

Request for Records Disposition Authority

Records Schedule Number DAA-0257-2015-0002
Schedule Status Approved

Agency or Establishment Bureau of Labor Statistics
Record Group / Scheduling Group Records of the Bureau of Labor Statistics
Records Schedule applies to Agency-wide
Schedule Subject The Hoffenberg records, "The Inter-industry Relations Study for 1947" (History and Theory)
Dates are inclusive through 1970

Internal agency concurrences will be provided No

Background Information Marvin Hoffenberg, who collected this set of records, attended Ohio State University where he received his Bachelor's Degree and Masters Degree. He also completed his course and residence requirements in Social Statistics for a PHD from Ohio State University before being lured away at the beginning of World War II to join the Roosevelt administration to become a new deal economist at the US Department of Labor where he served from 1941 to 1952. He was the Bureau of Labor Statistics expert on national accounts.

The historical background of the Bureau of Labor Statistics' work in input-output analysis provides the context for these records. The purpose of the program was to develop economic and social policies to meet the assumed changes in the structure of employment that would follow a cessation of defense production. The input-output analysis was used as an analytical tool to aid this effort: studying the changes in a post-defense economy. Input-output analysis is one of a set of related methods which show how the parts of a system are affected by a change in one part of that system. In this case it shows how industries are linked together through supplying inputs for the output of the economy. Most uses of the input-output analysis focuses on the matrix set of inter-industry exchanges but the actual focus of the analysis from the perspective of most national statistical agencies which produce the tables is the benchmarking of gross domestic product. The study is comprised of the statistical implementation of inter-industry economics and includes project statements and proposals, flow models and data, dynamic model, final demand, manpower, commodity applications, applications to single plants, applications to single industries, regional applications and money flows.

The most important work of the Inter-industries Studies section of BLS was concerned with the input-output study and the survey of the postwar employment expectations. Analyses were done for the War Production staff and the Inter-industry Studies section of BLS was the only Washington office that predicted a steel shortage and a high employment economy after the end of the war. According to the Battelle Memorial Institute's study, Interactions of Science and Technology in the Innovation Process: Some Case Studies, the Bureau's projections, "alone among postwar predictions," did not foresee a depression, and their correctness enhanced the standing of input-output analysis in the upper echelons of the Federal Government.

The work was done in collaboration with Wassily Leontief, a Russian born, German educated economist who spent decades as a member of the Harvard faculty. He devoted his middle and later decades to input-output economics; this work was the basis for his winning the Nobel Prize. According to Leontief "The Department of Labor was the first government agency to take an active interest in the 'input-output' approach to the study of the American economy and the continual cooperative relationship with its Bureau of Labor Statistics has benefited our work most decisively."

The Bureau's second contribution consisted of a series of conceptual refinements. The most important of these was Hoffenberg's decision to take capital-account transactions out of the inter-industry portion of the table, facilitating the reconciliation of the input-output table and the national income accounts. The Bureau's input-output work also had indirect effects on how the Agency measured the economy. By developing input-output tables, it acquired a complete framework that required consistency and linkages between the different classification systems. Hoffenberg advanced both the construction and application of input-output tables.

Item Count

Number of Total Disposition Items	Number of Permanent Disposition Items	Number of Temporary Disposition Items	Number of Withdrawn Disposition Items
3	3	0	0

GAO Approval

Outline of Records Schedule Items for DAA-0257-2015-0002

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Records Schedule Items

Sequence Number	
1	<p>Work Papers of Marvin Hoffenberg Marvin Hoffenberg's work papers collected during his employment with the Division of Industry Employment Projections at the Bureau of Labor Statistics consists of seventeen notebooks and additional material. They include the Interindustry Relations Study for 1947, Implementation Manual/Project Descriptions, Gross National Product Estimates, National Bureau of Economic Research, Measures of Capital Consumption, 1919-1935 in current dollars, Interindustry Flow of Goods and Services, Math Equations, Input-Output Study, Comparison of Classification Codes for Manufacturing Industries, Input-Output Memorandum, Exhibits and Reprints of Articles, Industries 1-20, Input Output Studies Final Reports 1-21, Industries 21-37, Industries 62-91, Input-Output Studies Final Reports (Industries)63-95, Industries 39-61, Input-Output Studies Final Reports (Industries) 34-38 (Iron and Steel), Forecasts, Charts, Shaw and Leontief Comparisons on "bills of goods"1939, Wages and Salaries and Reports that need editing and revisions. Additional materials not included in the notebooks include the1947 Table Input-Output Analysis, Technical Supplement, Direct and Indirect Requirements per Million Dollars and 1939 I-O Study Sector Summary Tables.</p>
1.1	<p>Notebooks/Research Studies and Correspondence</p> <p>Disposition Authority Number DAA-0257-2015-0002-0001</p> <p>Marvin Hoffenberg's work papers collected during his employment with the Division of Industry Employment Projections at the Bureau of Labor Statistics consists of notebooks and additional material, covering the Inter-Industry Relations Study for 1947. This series covers a wide variety of topics which includes research interviews and findings, studies related to inter-industry relations and techniques; survey results, input-output models and analysis regarding distributed income, consumer spending, saving and capital formation. Inter-industry matrices, aggregation procedures, industrial manpower requirements and resources, effects of wartime savings and postwar price controls. Additional materials include collaboration work and documentation with Wassily Leontief.</p> <p>Final Disposition Permanent</p> <p>Item Status Active</p> <p>Is this item media neutral? No</p> <p>Explanation of limitation</p> <p>Do any of the records covered by this item currently exist in electronic format(s) other than e-mail and word processing? No</p>

Do any of the records covered by this item exist as structured electronic data?

No

Disposition Instruction

Cutoff Instruction

None.

Transfer to Inactive Storage

None. To be transferred immediately to the National Archives.

Transfer to the National Archives for Accessioning

Transfer to the National Archives immediately after approval of schedule.

Additional Information

First year of records accumulation 1939

End year of records accumulation 1964

What will be the date span of the initial transfer of records to the National Archives?

From 1939 To 1964

How frequently will your agency transfer these records to the National Archives?

Unknown

This is a second accretion of the Hoffenberg papers, recently recovered by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Although further accretions are not expected, this schedule remains open to the possibility of future accretions.

	Estimated Current Volume	Annual Accumulation
Electronic/Digital		
Paper	1.0 Cubic feet	
Microform		
Hardcopy or Analog Special Media		

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Publications and Published Research

Disposition Authority Number

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This series covers publications and published research by Marvin Hoffenberg and Wassily Leontief. The publications and published research cover a wide variety of topics, including: American Economy Under Full Employment; Research in Income

and Wealth; Industry Reports; Post-War Employment Patterns, Gross National Product, Reprints from the Inter-Industry Relations Study.

Final Disposition Permanent

Item Status Active

Is this item media neutral? No

Explanation of limitation

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Do any of the records covered by this item exist as structured electronic data? No

Disposition Instruction

Cutoff Instruction None.

Transfer to Inactive Storage None. To be transferred immediately to the National Archives and Records Administration.

Transfer to the National Archives for Accessioning Transfer to the National Archives immediately after approval of schedule.

Additional Information

First year of records accumulation 1929

End year of records accumulation 1970

What will be the date span of the initial transfer of records to the National Archives? From 1929 To 1970

How frequently will your agency transfer these records to the National Archives? Unknown
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	Estimated Current Volume	Annual Accumulation
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Paper	1.0 Cubic feet	
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Charts, Notes, Tables and Oversize Materials

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This series covers charts and tables that reflect the following: Input-Output Industries; Classification of Industries; Aggregation tables; Comparison indexes; Final demand chart; various matrices and tabulated charts related to the economy and the flow of goods and services.

Final Disposition **Permanent**

Item Status **Active**

Is this item media neutral? **No**

Explanation of limitation

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Do any of the records covered by this item exist as structured electronic data? **No**

Disposition Instruction

Cutoff Instruction **None.**

Transfer to Inactive Storage **None. To be transferred to the National Archives and Records Administration.**

Transfer to the National Archives for Accessioning **Transfer to the National Archives immediately after approval of this schedule.**

Additional Information

First year of records accumulation **1919**

End year of records accumulation **1961**

What will be the date span of the initial transfer of records to the National Archives? **From 1919 To 1961**

How frequently will your agency transfer these records to the National Archives? **Unknown**
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Paper	1.0 Cubic feet	
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Agency Certification

I hereby certify that I am authorized to act for this agency in matters pertaining to the disposition of its records and that the records proposed for disposal in this schedule are not now needed for the business of the agency or will not be needed after the retention periods specified.

Signatory Information

Date	Action	By	Title	Organization
06/03/2015	Certify	Karen Burnette	Program Analyst	Bureau of Labor Statistics - Office of Administration
10/13/2015	Return for Revision	Jim Cassedy	Appraiser	National Archives and Records Administration - Records Management Services
10/14/2015	Submit For Certification	Mary Fernandez	Records Manager	Division of Administrative Services - Bureau of Print Mail and Records Management
10/14/2015	Certify	Rachel Vera	U.S. Dept of Labor, Records Management Officer	Office of the Assistant Secretary for Administration and Management - Business Operations Center
05/31/2016	Submit for Concurrence	Jim Cassedy	Appraiser	National Archives and Records Administration - Records Management Services
06/07/2016	Concur	Margaret Hawkins	Director of Records Management Services	National Records Management Program - ACNR Records Management Services
06/07/2016	Concur	Laurence Brewer	Director, National Records Management Program	National Archives and Records Administration - National Records Management Program
06/13/2016	Approve	David Ferriero	Archivist of the United States	Office of the Archivist - Office of the Archivist