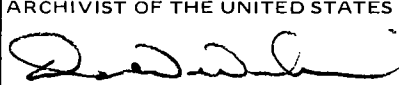


ACTIVE ITEMS. These items, unless subsequently superseded, may be used by the agency to disposition records. It is the responsibility of the user to verify the items are still active.

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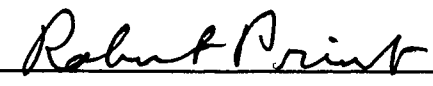
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ITEM	STATUS	WHY INACTIVE
1	P (Active)	
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5	T (Inactive)	Agency reported all records are destroyed, no more will be created

REQUEST FOR RECORDS DISPOSITION AUTHORITY (See Instructions on reverse)		LEAVE BLANK JOB NO. N1-338-87-6 <i>P</i>	
TO GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS SERVICE, WASHINGTON, DC 20408		DATE RECEIVED 8/5/88	
1 FROM (Agency or establishment) Department of the Army		NOTIFICATION TO AGENCY In accordance with the provisions of 44 U.S.C. 3303a the disposal request, including amendments, is approved except for items that may be marked "disposition not approved" or "withdrawn" in column 10. If no records are proposed for disposal, the signature of the Archivist is not required.	
2 MAJOR SUBDIVISION US ARMY INFORMATION SYSTEMS COMMAND Inter American Geodetic Survey and predecessors		3 MINOR SUBDIVISION DCSOPS (AS-OPS-MR)	
4 NAME OF PERSON WITH WHOM TO CONFER Marvin H. Kabakoff	5 TELEPHONE EXT 7-693-7216 8-273-7216	DATE 7/1/88	ARCHIVIST OF THE UNITED STATES 
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 _____ 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 ☐ is unnecessary

B DATE 12 Feb 88	C. SIGNATURE OF AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE 	D TITLE Army Information Retention Manager	
7 ITEM NO	8 DESCRIPTION OF ITEM (With Inclusive Dates or Retention Periods)	9 GRS OR SUPERSEDED JOB CITATION	10 ACTION TAKEN (NARS USE ONLY)
	<p>Located at the National Personnel Records Center (Military), St. Louis, Missouri, are Army organizational records generally dating from the late 1940's through the 1960's. These records are now being reviewed for the purpose of determining their ultimate disposition. The submission of this SF 115 is a part of this effort.</p> <p>This schedule covers only those records located in NPRC created by the U.S. Army Inter-American Geodetic Survey and its predecessor organizations. Consequently, it is not applicable to current records.</p> <p>Unless otherwise noted, the disposition numbers cited correspond to those in AR 340-18.</p>		5 items

Records Previously Appraised as Permanent

General Orders, ca. 1952-62, 2 in.

Operating Program Progress Reports, ca. 1954-63, 3.6 cu.ft.

Operations Planning Files, 1959, 1 in.

Organization Planning Files, ca. 1954-58, 2 in.

Items in this Schedule

1. General Correspondence
2. Nicaragua Canal Survey Data and Records
3. Maps and Drawings
4. Memorandums
5. Letters

1. General Correspondence, ca. 1952-56, 5.8 cu.ft., AR 345-220/18D

Letters, reports, memorandums, and other correspondence relating to a wide variety of functions and activities of the IAGS. The bulk of this series concerns the transactions and procedures documenting the day-to-day operations of this organization. Though sometimes routine in nature, these files illustrate what the IAGS did and how it operated. Much of the material is arranged alphabetically by country within a specific decimal file number. The two largest sections of the series are 319.1, consisting of project and progress reports from each country, including political data, and the 60 level, containing information on mapping in each country, reports on experiments with triangulation and magnetic observation, correspondence on aerial photography, and maps. Decimal number 0.7 contains copies of articles relating to IAGS functions and mapping activities in various countries. The 100 level is generally routine, but includes information on financial arrangements with the host governments; file 353 provides data on the training of Latin American personnel and on training activities. The 400 level contains records on supply activities as a whole and by individual country, and documents the technical equipment needed for IAGS operations. The amount of routine material in this series is relatively small and scattered. The series as a whole provides the only complete documentation of IAGS activities.

Permanent. Offer to NARA immediately upon approval of this schedule.

2. Nicaragua Canal Survey Data and Records, ca. 1896-1955, 7 cu.ft.

Reports, studies, hydrological data, and other correspondence created by the Isthmian and Nicaragua Canal Commissions, later superseded by the Nicaragua Canal Survey. The earliest records consist of published bound volumes containing the final reports of the U.S. Board of Engineers (1896), the Nicaragua Canal Commission (1897-99), and the Isthmian Canal Commission (1899-1901), all relating to ascertaining the proper route, feasibility, commercial and military value, and cost of construction of a canal across Nicaragua. These reports contain, variously, histories of the region and copies of treaties; hydrological, meteorological, topographical, and geological data relating to the proposed route; photographs, maps, and rainfall and river depth charts and graphs.

Later records include a report of the InterOceanic Canal Board (1929-31) on the practicability and cost of providing additional locks at the Panama Canal and of constructing a canal across Nicaragua; this report contains studies of potential shipping, hydrologic and meteorological data, and an epidemiological study of Nicaragua. A similar report from the same period was prepared by Lt. Col. Sultan, Officer-in-Charge of the Survey; this contained a history of field work and the project, physical characteristics of the route, and construction features.

Much of this series consists of hydrological and meteorological charts and graphs, showing humidity, rainfall, evaporation, temperature, and river depths at sites all over Nicaragua from 1919 to 1955.

This series is therefore an invaluable source of documentation of one aspect of U.S. involvement in Nicaragua over a period of 60 years.

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3. Maps and Drawings, ca. 1896-1955, 2 cu.ft., 1513-01B

Basic topographic data files created by the Nicaragua Canal Survey and consisting of maps, charts, blueprints, and drawings of the proposed route of the Nicaragua Canal. These materials contain, variously, depth soundings and hydrographic data; topographic maps, some listing types of terrain to be found along the route of the proposed canal; and project railway and highway routes. Some are simply maps of portions of Central America. All of these items were created between 1896 and 1955; the most recent are generally copies of older maps and blueprints.

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4. Memorandums, ca. 1952-62, 7 in. 227-01B

Numbered and unnumbered near-print issuances of the IAGS, used for a variety of routine purposes, generally relating to short-term administrative procedures. Included are subjects not normally covered, such as civilian travel and information on mapping, but these topics are covered more thoroughly in other series in this schedule, such as General Correspondence. Hence, none of the memorandums can be considered to have archival value.

Destroy immediately upon approval of this schedule.

5. Letters, ca. 1952-58, 3 in., 227-01B

Unnumbered near-print issuances of the IAGS used to advise subordinate sections of changes in policies or to outline routine, housekeeping procedures. These very often contain types of instructions found in the Daily Bulletins issued by other Army organizations.

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