. Arrangement of (1) and (2) is by individual ship hull numbers.

Recommended Disposition: Permanent; transfer to NARA.

Justification: Records appear to have substantial informational value not known to be duplicated elsewhere and part (3) constitutes a part of the bureau's record set of publications.

R. C. Accessions: 7579

61 A-2955

REPORTS SHOWING EXPENDITURE OF AMMUNITION AND DEFICIENCIES IN ORDNANCE
EQUIPMENT. c. 1942-45. Confidential. 1 cu. ft.

Compiled from microfilm copies of ships' war diaries, abstracting all references to ammunition expended, by caliber, and all reports of defects, failures, or accidents involving naval ordnance. No totals or statistical analyses of any kind appear to have been made. Arranged numerically by serial number of war diary as shown on microfilm reels.

Recommended Disposition: Permanent; transfer to NARA.

Justification: This is a massive job of compilation but its research potential has not been realized. It could easily be converted to ADP format for manipulation and analysis.

R. C. Accessions:

6227

DRAWINGS OF NAVAL ORDNANCE, 1942-45. Unclassified. 17 cu. ft.

Approximately 3,000 blueprints, chiefly of 20-mm. and 40-mm. guns and components thereof, arranged in folders and boxed. A few related pamphlets and other publications, some of British and Swedish origin, are included. Arrangement of the drawings is numerical, by folder number.

Recommended Disposition: (1) drawings showing complete guns and mounts:

Permanent.

(2) other drawings and related published materials:

Temporary; dispose of at once.

Justification: This series is apparently related to the World War II effort of the Navy to produce large quantities of automatic weapons for adequate protection of surface ships against low-level air attack. Chapter 8 of the current revision of the Navy Filing Manual authorizes disposal of ordnance drawings other than those of complete guns and mounts. The published materials do not appear to be unique or of substantial significance.

R.C. Accessions: 860 (not located)

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RECORDS RELATING TO THE MUNITIONS ASSIGNMENT COMMITTEE. 1942-44. Secret.

3 cu. ft.

Munitions Assignment Committee records, consisting of agenda of meetings, reports of agenda conferences, minutes of meetings, minutes of various subcommittee meetings, "45-day reports," and related materials. Chiefly processed (near print) materials, arranged by meeting number and date. Covers meetings 8 to 132, with gaps.

Recommended Disposition: Permanent; transfer to NARA.

Justification: Records document Navy participation in the work of the Munitions Assignment Committee, which was a significant World War II joint activity.

R. C. Accessions:

4733

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COPIES OF OSRD PUBLICATIONS ACCUMULATED BY THE BUREAU OF ORDNANCE. 1940-45.

Unclassified. 32 cu. ft.

Copies of processed reports and studies produced by the Office of Scientific Research and Development. Arranged by OSRD division number, thereunder by report number. Originally security-classified. Received by the Bureau of Ordnance Library; retired by the Technical Library of the Naval Ordnance Systems Command.

Recommended Disposition: Temporary; dispose of at once.

Justification: These appear to have been reference copies maintained by the Bureau of Ordnance Library. Record copies of OSRD publications are included in the records of the OSRD (RG 227) already accessioned by NARA.

R.C. Accessions:

67A-6222

RECORDS RELATING TO DEGAUSSING AND DEPERMING OF SHIPS. 1940-56. Confidential.
39 cu. ft.

Includes degaussing installation reports and degaussing record cards on individual ships, signature cards, calibration records, and the like. Records cover ships in the Reserve Fleet, stricken ships, and some merchant ships. Arranged chiefly by name of ship.

Recommended Disposition: Temporary; dispose of at once.

Justification: Degaussing of ships is a routine, repetitive operation; records of this kind do not appear to have any further value once the ships themselves have been stricken, as all of those covered by this series must now be. See SecNav Inst P 5212.5B, par. 8950.

R. C. Accessions:	9619
	13681

RECORDS RELATING TO GERMAN SUBMARINE U.234 1945. Restricted 10 cu. ft.

Consists chiefly of documents found aboard the U.234 when it surrendered at Portsmouth Navy Yard following the termination of hostilities in May 1945. They consist of German and Italian publications describing weapons, vehicles, and other military equipment, drawings and instructions for ammunition manufacture, and the like. Some oversize enclosures are included. Covers of the German and Italian publications are annotated with Japanese translations of the titles, to facilitate use by the prospective recipients. Some handbooks for items of U.234's own equipment and armament are intermingled.

Recommended disposition: Permanent; transfer to NARA.

Justification: These records document important aspects of the technical assistance that Germany and Italy provided to Japan during the war and thus have obvious historical and research value.

R. C. Accessions: 1773
 2104

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RECORDS RELATING TO THE OFFICIAL HISTORY OF THE BUREAU, 1939-53. Confidential.

15 cu. ft.

Source and background material assembled by the authors in the preparation of the official History of the Bureau of Ordnance in World War II. Arranged alphabetically by subject in two sub-series, the first relating to bureau organization, the second relating to types of ordnance material and equipment produced by and for the bureau. Box 13 contains preliminary and final drafts of the history.

Recommended Disposition: Permanent; transfer to NARA.

Justification: GRS 16, item 13c.

Records Center Accession: 5287

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"SOURCE BOOKS" ON THE HISTORY OF FIRE CONTROL RADAR, WORLD WAR II. 1947.

Confidential. 5 cu. ft.

Consists chiefly of hectograph copies of chapters of the history, basic studies and reports, material on the history of the project, illustrations, drafts, editorial comment, and the like. Arranged variously.

Recommended Disposition: Permanent; transfer to NARA.

Justification: Records document a technical development of considerable significance and obviously deserve retention for historical and research purposes.

R. C. Accession: 8689