

**RECORDS RELATING TO THE SOVIET UNION (USSR) 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 Soviet international political relations and Soviet 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:

711.61 -- Soviet-United States Relations
861.00 -- Soviet Political Affairs
861.20 & 861.30 -- Soviet Military Affairs
861.50 -- Soviet 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 changing the numerical designations. 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:

611.61 -- Soviet-United States Relations
761.00 -- Soviet Political Affairs
761.5 -- Soviet Military Affairs
861.00 -- Soviet Economic Affairs

Records for the years 1950-59 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: 1963, 1964-66, 1967-69, and 1970-73. You may wish to begin your research with these subject classes: Economic (E); Defense (DEF); Politics (POL); and Societal Affairs (SOC). There are two listings for the POL sections. The first is for material pertaining to political relations between the United States and the Soviet Union "POL (US/USSR)" and the second to political affairs within the Soviet Union "POL." The following list provides the box numbers for these subject classes for each time segment.

	<u>1963</u>	<u>1964-66</u>	<u>1967-69</u>	<u>1970-73</u>
E	3402-3403	781-784	678-680	799-800
DEF	3766-3767	1750-1751	1706-1714	1873-1876
POL (US/USSR)	4121-4123	2870-2874	2664-2669	2737-2744
POL	4126-4132	2880-2907	2675-2695	2747-2766
SOC	4222-4223	3251-3254	3111-3113	3108-3111

COMMUNIST BLOC

Researchers may also wish to examine the files pertaining to the political and military activities of the Communist Bloc. These files provide an overview of communist activities and often document significant events such as the 1969 invasion of Czechoslovakia.

	<u>1963</u>	<u>1964-66</u>	<u>1967-69</u>	<u>1970-73</u>
DEF	3718	1619	1532	1699
POL	3871-3872	2049-2055	1861-1867	2212-2216

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