



1. Program Subject Files

Arranged by TAGS/Terms. Grouped by subject and/or organization according to how assignments are made to individual officers. Thereunder arranged by subject, committee or country as is appropriate. Subjects include, but are not limited to, labor, democracy, narcotics, refugees, human rights, AIDS, political/military, security assistance, UN, OAU, NAM. Guidance and briefing materials, telegrams, correspondence, research papers, reports, memorandums, intelligence assessments, speeches, press conference and summaries, issue papers, logs, project evaluations, proposals, concept papers, policy/position papers, documents of international organizations, minutes of meetings and other documents relating to regional issues and concerns that are of interest and importance to the U.S. or region.

a. Program Files

Records which establish, define and discuss foreign policy positions or set precedent. Included are telegrams, memorandums, correspondence, reports, policy/position/issue papers, background and briefing materials, and other related documents.

DISPOSITION: Block by year, Retire to RSC when 3 years old for eventual transfer to the WNRC. Destroy when 9 years old.

b. Special Collections

Briefing books and files retained when the corresponding block is retired. Date range of material vary because their active use extends beyond 3 years.

DISPOSITION: Permanent. Review every year. When 5 years old, retire to RSC. Transfer to WNRC when 6 years old. Transfer to the National Archives when 30 years old.

On hand: 1 cu. ft.

Est. annual accumulation: .5 cu. ft.

c. All other files

DISPOSITION: Block by year. Arrange by TAGS/Terms. Destroy when 3 years old at the time the program files are retired.

2. Chronological File

Extra copies of outgoing communications of all types, arranged chronologically without regard to the subject. The official copy of the communications is filed in the subject program file.

DISPOSITION: Destroy when 1 year old, or sooner.

3. Political/Military Survey and Reports File

A reference file of surveys and reports done by U.S. Government (military) for other countries. Arranged by country.

DISPOSITION: Destroy when no longer needed for operations.