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On the three rolls of this microfilm publication is reproduced a three-volume index to official published documents collected by the Bureau of Insular Affairs relating to Cuba and to Puerto Rico, the Philippine Islands, and other insular possessions of the United States, 1876-1906. The documents indexed cover the entire period of the American military governments in Cuba, Puerto Rico, and the Philippine Islands as well as the early years of civil governments in Puerto Rico and the Philippines.

The Bureau of Insular Affairs was created in the War Department in 1898 to administer the civil affairs of possessions acquired as a result of the Spanish-American War. During the early years of its existence the Bureau made a comprehensive collection of all reports, hearings, acts, and other relevant printed matter from governmental sources relating to Cuba, Puerto Rico, and the Philippine Islands in addition to some materials relating to Alaska and Hawaii. These documents, which included publications from the 44th Congress, were bound together in volumes of convenient size and made a part of the Bureau of Insular Affairs library.

This index has two alphabetical sequences. In 1904 a two-volume index to the documents collected (covering the period 1876 to 1904) was prepared, but efforts to secure a congressional appropriation for printing the index failed. Two years later, when publication of the index was again proposed, a supplementary volume indexing documents assembled by the Bureau from 1904 to 1906 was prepared. The three volumes, which were never printed, are here reproduced for the first time.

Index references are not only to the catalog numbers of the volumes in the former Bureau of Insular Affairs library, but also to the standard identifying designations of congressional, executive, and insular published documents and to the appropriate page number in each document. In instances where an entry was inserted after completion of the index by means of a slip laid over the appropriate page, the original compilers indicated it by means of an asterisk. Users of the microfilm publication are cautioned to watch for this symbol. An inserted entry will be found on the frame preceding the one containing the asterisk. The preface, which immediately follows the title page in the original volume, contains further suggestions for using the index.

The second and third volumes of the index contain appendixes, lists of congressional documents--reports of committees and sub-committees, hearings, acts, and other published material--arranged by Congress and session in the order of their number or date.

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There are related records in Records of the Office of the Secretary of the Interior, Record Group 48, which contain administrative correspondence files relating to Cuba, the Philippine Islands, and Puerto Rico, 1898-1907. Records of the Spanish Governors of Puerto Rico, Record Group 186, include documentation on the island's government, 1750-1898. Records of the Adjutant General's Office, 1780's-1917, Record Group 94, include files on military units in Puerto Rico, Cuba, and the Philippine Islands. Records of the Military Government of Cuba, Record Group 140, contain material relating to the civil administration of Cuba.

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