



REQUEST FOR RECORDS DISPOSITION AUTHORITY - CONTINUATION

JOB NO.

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7 ITEM NO.	8. DESCRIPTION OF ITEM <i>(With Inclusive Dates or Retention Periods)</i>	9. GRS OR SUPERSEDED JOB CITATION	10. ACTION TAKEN <i>(NARS USE ONLY)</i>
	<p>disposition for each is included. All records included in this request are located at the Washington National Records Center and allocated to Record Group 402.</p> <p>The majority of the records described here have been recommended for permanent retention; many other records of the Bureau have already been disposed of under previously approved records disposal schedules.</p> <p>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"> <li>1. Records that are disposable under approved Navy and Marine Corps disposition authorities.</li> <li>2. Records that are disposable under the General Records Schedule.</li> <li>3. Nonrecord material including duplicate copies.</li> <li>4. Any specific portion of a series identified as disposable in the disposition section of this Request for Records Disposition Authority.</li> </ol> <p>In addition to the disposable records referred to above, there may be disposable material, including duplicate copies, among records relating to research and development, including scientific and technical reports and contracts. The National Archives will retain only those records that relate to significant projects and activities. To help determine which records are "significant" the National Archives staff will consult, as appropriate, with the staffs of the Naval Air Systems Command, the Naval Sea Systems Command, and other experts on the subjects of naval aviation and naval ordnance.</p>		

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE. Unclassified and Confidential. 1959-63.

1435 cu. ft.

Arranged in annual segments and within each of these according to two filing systems, the first section by SSIC number, the second by the earlier Navy Filing Manual designations. Chronological copies of outgoing correspondence ("day files") are included with the small 1959 accession and three other accessions are composed entirely of day files.

**A. Recommended Disposition:** Permanent; transfer to NARA.

Justification: These records are part of the documentation of the Bureau's primary program functions. They continue and complement earlier series of general correspondence created by the predecessor Bureau of Ordnance (see draft schedule for RG 74, item 1) and Bureau of Aeronautics (items 3 and 5, NCI-72-84-1). Day files are usable as finding aids.

R.C. Accessions:

62A-2608	(Boxes 11-40) 1959)
63A-2254	(Boxes 1-63, <del>(1960)</del> 83-92, 112-116, 172-204, 214-217, and 219)
63B-2254	(1960)
64A-3410	(Boxes 1-56, <del>(1961)</del> 66-73, 90-93, 144-166, and 172-176)
<del>64A-3594*</del>	<del>(1961 day files)</del>
65A-4364	(Boxes 1-63, <del>(1962)</del> 63-73, 91-94, 149-170, and 175-178)
<del>65A-4479*</del>	<del>(1962 day files)</del>
66A-4345	(Boxes 1-48, <del>(1963)</del> 56-64, 78-80, 130-151, and 156-158)
<del>66A-4606</del>	<del>(1963 day files)</del>

**B. Recommended Disposition:** ~~Indicates accessions not found in location~~  
~~Designated in printout~~  
 Destroy immediately

63A-2254 Boxes 64-82, 93-111, 117-171, 205-213, 218, and 220-239  
 64A-3410 Boxes 57-65, 74-89, 94-143, 167-171, and 177-182  
 65A-4364 Boxes 54-62, 74-90, 95-148, 171-174, 179-186  
 66A-4345 Boxes 49-55, 65-77, 81-129, 152-156, 159-164

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE. Secret 1960-63. 1493 cu. ft.

Arranged in annual segments, thereunder according to two filing systems - the first part of each accession numerically by SSIC number, the remainder by the old Navy Filing Manual designations. The 1960 accession (63A-2781) reverses this sequence, with SSIC files following NFM files. In each accession secret contracts are interfiled in the NFM portion under the letter "N".

Recommended Disposition: Permanent; transfer to NARA.

Justification: These records are part of the documentation of the Bureau's primary program functions at a high level of security classification. They continue and complement earlier series of secret general correspondence created by the predecessor Bureau of Ordnance (see draft schedule for RG 74, item 2) and Bureau of Aeronautics (item 1, NCl-72-84-1).

R.C. Accessions:	63A-2781	(1960)
	64B-3953	(1961)
	65B-4622 to	
	65R-4622	(1962)
	66A-4477	(1963)

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INDEX CARDS ("SOURCE CARDS") TO GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE. 1961-66. 44  
cu. ft. Secret.

These are 5 x 8 cards apparently used for control of incoming classified correspondence and messages. Cards show name of sender, addressee, description of document, date, number of copies, file number, and routing of action copy. Arranged in yearly blocks, thereunder alphabetically by name of source or subject. Cards for messages are kept separately, arranged by date. Retired by Naval Air Systems Command.

Recommended Disposition: Permanent; transfer to NARA.

Justification: This appears to be a usable finding aid for Bureau of Naval Weapons classified correspondence, the only one of its kind to come to light, and it should have value for future reference use of the records.

R.C. Accessions: 72A-1599

MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS OF THE HISTORIAN'S OFFICE. 1919-68. Unclassified and Confidential. 15 cu. ft.

Consists chiefly of material assembled by the Bureau historian, including copies of reports of significant Navy boards (Arnold, Pirie, Flatley, Libby), reports on Bureau organization, program management directives and studies, some aircraft technical reports, copies of speeches and reports of conferences, some data on exploitation of German scientists (Project Paperclip), voluminous records relating to the construction of a replica of the Navy's first heavier-than-air aircraft, (the Curtiss A-1) in 1961, and copies of command histories and technical histories of various Naval air installations.

Recommended Disposition: Permanent; transfer to NARA.

Justification: Records have obvious historical and research value.

R.C. Accessions:           71A-1087  
                                  71A-2207

INTERNATIONAL MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM RECORDS. 1957-69. Confidential  
42 cu. ft.

Grant Aid and Foreign Military Sales case files concerning the supply of equipment and services to foreign governments. Case files include correspondence, messages, memoranda, requisitions, etc., concerning procurement or transfer of equipment and performance of routine services, such as overhaul and repair. There are sometimes payment schedules for supplies furnished, reports of routine visits by foreign naval representatives, and copies of pertinent directives from other bureaus. Arranged usually by name of country, thereunder by subject or other case designation. Countries include France, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Japan, Australia, and others. Series is continued in records of the Naval Ordnance Systems Command.

Recommended Disposition: Temporary; dispose of immediately.

Justification: Files contain no policy or other significant information but relate exclusively to the details of routine transactions. They are facilitative rather than substantive in nature.

R.C. Accessions:	62A-2788 (not locatable)	65A-4583
	64A-3808	66A-4174
	65A-4089	66A-4970
	65A-4329 (not locatable)	69A-3667
	65A-4543	70A-1626
	65A-4544	

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BUREAU OF ORDNANCE ORGANIZATION FILE. 1950-59. Unclassified. 2 cu.  
ft.

Correspondence, memoranda, studies, organizational charts, copies of directives, and the like, relating to internal organization, functions and responsibilities, staffing, and procedural methods of the Bureau of Ordnance during its last decade. Arranged partly by subject, partly by divisional symbol.

Recommended Disposition: Permanent; transfer to NARA.

Justification: This is a useful and convenient source of information about Bureau organization. Some of the directives might be found elsewhere, but other materials that provide background information and rationale for changes are probably unique.

R.C. Accessions: 61A-3147 ORD

RECORD RELATING TO THE INTEGRATED AERONAUTICAL PROGRAM (IAP) COMMITTEE,  
1944-59. Unclassified and Confidential. 5 cu. ft.

Records are bound in numbered folders ("volumes") as follows: IAP Committee Recommendations (36 folders), IAP Verbatim Notes (19 folders), and back-up material for the IAP Manual (11 folders). These appear to have been produced by the Bureau of Aeronautics Committee on IAP Policy, which met from 1954 to 1959. Many references are made to three earlier boards, the first and second Radford Boards (1944-46) and the Combs Board (1946-48).

IAP is defined as the management system under which policies, plans, and programs covering aviation logistic support are established, disseminated, revised and controlled. It was limited chiefly to determination of aircraft requirements; allocation, distribution, and maintenance of aircraft; and provision of an adequate aviation supply system. It appears to have been primarily an effort to assure effective management coordination, because of the decentralized bureau system, under which the functions of many organizations impinged upon the workings of naval aviation.

Recommended Disposition: Permanent; transfer to NARA.

Justification: Records document significant planning and policy activities of the Bureau.

R.C. Accessions:           64A-4247  
                                  64A-4314

RECORDS RELATING TO THE ORDNANCE INDUSTRIAL SHORE ESTABLISHMENT STUDY,  
1958-60. Confidential. 1 cu. ft.

These appear to be files accumulated by the Special SecNav Ad Hoc Committee for Review and Evaluation of the Ordnance Industrial Shore Establishment, which issued its report in February 1960. Consists of studies and correspondence on the missions, functions, industrial capacity, etc., of the several naval ordnance plants, including the Washington Navy Yard's Naval Weapons Plant. Some copies of publications and working papers are included.

Recommended Disposition: Permanent; transfer to NARA.

Justification: Records appear to document significant policy developments in the Bureau and the Navy at large.

R.C. Accessions: 64A-3596 ORD

FLEET VISIT CONFERENCE FILES, 1961-64. Confidential. 2 cu. ft.

Correspondence, agenda, and processed reports relating chiefly to material deficiencies in aircraft and weapons, maintenance problems, and the like. Filed in chronological sequence, one folder for each conference. Conferences were held periodically between Bureau representatives and Fleet, Force, and type commands.

Recommended Disposition: Temporary; dispose of immediately.

Justification: Records relate to routine logistical problems, not to policy matters or affairs of any great substance.

R.C. Accessions: 66A-4974

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AIRCRAFT DIVISION WEEKLY CONFERENCE NOTES. 1960-61. Confidential.

4 in.

Carbon copies of reports of "weekly highlights" submitted to RA (Aircraft Division) by subordinate elements of the division. They usually relate to routine activities, except for occasional "Red Flag" items of urgency or importance. Arranged chronologically, Feb. 1960-Jan. 1961.

Recommended Disposition: Temporary; dispose of immediately.

Justification: These reports appear to have been prepared for internal use only, to inform and alert higher authority of progress in ongoing activities. They are unlikely to contain any unique information not found elsewhere in the Bureau's records.

R.C. Accessions: 62A-3379 (nominally 1 cu. ft.)

CANCELLED BUREAU OF NAVAL OF NAVAL WEAPONS AND BUREAU OF ORDNANCE INSTRUCTIONS AND NOTICES, 1948-70. Confidential and Unclassified. 63 cu. ft.

These are numbered Bureau of Naval Weapons instructions that were cancelled because of obsolescence. They relate to intra-Bureau administrative methods and procedures for the most part, but some concern technical matters. Arranged according to directive number in individual folders containing, usually, a copy of the published instruction or notice, drafts, correspondence, justifications, and concurrence forms. Some were issued by the Bureau of Ordnance but continued in use by the Bureau of Naval Weapons; some are joint Bureau of Naval Weapons and Bureau of Supplies and Accounts issuances.

Recommended Disposition: Permanent; transfer to NARA.

Justification: Although some of these issuances may concern relatively trivial matters, they appear to be essential to an understanding of the internal management and operation of the Bureau. They constitute, moreover, a portion of the record set of the Bureau's official publications. The following are examples, taken from 70A-3827:

Jan. 15, 1968 Bu Weps Inst. 5600.8 Procedures governing review of  
Official Publications

Feb. 20, 1970 Nav Air Inst. 4802.2 Industrial Mobilization Planning  
Program

May 9, 1964 Bu Weps Inst. 13700.1A Navy Aircraft Engine Management  
Program

Dec. 7, 1964 Bu Weps Inst. 8810.2 Establishment of Air-launched  
Guided Missile Weapons Systems Performance Data Reporting  
Program

R.C. Accessions:	61A-2793	65A-4350
	62A-2642	65A-4688
	63A-2048 (not locatable)	65A-5223
	63A-2700 (not locatable)	66A-4233
	63A-2701	66A-4599
	63A-2776	66A-5091
	63A-3029 (not locatable)	70A-0077
	63A-3143 (not locatable)	70A-2890
	63A-3269	70A-3827
	64A-3043	60A-2863 (not locatable)
	64A-3204 (not locatable)	60A-2992 (not locatable)
	64A-3295	61A-2022 (not locatable)
	64A-3685	61A-2564 (not locatable)
	64A-3760	64A-3999 (not locatable)
	64A-4139	69A-6114
	65A-4341	70A-3827
		71A-2210

CANCELLED "DIRECTIVE SUMMARIES" OF THE BUREAU OF ORDNANCE. 1945-59.

Confidential. 5 cu. ft.

These appear to be procurement directives, authorizing individual procurement actions, usually for small quantities of equipment, sometimes for the furnishing of support or services. Recipients were sometimes not naval - e.g., Military Assistance Program or U.S. Air Force. Arranged by case number, thereunder by directive number.

Recommended Disposition: Temporary; dispose of immediately.

Justification: Records appear to be no more than financial control tools.

R.C. Accessions: 63A-2279

63A-2283

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REAL ESTATE RECORDS ca. 1945-64. Unclassified and Confidential.

36 cu. ft.

Records relating to the acquisition, disposal, and development of property and facilities at naval air installations. Development usually consists of construction of buildings, roads, runways, housing, schools, powerplants, and the like needed for performance of the station mission. Included are correspondence, reports, legal documents, blueprints, and annotated published maps. Arranged alphabetically by name of installation. Series is continued in records of the Naval Air Systems Command.

Recommended Disposition: Permanent; transfer to NARA.

Justification: Records contain significant, unique information, with obvious research and historical potential, relating to the acquisition and development of defense installations.

R.C. Accessions:           69A-3895  
                                  69A-4033  
                                  69A-4903  
                                  69A-4905

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RECORDS OF THE MISSILE RANGE DIVISION c.1959-64. Confidential. 2 cu.  
ft.

Correspondence, reports, publications, studies, maps and plans, concerning improvement of facilities at Eniwetok, Canton Island, Christmas Island, Point Mugu, and Point Arguello for support of Project Advent (operational communications satellite system) and the Space Surveillance System (SPASUR). Also documents relating to the transfer of Kwajalein Island Test Site to the Army and the Point Arguello Naval Missile Facility to the Air Force. Arranged by subject.

Recommended Disposition: Permanent; transfer to NARA.

Justification: Records document significant programs and activities of the Bureau of Naval Weapons.

R.C. Accessions:           65A-5141  
                                  65A-5357

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INVESTIGATIVE FILES. c.1950-64. Confidential and For Official Use Only.

8 cu. ft.

Correspondence and reports relating to routine investigations of individuals, naval installations, and contractors in connection with fraud, irregularities, theft, and the like. Subjects include financial irregularities in company operations, acceptance of gratuities, theft or damage of government property, sabotage, waste, leakage of information to contractors, traffic violations, and petty theft. FBI reports were apparently received and filed but later withdrawn and returned to the agency (66A-4481). Arranged by case; these are identified partly by serial number (66A-4481), partly by name of subject of investigation (firms or individuals) (69A-2790). Retired by Bureau of Ordnance (63A-2712); Security Division, Bureau of Naval Weapons (66A-4481); and Security Division, Naval Air Systems Command (69A-2790).

Recommended Disposition: Temporary; dispose of at once.

Justification: These are routine individual investigative records, with no lasting value. Information of continuing significance should be available in pertinent FBI records.

R.C. Accessions:           63A-2712  
                                  66A-4481  
                                  69A-2790

PERSONAL SERVICES CONTRACTS. 1957-66. Confidential. 4 cu. ft.

These are case files on individual employees, most of them civilian scientists hired for consultative or intermittent positions. Files include the usual personal information, i.e., date and place of birth, education and academic qualifications, previous employment and experience. All contracts have been terminated. Most employees covered were U.S. nationals but a small proportion, perhaps 10%, were of German or Austrian origin. Arranged, within each accession, alphabetically by name.

Recommended Disposition: Temporary; destroy immediately.

Justification: Since no permanent, full-time government service is involved, long-term retention of these files is unnecessary.

R.C. Accessions:           62A-2944  
                                  66A-4271  
                                  66A-5430

BUREAU OF NAVAL WEAPONS INCOMING AND OUTGOING MESSAGE FILES. 1960-65.

Confidential and Unclassified. 470 cu. ft.

These are transmittals of information that had to be made outside normal correspondence channels for reasons of urgency, but for the most part have little lasting significance and, except for the factor of urgency, would have been quite routine. Many are obviously information copies, relating to subjects in which the Bureau had no primary interest. Arranged chronologically by year and month, thereunder by date-time group. A random sampling reveals the following typical message subjects:

Incoming:

1. Reporting an accident to a ship or aircraft.
2. Reporting changes of schedule for flight operations or ship movements.
3. Reporting schedule of visits for an arriving party of foreign naval officers.
4. Reporting, in response to a request, on number and status of foreign civilian personnel at an overseas base.
5. Reporting compliance with an order or request.
6. Reporting urgent technical or mechanical problems.
7. Reporting completion of a ship salvage operation.
8. Reporting names and addresses of individuals killed and injured in an accident.

Outgoing:

1. Ordering transfer of an aircraft from one command to another.
2. Issuing a general warning of a specific material defect or failure in equipment or aircraft.
3. Advising a subordinate command of a change in assignment or reporting date of vessels or aircraft.
4. Advising on shipment of certain equipment in response to an urgent request.
5. Advising a field installation on changes in civilian personnel ceilings.
6. Requesting provision of a rental car for two civilian employees expecting to visit a field installation.

Recommended Disposition: Temporary; dispose of immediately.

Justification: At higher levels, such as CNO or SecNav, message files may deserve permanent retention, but at this level they appear to deal chiefly with administrative trivia. See GRS 12, item 3.

R.C. Accessions:           62A-2096 (outgoing)  
                              64A-3367 (incoming)  
                              64A-3688 (incoming)  
                              64A-4346 (incoming)  
                              65A-4208 (incoming)  
                              65A-5373 (incoming)  
                              66A-4170 (incoming)  
                              66A-4588 (incoming)

64A-4002 (outgoing and incoming)

65A-4467 (outgoing and incoming)

65A-5059 B and C (outgoing and incoming)

65A-5065 (outgoing and incoming)

65A-4558 (outgoing and incoming)

ORDNANCE SPECIFICATIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS AERONAUTICAL SPECIFICATIONS  
AND STANDARDS. 1940-64. Unclassified and Confidential. 18 cu. ft.

Cancelled Ordnance (OS) specifications and other classes of specifications and standards created by the Bureau of Ordnance, Bureau of Aeronautics, and Bureau of Naval Weapons. Included are Air Force-Navy Aeronautical Standards (AN), Air Force-Navy Design Standards (AND), Military Standards (MS) and others. Arranged in case files by symbol, thereunder by specification or standard number. Each case file contains correspondence, drawings, notes on conferences, copies of the published specification or standard, and the like. Retired partly by the Specifications and Standards Section, Bureau of Naval Weapons, and partly by the Aeronautical Standards Group, Bureau of Naval Weapons.

Recommended Disposition: Permanent; transfer to NARA.

Justification: GRS 22, item 2.

R.C. Accessions:           62A-2922  
                                  63A-3003  
                                  65A-4206  
                                  66A-5023

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CANCELLED AND SUPERSEDED ORD ALTS. c.1941-54. Confidential. 9 cu.  
ft.

Printed or processed instructions for making minor modifications and alterations to ordnance and fire control equipment. Arranged numerically from ORD ALT 953 to ORD ALT 3206. Records were retired by Bureau of Naval Weapons Fleet Readiness Office.

Recommended Disposition: Temporary; dispose of immediately.

Justification: This is apparently a fragmentary reference set, all of which should be duplicated in the master set of Bureau of Ordnance technical publications (717 cu. ft.), which extends from 1902 to 1967 (Item 12, of draft RG 74 schedule).

R.C. Accessions: 63A-2822

DETAIL SPECIFICATIONS (SD) FOR NAVAL AIRCRAFT. c.1949-64. Confidential.

31 cu. ft.

Specifications for the manufacture of naval aircraft, prepared by the Bureau of Naval Weapons and its predecessor, the Bureau of Aeronautics. Chiefly processed copies, though a few are Vandykes. Some, identified as "master drafts" incorporate handwritten changes. Arranged partly by aircraft model designation, partly by specification (SD) number. Multiple copies exist for many specifications. Accompanying mock-up inspection reports and copies of aircraft contracts and contract changes are sometimes included (Acc. 65A-5080). Retired, for the most part, by the Aircraft Development Office (RA-140), Bureau of Naval Weapons.

Recommended Disposition: Permanent; transfer to NARA; duplicate copies disposable during processing.

Justification: Records have enduring technological value, since manufacturing techniques and materials, equipment, and performance requirements are spelled out in great detail. Valuable for the study of the development of naval aircraft design.

R.C. Accessions:	62A-2099	65A-4456
	63A-2399	65A-5080
	63A-3384	66A-4975 ✓
	64A-3695	66A-5101
	64A-3891	

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ORDNANCE STATUS REPORTS AND ARMAMENT SUMMARIES. 1948-59. Confidential.

1 cu. ft.

These consist of copies of the published Armament Summary, which shows armament installed aboard ship, for various dates in 1956, 1957, and 1959, and copies of the published Ordnance Status Report for various dates, 1948-56. The latter consists of two volumes, one covering expendable supplies, the other non-expendable.

Recommended Disposition: Permanent; transfer to NARA.

Justification: Records have substantial informational value, not known to be duplicated elsewhere, and constitute a portion of the bureau's record set of publications. For comparable records, see item 17 of the draft R.G. 74 schedule.

R.C. Accessions: 61A-2421

NAVAL WEAPONS BULLETIN. 1962-64. Confidential. 1 cu. ft.

One printed copy and reproduction negatives of issues of the Naval Weapons Bulletin for 1962, 1963, and 1964, with gaps. This publication, a quarterly, appears to be a continuation of the Bureau of Ordnance Bulletin of Ordnance Information. Some issues contain Restricted Data. Arranged chronologically.

Recommended Disposition: Permanent; transfer to NARA.

Justification: As an official publication of the Bureau, a record copy is required to be preserved. Unless a more complete set is located at a later date this should be regarded as a partial record set.

R.C. Accessions: 66A-4066 ORD

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MUNITIONS AND EXPLOSIVES SAFETY FILES. 1888-1958. Confidential.

32 cu. ft.

Apparently an information file maintained by the Chief Engineer, Munitions (MA-4), Bureau of Ordnance. Consists of correspondence and issuances of many kinds (directives, specifications, inspection standards, and the like), together with interfiled blueprints and drawings. Covers military, naval, and some foreign types of explosives, including rocket propellants. Although dating nominally from 1888, the bulk of the records extend from the World War I period to the early post-World War II years. Filed in labeled folders in alphabetical order by subject.

Recommended Disposition: Permanent; transfer to NARA.

Justification: This appears to be a valuable source of information about characteristics of explosives, handling of explosives, and the development of explosives safety standards in the Navy.

R.C. Accessions: 62A-1498

NATOPS AIRCRAFT FLIGHT MANUALS. 1956-65. Confidential. 3 cu. ft.

Published handbooks for use of flight crews. Each relates to a single aircraft model and usually contains basic aircraft data, information about aircrew indoctrination, flight and communications procedures, weapons and other systems, and detailed performance data, with charts. Several successive editions of each publication are often present. Arranged alphabetically by aircraft model designation. Retired by the Bureau of Naval Weapons Technical Manuals Section. Series is continued in records of the Naval Air Systems Command. (NATOPS=Naval Air Training and Operating Procedures Standardization)

Recommended Disposition: Permanent; transfer to NARA.

Justification: These are a source of significant and unique information about the operating capabilities of naval aircraft of this period. They constitute, moreover, part of the Bureau's record set of publications.

R.C. Accessions: 66A-4261

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RADAR SET HANDBOOKS. 1962. Unclassified. 2 cu. ft.

Official, bureau-produced handbooks for AN/FPS-16 and AN/MPS-25 radar sets. Retired by Bureau of Naval Weapons Missile Weapon Control Division.

Recommended Disposition: Permanent; transfer to NARA.

Justification: These may well be duplicated elsewhere, in one of the Bureau's record sets of technical publications, but until that can be ascertained should be retained.

R.C. Accession: 64A-3549

ORDNANCE BOARD PROCEEDINGS. 1943-59. Secret. 7 cu. ft.

Published copies of proceedings of the British Ordnance Board, relating to ballistic tests and the testing and development of new types of ammunition, propellants, fuzes, rocket motors, and the like. Arranged in three sub-series (Q, GP, and V), thereunder chronologically. Copies of the same publication, of later date, have been noted in the Bureau of Naval Weapons general correspondence files, suggesting that the Bureau of Naval Weapons continued to receive it after the termination of the Bureau of Ordnance but did not maintain it in a separate file series. ONI files for the war period, already accessioned by NARA, also contain copies of earlier issues.

Recommended Disposition: Permanent; transfer to NARA.

Justification: As a partial set of a technical issuance of a friendly foreign government, containing significant technical information of a unique nature, these proceedings are likely to have continuing value. They bear some resemblance to the U.S. Army Ordnance Committee Minutes, (OCM), which are included in NARA holdings in R.G. 156.

R.C. Accessions: 61A-2446

CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO COMPLETED CONTRACTS. Unclassified and Confidential.  
ca. 1951-70. 1105 cu. ft.

Copies of contracts and amendments thereto, correspondence with contractors, test reports, engineering change proposals, "supporting" documents and "executed" documents, and occasional drawings and photographs. Many reports appear to contain substantive information; whether this is unique or not cannot be determined without extensive study and comparison with other records. Secret contract correspondence is not included but is integrated with secret general correspondence (see item 2). Arranged numerically, within each accession, by contract number, chiefly in the NoW and NOas series, but including also contracts made by other Navy bureaus and the Air Force. Documentation is very extensive: correspondence on a single contract can fill 10 center cartons or more.

Recommended Disposition:

1. Files relating to the development of significant weapons systems or documenting significant research projects or procurement programs: Permanent.
2. All other files, particularly contracts for services and expendable supplies: Temporary; dispose of when freeze is lifted on contracts involving Iran and contracts relating to asbestos.

Justification:

1. Contract files identified in this category appear to constitute a significant portion of the research and development records

of the Bureau and should have continuing research and historical value.

2. Contracts in this category are only of transitory value and should be disposable under authority of GRS 3, item 4c(1) and SecNav Inst 5212.5B/4280/1B.

R.C. Accessions:

62A-2841	66A-5297
62A-3309	69B-7382
62B-3309	70A-1208
62A-3337	70D-2213
63A-2210	70A-2878*
63A-2959	70A-4624
63F-2959	71A-5236
63A-3044	to 71D-5236
63B-3044	71F-5236
63C-3044	71A-5405
64A-3243	
64A-3244	62A-3261
64D-3436	64A-3396
64E-3436	64A-4453
64A-3475*	65A-4378
65A-4380	71A-2217
65A-4480	71A-2807
to 65I-4480	
65A-5123	

65A-5417

65A-5418

(\*indicates accession

66A-4321

cannot be found)

66A-4400

66A-4417

66A-4468

66D-4506

to 66Z-4506 (w/gaps)

66A-4737

66A-4742

66A-4834

66A-5064

66B-5070

66C-5070

66A-5296

ENCLOSURES TO GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE AND TO CONTRACT FILES. Unclassified and Confidential. 1957-66. 317 cu. ft.

Copies of contractors' brochures, contractors' periodic reports of engineering activities, test and demonstration reports, drawings and blueprints, allowance sheets, machine tabulations of statistics, contractors' reports of labor and material spent on projects, project status reports, published spare parts lists, copies of technical handbooks, copies of supplemental agreements and modifications to contracts, and other miscellaneous publications and reports, all received with incoming general and contract correspondence and filed separately because of their bulkiness. Arranged by basic correspondence file number (general correspondence enclosures) or by contract number (contract files enclosures). Contracts are chiefly in the NoW series, but also included are NOas, Air Force, Army, and others. Individual accessions are usually exclusively related to contracts or exclusively to general correspondence, but some contain a mixture; see annotations on the list below.

Recommended Disposition: Temporary; dispose of at once, provided no further possibility of litigation involving contracts exists.

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

R.C. Accessions:

62A-2915

63A-3425 (contracts)

65A-4407 (contracts)

62A-3268 (mixed)	64A-3001 (contracts)	65A-4408 (contracts)
62B-3268 (mixed)	64A-4497 (contracts)	65A-5090 (contracts)
63A-2393 (mixed)	64B-4523 (contracts)	65A-5091 (contracts)
63C-2393	64C-4523 (contracts)	65A-5095
63D-2393	64A-4524	65A-5492 (contracts)
63A-2796	65A-4406	66A-4033 (contracts)
	66A-4962 (contracts)	
	66A-4979 (contracts)	
	66A-4980	
	66A-5219	

PROCUREMENT REQUESTS AND REQUESTS FOR QUOTATIONS. 1957-65. Unclassified and Confidential. 10 cu. ft.

Standard forms, with related correspondence, soliciting responses from prospective contractors in connection with proposed procurement actions. Arranged numerically by PR or RFQ serial number. Retired by Naval Air Systems Command.

Recommended Disposition: Temporary; dispose of at once.

Justification: After the passage of 20 to 30 years, administrative need for this information is likely to be exhausted. No unique research or historical value can be discerned. Partial disposal has already been made.

R.C. Accessions: 69A-3547 (reduced from 32 to 10 cu. ft.)

UNSUCCESSFUL BIDS AND PROPOSALS FOR BUREAU OF NAVAL WEAPONS (NoW) CONTRACTS.  
1953-66. Unclassified and Confidential. 113 ft.

Correspondence; technical proposals; contractual proposals; cost schedules; memoranda; messages; and manufacturers' brochures describing company products, plant facilities, and qualifications of staff. Arranged by contract number or procurement request number.

Recommended Disposition: Temporary; destroy immediately.

Justification: SecNav Inst P 5212.3B/4280/1B specifies a 6-year retention period; GRS 3 calls for disposal when the contract is completed. All of these records have been retained well in excess of 6 years and all contracts surely have been completed.

R.C. Accessions:	62A-2933	65A-5074
	63A-2209	66A-4034
	64A-4496	66A-4952
	65A-4379	

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COST RECORDS MAINTAINED BY BUREAU OF NAVAL WEAPONS PURCHASING OFFICE.  
1953-68. 20 cu. ft. Unclassified.

Records consist of copies of DD Forms 1177 (Cost incurred on contract), showing costs, direct labor man-hours, wage rates, overhead rates, and other labor statistics, submitted quarterly by contractors to the resident inspector of naval material, by whom they were forwarded to the Bureau. Arranged alphabetically by name of contractor, thereunder by contract number. Records were retired by the Bureau of Naval Weapons Purchasing Office, Contract Division (NP-14). No classification indicated.

Recommended Disposition: Temporary; dispose of immediately.

Justification: Records are of a facilitative character, useful only for contract audit purposes; no long-term informational or evidential value is discernible.

R.C. Accessions: 66A-4968

SUMMARY BILLS OF MATERIAL. 1958-62. Unclassified. 4 cu. ft.

These consist of Budget Bureau forms identifying and describing materials and component parts used in the manufacture of certain models of aircraft, aircraft engines, and related items of aircraft ordnance. For each item they show pertinent specifications, unit of measure, quantity and weight, lead time for procurement and name of vendor (if purchased), and other pertinent information. Some are extremely detailed, that for the A4D-2N aircraft running to 287 pages. Records were submitted by contractors. Arranged partly by aircraft model designation, partly by name of contractor. Records were retired by the Industrial Readiness Branch, Industrial Division, Bureau of Naval Weapons.

Recommended Disposition: Temporary; dispose of immediately.

Justification: These records relate to the routine minutiae of the manufacturing process and as such appear to have no further value for long-term evidential or informational purposes.

R.C. Accessions:                   62A-2237  
  62A-3130

AERONAUTICAL MANUFACTURERS' PLANNING REPORT HISTORY FILES. 1946-63.

Confidential. 6 cu. ft.

These consist of planning reports, employment reports, AMPR history files, AMPR tabulation files, tax amortization certificates of necessity, etc., relating to aeronautical contractors, missile manufacturers, and missile support equipment manufacturers. Some appear to have been submitted through Bureau plant representatives, others derived from Bureau of Labor Statistics sources. Arranged by type of report. Retired by Industrial Readiness Branch, Industrial Division, Bureau of Naval Weapons.

Recommended Disposition: Permanent; transfer to NARA.

Justification: These records appear to have significant research and historical potential for the study of the development of the aeronautical manufacturing industry in the U.S. in the immediate post-war years.

R.C. Accessions:

64A-4181

SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL REPORTS. c.1940-65. Unclassified, Confidential, and Secret. 696 cu. ft.

Mostly bound, near print, research and development or engineering reports submitted by contractors, by other bureaus (chiefly the Bureau of Ordnance and the Bureau of Aeronautics), by research and testing installations of the Bureau of Naval Weapons, or by other agencies, chiefly the Air Force. Some are stamped on the cover "abstracted" or "filmed". Arranged in numerical order by a 6- or 7-digit serial number stamped on the cover of the report; some are identified by a library-style call number, derived from the name of the institution or establishment performing the research. Subject matter is very diverse but appears to emphasize electronics and aerodynamics. Some duplication is apparent. A few reports are dated as early as 1936. Series appears to be a continuation of item 11 in the R.G. 74 schedule. Retired partly by the Bureau of Naval Weapons Technical Library, partly by the Naval Air Systems Command's Technical Library Division.

Recommended Disposition: Permanent; transfer to NARA.

Justification: This series obviously contains a vast amount of scientific and technical information, some assaying high in value but most of the rest probably of little consequence. No culling or weeding (except for duplicates) seem possible, however, without expert technical advice and assistance.

R.C. Accession:	62A-2183	64B-3703
	62B-2183	64C-3703

62A-3371

71A-6075

63A-2601

71A-6080

64A-3531

72A-3301

64A-3703

72A-4613

72A-4614

TECHNICAL REPORTS RELATING TO NUCLEAR TESTS. c.1955-59. Confidential.

13 cu. ft.

Reports relating to Operations Hardtack, Redwing, Teapot, Pilgrim, Plumbob, and others, which concerned thermal and blast effects on aircraft, aircraft components, and protective structures, resulting from nuclear explosions.

Records consist of published reports, in binders, arranged partly by operation code name, partly by subject. Some reports are identified as containing Restricted Data and Formerly Restricted Data. Originators of reports included the Naval Air Material Center, Naval Ordnance Test Stations, AEC, NASA, National Bureau of Standards, Wright Air Development Center, Air Force Special Weapons Project, Sandia Corp., and various contractors.

Apparently this is the Navy's technical documentation on these operations, which were conducted under the overall direction of the Air Force.

Recommended Disposition: Permanent; transfer to NARA.

Justification: Records relating to nuclear testing during this relatively early period of the development of nuclear weapons have obvious historical and research values.

R.C. Accessions:                   65A-4198  
  65A-4233

RECORDS RELATING TO AIRCRAFT COMPETITIONS. c.1953-64. Confidential and  
 Unclassified. 72 cu. ft.

Chiefly manufacturers' proposals, design studies, test reports, engineering reports, cost estimates, drawings, and related brochures and correspondence relating to formal competitions for types of new aircraft for the Navy. Included are materials relating to competitions for an antisubmarine helicopter, a light attack (VAL) aircraft, an assault transport helicopter, a counter-insurgency (COIN) aircraft, and others. For some competitions there was no acceptable manufacturer's proposal; others were cancelled before being completed, although proposals were received. Arranged generally by competition, thereunder by name of manufacturer and aircraft design number. Retired chiefly by the Bureau of Naval Weapons Evaluation Division (RAEV).

Recommended Disposition: Permanent; transfer to NARA.

Justification: These records document the selection process for many of the Navy's recent aircraft designs; they constitute the background out of which many contemporary service models were chosen and developed. Similar records were generated by the predecessor Bureau of Aeronautics and by the successor Naval Air Systems Command.

R.C. Accessions:	60A-2449*	64A-4066
	61A-2502*	64A-4075
	62A-2509	65A-4493
	62A-3055	65A-4527

62A-3189

66A-4165

63A-3225

71A-5233

\*not located

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AIRCRAFT ENGINE DATA CARDS. 1963. Confidential. 2 cu. ft.

Unidentifiable punchcards reportedly containing various reports on aircraft engines. Arrangement not discernible.

Recommended Disposition: Temporary; dispose of immediately.

Justification: Records appear to have no possible usefulness in their present condition.

R.C. Accessions: 64A-4234

AIRCRAFT STRUCTURAL REPORTS. ca. 1950-64. Unclassified and Confidential.

61 cu. ft.

Mainly test reports submitted by contractors relating to aircraft structures and major elements or components thereof. Included are structural design criteria, fatigue tests, drop tests, endurance tests, static tests, shake tests (for helicopters), stress analyses, demonstration reports, load reports, performance tests, weight and balance calculations, and some nuclear blast simulation reports. Mostly processed text in heavy paper covers. Arranged by aircraft model designation, thereunder by serial number of report. Retired chiefly by the Bureau of Naval Weapons Design Section or Structures Branch.

Recommended Disposition: Permanent; transfer to NARA.

Justification: These reports appear to constitute a significant part of the technical documentation of the aircraft research and development process. (In 1967 the Bureau of Naval Weapons refused to concur when the Region 3 FRC proposed disposal of 62A-2200, on the grounds that the records were permanent).

R.C. Accessions:	62A-2200
	62A-3130
	65A-4263
	65A-5130
	65A-5494
	66A-4064

66A-4236

66A-5062

66A-5322

RECORDS RELATING TO AIRCRAFT ARRESTING GEAR. 1950-62. Confidential.  
7 cu. ft.

Correspondence, technical reports, periodic operations reports, specifications, proposals for new devices and systems, and copies of contracts relating to aircraft carrier arresting gear systems, expeditionary arresting gear, aircraft barriers, and associated equipment. Arranged by subject. Records were accumulated successively by the Bureau of Aeronautics Recovery Branch, the Bureau of Naval Weapons Recovery Section, and the Naval Air Systems Command Recovery Branch.

Recommended Disposition: Permanent; transfer to NARA.

Justification: Records appear to document a significant technical activity of the Bureau. This was a period during which carried-based naval aircraft increased substantially in weight and dimensions and new and stronger types of arresting gear had to be designed and procured to meet those new requirements.

R.C. Accessions:                   62A-2038  
  69A-0201

AIRCRAFT AND MISSILE WEIGHT DATA. 1948-62. Confidential. 4 cu. ft.

Engineering reports submitted by manufacturers in accordance with contract requirements, giving actual weight and balance of representative aircraft on a given contract, apparently as evidence that aircraft weight conformed to specification requirements. Occasionally, later actual weight reports for aircraft from the same contract, in service use, submitted from the field, are inserted in the front of binders for purposes of comparison. Retired by the Bureau of Naval Weapons Evaluation Division (RAEV-3). Arranged in numerical order by report number, thereunder by aircraft model designation and contract number.

Recommended Disposition: Permanent; transfer to NARA.

Justification: These reports appear to constitute part of the technical documentation of the aircraft research and development process.

R.C. Accessions:                   64A-3201  
  64A-3591

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TECHNICAL RECORDS OF THE AVIONICS DIVISION. 1958-63. Confidential.

2 cu. ft.

Handbooks, interim reports, test reports, preproduction test procedures, value engineering studies, drawings, and related records relating to various types of electronic equipment. Arranged by designation of equipment.

Recommended Disposition: Permanent; transfer to NARA.

Justification: Records appear to document a significant technical activity of the Bureau.

R.C. Accessions:                   62A-2891  
  64A-3693

RECORDS OF THE POWERPLANT DIVISION RELATING TO THE MARTIN P6M FLYING BOAT.  
1957-62. Confidential. 2 cu. ft.

Correspondence, reports, technical data, and the like, relating to the development and test program for the P6M series of aircraft, from mock-up inspection through demonstration and test flights of the prototypes, to final accident investigation reports. Arranged generally by type of record.

Recommended Disposition: Permanent; transfer to NARA.

Justification: Documentation on the abortive P6M program is significant because it marks the demise of flying boat development in the Navy. It was an ambitious effort, by an experienced manufacturer, to adapt jet power to large flying boat design, but was abandoned after disastrous accidents.

R.C. Accession: 66A-4697

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RECORDS OF THE POWERPLANT DIVISION RELATING TO HIGH ENERGY FUELS. 1947-58

Confidential. 3 cu. ft.

Technical reports, progress reports, etc., on conventional aircraft powerplants; high energy fuels, such as boron; and ramjet engines. Most of the reports were produced by contractors or aircraft engine test stations. Arranged by subject. Retired by the Bureau of Naval Weapons Powerplant Division (RAPP-4).

Recommended Disposition: Permanent; transfer to NARA.

Justification: Records appear to document a significant research and development effort of the Navy in the field of aeronautical propulsion systems.

R.C. Accessions: 65A-5281

RECORDS OF THE FIGHTER DESIGN BRANCH. 1952-63. 12 cu. ft. Confidential.

Flight test reports, correspondence, messages, brochures, specifications, and related materials assembled by the Fighter Design Branch. Records relate chiefly to the Grumman F9F and F11F models; the Douglas F3D, F4D, and F6D; the Eagle missile; and the Martin-Baker ejection seat and its application to fighter design. No pattern of arrangement is discernible except rough grouping by subject.

Recommend Disposition: Permanent; transfer to NARA.

Justification: Records appear to document a significant research and development effort and appear to include substantial unique material, not known to be duplicated elsewhere.

R.C. Accessions: 65A-4349

65A-4399

RECORDS OF THE ROTARY-WING DESIGN OFFICE/BRANCH. 1957-65. 11 cu. ft.

Unclassified and Confidential.

Records consist of 1 cu. ft. of contracts, specifications, test reports, and correspondence covering the SH-3A helicopter and its development (1862-65); 1 cu. ft. of comparable records for the UH-2A and UH-2B helicopters (1958-64); and 9 cu. ft. of technical reports, correspondence, and drawings on rotary-wing research aircraft, including the X-19, XH-51, X-22A, and XC-142 (1957-63).

Arranged chiefly by aircraft model designation.

Recommended Disposition: Permanent; transfer to NARA.

Justification: Records appear to document significant research and development efforts; 66A-4464 probably includes some of the earliest documentation on the development of the tri-service VTOL transport, which has now reached fruition in the recently adopted V-22 aircraft.

R.C. Accessions:                   66A-4386  
  66A-4664  
  66A-5373

TECHNICAL REPORTS AND OTHER RECORDS RELATING TO THE DASH WEAPON SYSTEM.

1958-65. Unclassified and Confidential. 4 cu. ft.

The Drone Anti-Submarine Helicopter Weapon System consisted of a torpedo-armed miniature helicopter (Gyrodyne QH-50C) operated by remote control, and related facilities and equipment for its operation aboard ship. The system was developed and produced in quantity and deployed in the fleet, but it experienced continued technical difficulties, its unreliability eventually causing it to be cancelled. As a costly failure, it aroused considerable public and political criticism. Records include reports, correspondence, demonstration reports, service acceptance trial reports, planning and shipping data, and information about stowage and handling facilities aboard ship. Arranged by subject, except for correspondence, which is arranged chronologically.

Recommended Disposition: Permanent; transfer to NARA.

Justification: Documentation of this interesting and significant technological development in anti-submarine warfare techniques deserves continuing retention.

R.C. Accessions: 64A-4511

65A-5524

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PHOTOGRAPHS AND DRAWINGS OF NAVAL GUIDED MISSILES. 1955-60. Confidential.

1 cu. ft.

Loose-leaf albums containing photographic prints, charts, and sketches of the Terrier, Tartar, and Talos guided missiles and related guidance systems, components, etc. Includes one binder of statistical data on test firings. Retired by the Bureau of Naval Weapons historian's office. Arranged by name of missile.

Recommended Disposition: Permanent; transfer to NARA.

Justification: Individual photographs may be duplicated elsewhere, but this collection as such appears to have unique value.

R.C. Accessions:

66A-4622

AIRCRAFT PERFORMANCE REPORTS AND OTHER AERONAUTICAL TEST DATA. 1956-66.

Confidential. 13 cu. ft.

Chiefly records of the Airframe Design Division, consisting of contractor progress reports and Navy test reports for the Grumman F-111B fighter and its subsystems, plus performance reports and related materials for certain Lockheed, Sikorsky, Douglas, and North American aircraft models.

Reommended Disposition: Permanent; transfer to NARA.

Justification: Records document significant technical activity of the Bureau. The F-111B was to have been the Navy counterpart of the Air Force F-111A, under Secretary of Defense MacNamara's controversial TFX program, but was rejected by the Navy as unsuitable for its needs. Decoumentation of all aspects of this program will have long-term significance.

R.C. Accessions:	64A-3417
	64A-4216
	66A-4165
	69A-3888
	70A-5597



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DRAWINGS OF THE HUGHES PHOENIX MISSILE SYSTEM. 1964. Confidential.

2 cu. ft.

Preliminary schematic diagrams of the Phoenix air-to-air missile, marked "master file copy." Retired by Bu Weps RM-374. Mode of arrangement not apparent.

Recommended Disposition: Permanent; transfer to NARA.

Justification: Records document a significant technological development carried out for and under sponsorship of the Bureau of Naval Weapons. Missile is currently part of the armament of U.S. naval carrier-based fighter aircraft.

R.C. Accession:

65A-4183

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RECORDS RELATING TO THE SHRIKE MISSILE PROJECT. 1961-67. 2 cu. ft.

Confidential.

Correspondence, technical reports, and technical data relating to the Shrike air-to-surface missile, developed by the Navy for use aboard carrier aircraft in the early 1960's. Arranged variously. Retired by Naval Air Systems Command (Air 6031A).

Recommended Disposition: Permanent; transfer to NARA.

Justification: Records appear to document a substantial research and development effort that resulted in the adoption, production, and deployment of this airborne missile of original design.

R.C. Accessions: 70A-1211

RECORDS RELATING TO THE MARTIN BULLPUP MISSILE PROJECT. 1961-69. 7 cu.  
ft. Confidential.

Correspondence, reports, messages, technical studies, and the like, relating to the development, production, and evaluation of the Bullpup air-to-surface missile and its components. Correspondence is with the contractor (Martin-Marietta) and subcontractors. Arranged subjectively. Retired by Naval Air Systems Command.

Recommended Disposition: Permanent; transfer to NARA.

Justification: Records appear to document a substantial research and development effort that resulted in the adoption, production, and deployment of this airborne missile of original design.

R.C. Accessions: 70A-1214

OFFICE FILES OF W. G. DOAK. 1957-59. 1 cu. ft. Confidential.

Records relate chiefly to internal administrative matters, such as civilian personnel ceilings, personnel allocations, Navy regulations, and Bureau organization and workload, together with miscellaneous material relating to the activities of certain minor boards and committees. Arranged by subject.

Recommended Disposition: Temporary; dispose of immediately.

Justification: As routine office files of a Bureau official, these records are unlikely to contain significant or unique documentation justifying retention.

R.C. Accessions:

63A-3002