



**RECORDS RELATING TO ITALY AMONG THE
CENTRAL FILE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE (RG 59) 1910-73:
A SELECTED LIST**

The following is an overview of some of the most important files pertaining to Italian international political relations and Italian political, military, and economic matters. It is not comprehensive and intended merely as a starting point for research. Researchers undertaking a major study of this topic should be certain to examine appropriate finding aids within RG 59 and other record groups for additional information.

THE CENTRAL DECIMAL FILE, 1910-63 [ARC ID: 302021]

Between August 1910 and January 1963, the Department of State's Central File was arranged according to a decimal classification scheme.

1910-49

In its original form, the Decimal File is divided into four segments for these years: 1910-29, 1930-39, 1940-44, and 1945-49. You should begin your research with file numbers:

711.65 -- Italian-United States Relations
865.00 -- Italian Political Affairs
865.20 & 865.30 -- Italian Military Affairs
865.50 -- Italian Economic Affairs

All of these records are available on microfilm. Researchers can examine the film in our microfilm research room during regular business hours.

THE CENTRAL DECIMAL FILE, (1950-63 SEGMENTS) [ARC ID: 302021]

In 1950 the Department revised the Central File and the numerical designations for Italy change. The File is divided into three segments for these years: 1950-54, 1955-59, and 1960-63. You should begin your research with file numbers:

611.65 -- Italian-United States Relations *
765.00 -- Italian Political Affairs *
765.5 -- Italian Military Affairs *

865.00 -- Italian Economic Affairs *

965.00 -- Italian Communication, Transportation, and Scientific Affairs

*** Records for the years 1950-54 are available on microfilm. Researchers can examine the film in our microfilm research room during regular business hours.**

THE SUBJECT-NUMERIC FILE, 1963-73 [ARC ID: 580618]

In February 1963, the Department adopted a new filing scheme that is radically different from the preceding file. This filing scheme extended through July 1973. There are eight primary subject classes and each primary class has between 3 and 19 secondary subject classes. Within each secondary class the records are arranged by country. The entire File is divided into four segments: February – December 1963, 1964-66, 1967-69, and 1970-73. You may wish to begin your research with these subject classes: Economic (E); Finance (FN); Foreign Trade (FT); Labor & Manpower (LAB); Strategic Trade Control (STR); Defense (DEF); and Politics (POL). The following table provides the box numbers for these subject classes in each time segment.

	1963	1964-66	1967-69	1970-73
E	3384	729-731	629-630	756-757
FN	3436-3437	876-878	779-781	906-909
FT	3480	1016-1017	929	1079-1080
LAB	3585	1304-1305	1257-1258	1407
STR	3640	1438	1411-1412	1545-1546
DEF	3728 & 3759	1646-1647 & 1735	1559-1560 & 1695	1751-1752 & 1860
POL	3951-3954	2358-2370	2232-2239	2391-2397

<http://www.archives.gov/research/foreign-policy/state-dept/finding-aids/rg-59-italy.pdf>