REQUEST FOR RECORDS DISPOSITION AUTHORITY
(See Instructions on reverse)

TO      GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION
        NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS SERVICE, WASHINGTON, DC 20408

1 FROM (Agency or establishment)

   GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION
   OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION
   INFORMATION COLLECTION MANAGEMENT BRANCH

2 MAJOR SUBDIVISION

3 MINOR SUBDIVISION

4 NAME OF PERSON WITH WHOM TO CONFER
   Marc Wolfe

5 TELEPHONE EXT
   501-6053

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 5 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  [X] is unnecessary

   B DATE
   10/2/91

   C SIGNATURE OF AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE
   Mary Cunningham

   D TITLE
   Chief, Info. Coll. Mgmt. Branch & GSA Records Officer

7 ITEM NO

8 DESCRIPTION OF ITEM
   (With Inclusive Dates or Retention Periods)

   DEFENSE PLANT CORPORATION

   The Defense Plant Corporation (DPC) was organized August 23, 1940, under the authority of Section 5D of the Reconstruction Finance Act as a subsidiary corporation of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation (RFC). Its functions were to finance and supervise the construction and equipping of industrial facilities under the national defense program.

   During its existence, the DPC disbursed $7.3 billion on over 230 projects. Over 50% of this money went directly or indirectly into aviation. The DPC directly invested $2.6 billion in land, buildings, machinery, and other equipment in several hundred new plants for the construction of aircraft, engines and parts. It provided $4 billion indirectly for the construction of plants for the production of high octane AVGAS, aluminum, tin, and magnesium. The DPC played a major role in the expansion of existing facilities engaged in the production or fabrication of ships, tanks, heavy guns, steel, and machine tools. The construction of the strategic pipelines needed to transport fuel for the war effort was also accomplished by the DPC.

   As a part of its overall function, the DPC supervised loans known as "Plancors" and "Rentras." The Plancors covered defense construction projects, and the Rentras covered projects for the procurement and leasing of equipment for
defense purposes. The DPC also made and administered loans known as "Swapcos" for the Smaller War Plants Corporation established in 1942. The DPC was dissolved July 1, 1945 and its functions, assets, and liabilities were transferred to the RFC under an act of June 30, 1945. The Office of Defense Plants within the RFC was responsible for administering and overseeing the liquidation of the assets of DPC, which was completed in 1956.

1) **Real Property Acquisition and Disposal Case Files, 1942-56.**

These files contain title papers and related purchase and sale documents including appraisal reports, condemnation proceedings, easement records, and quitclaim deeds. In addition, there are copies of DPC resolutions with amendments, lease agreements and guarantees, tax assessment records, surplus property declarations, exhibits, and related correspondence and memoranda. Since the land acquired for most of these project was closely related to national defense, most of the contract include recapture clauses or other reservations not limited in time. Arranged alphabetically by name of company and thereunder by Plancor, Rentra, or Swapco (project) number.

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**Disposition:** Permanent. Transfer to National Archives immediately.

2) **Files Relating to the Leasing of Machinery and Equipment to Small Defense Plants, 1942-51.**

This series consists of correspondence and agreements between the Smaller War Plants Corporation and small defense plants for the purchase or acquisition of equipment and machinery. In addition, it contains scheduled or itemized lists of machinery and equipment covered by the agreements; credit files, including the applications for assistance, in cases where lessee plants asked for and received financial assistance; financial statements and related papers; purchase orders, certificates, invoices, and itemized bills of lessee plants that were authorized to purchase needed equipment; leased plant records showing monthly payments made by lessee to DPC; plant clearance contracts for the satisfactory completion of a project. Arranged alphabetically by name of company.
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(Note: This is an accretion to existing holdings listed as series 151 on page 39 of the published inventory of RG 234.

### 3) Loan Case Files for Programs of the RFC Loan Agencies —  

These files include copies of loan applications, examination reports, exhibits, repayment records, and related workpapers and correspondence. Also included are operating and financial statements; engineering investigation reports; field inspection reports; guarantors' correspondence; and copies of reports on surplus property sales, disposal of small lots, waste, scrap and salvage. Arranged alphabetically by name of company, thereafter by loan category (industrial organization, business enterprise, etc.) and in some cases chronologically by date of loan application.

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**Total**

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a. Loan applications, examination reports, exhibits, correspondence, operating and financial statements, engineering investigation reports, field inspection reports, and guarantors' correspondence.

**Disposition:** PERMANENT. Transfer to the National Archives immediately.

b. All other records.

**Disposition:** TEMPORARY. Segregate during archival processing. Return to FRC under the same accession number and destroy when ABS freeze is lifted.

This series is comprised of internal management documents from various Loan Agency field offices and includes workpapers relating to work assignments, position descriptions, personnel requirements, backlog reports, payroll and pay administration, budgeting, space assignment and other routing administration and housekeeping duties. There are draft copies of reports, studies, and extra copies of summary reports prepared by field activities with marginalia. Arranged alphabetically by city and thereafter by report title.

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5) Subsidy Payment Case Files - Atlanta Loan Agency, 1942-50.

This series consists of routine correspondence between the Atlanta Loan Agency and various warehouse owners in the Southeast regarding storage of strategic raw materials. Included are bills for storage; correspondence on disputed bills and charges; and correspondence regarding the availability of storage space and the release of no longer needed leased storage facilities by RFC's Office of Defense Supplies. There is also a set of Defense Supplies Corporation (DSC) Bulletins, numbered 1-274 dating between January 11, 1941 through September 9, 1948. These bulletins detail the procedures set up by RFC in the operation of the DSC over its lifetime.

a. DSC bulletins.

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b. All other records.

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These files relate to the acquisition of patents or the use by DPC and other RFC subsidiaries and contractors of existing patents on devices or processes needed in the construction and operations of various RFC facilities. These files consist of patent correspondence, index cards on patents, patent applications, patent lists, and patent reports. Also included are royalty agreements and related correspondence concerning royalties chargeable to the U.S. Government and transmittal letters on licensing agreements. Arranged alphabetically by name of product, process, device, or company.

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