

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

The following is an overview of the most important files pertaining to Korean international political relations and Korean 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. Because Korea did not gain independence until after World War II, files pre-dating 1945 will be slim. You should begin your research with file numbers:

711.95 -- Korean-United States Relations
895.00 -- Korean Political Affairs
895.20 & 895.30 -- Korean Military Affairs
895.50 -- Korean Economic Affairs

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

You may also wish to review --

501.BB-Korea -- United National Temporary Committee on Korea (1945-49 Only)

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

In 1950 the Department revised the Central File and the numerical designations for Korea change. The File is divided into three segments for these years: 1950-54, 1955-59, and 1960-63. The division of Korea complicates the filing scheme; beginning with this file there are three pertinent file designations, one for the Korean Peninsula, one for North Korea and one for South Korea. You should begin your research with file numbers:

	Korean Peninsula	North Korea	South Korea
Relations with US	611.95	611.95A	611.95B
Political Affairs	795.00	795A.00	795B.00

Military Affairs	795.5	795A.5	795B.5
Economic Affairs	895.00	895A.00	895B.00

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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: 1963, 1964-66, 1967-69, and 1970-73. In this file virtually all of the records are filed under North or South Korea. You may wish to begin your research with these subject classes: Economic (E); Defense (DEF); and Politics (POL) for both Koreas. The subject classes U.S. Aid (AID (US)) and Strategic Trade Control (STR) are significant categories for South Korea. The following list provides the box numbers for these subject classes for each time segment.

SOUTH KOREA

	<u>1963</u>	<u>1964-66</u>	<u>1967-69</u>	<u>1970-73</u>
AID (US)	3323	567-569	481-482	566-567
E	3386	734-735	634-636	760-762
STR	3645-3646	1439	1413	1546
DEF	3963-3964	1651-1654	1566-1569	1756-1762
POL	4036-4041	2399-2407	2275-2283	2423-2430

NORTH KOREA

	<u>1963</u>	<u>1964-66</u>	<u>1967-69</u>	<u>1970-73</u>
E	3386	734	634	760
DEF	3730	1651	No Files	1756
POL	3999-4000	2396-2399	2259-2275	2420-2423

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