

REQUEST FOR RECORDS DISPOSITION AUTHORITY		LEAVE BLANK (NARA use only)	
To NATIONAL ARCHIVES & RECORDS ADMINISTRATION 8601 ADELPHI ROAD, COLLEGE PARK, MD 20740-6001		JOB NUMBER <i>NI-563-08-7</i>	
1 FROM (Agency or establishment) Department of Homeland Security		Date Received <i>1-24-2008</i>	
2 MAJOR SUB DIVISION Science and Technology Directorate		NOTIFICATION TO AGENCY	
3 MINOR SUBDIVISION Human Factors Division		In accordance with the provisions of 44 U S C 3303a, the disposition request, including amendments is approved except for items that may be marked "disposition not approved" or "withdrawn" in column 10	
4 NAME OF PERSON WITH WHOM TO CONFER Kathy Schultz	5 TELEPHONE 202-447-5075	DATE <i>4/15/08</i>	ARCHIVIST OF THE UNITED STATES WITHDRAWN
6 AGENCY CERTIFICATION I hereby certify that I am authorized to act for this agency in matters pertaining to the disposition of its records and that the records proposed for disposal on the attached <u>1</u> page(s) are not needed now 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, under the provisions of Title 8 the GAO Manual for Guidance of Federal Agencies, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is not required <input type="checkbox"/> is attached, or <input type="checkbox"/> has been requested			
DATE 1/16/08	SIGNATURE OF AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE <i>Kathleen A. Schultz</i>		TITLE Senior Records Officer
7 ITEM NO	8 DESCRIPTION OF ITEM AND PROPOSED DISPOSITION	9 GRS OR SUPERSEDED JOB CITATION	10 ACTION TAKEN (NARA USE ONLY)
1	See attached sheet(s) for: Global Terrorism Database Inputs, Outputs and System Documentation are covered by GRS 20		

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Global Terrorism Database

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The Global Terrorism Database (GTD) is an open-source database including information on terrorist events around the world since 1970 (currently updated through 2004). Unlike many other event databases, the GTD includes systematic data on international as well as domestic terrorist incidents that have occurred during this time period and now includes almost 80,000 cases. For each GTD incident, information is available on the date and location of the incident, the weapons used and nature of the target, the number of casualties, and -- when identifiable -- the identity of the perpetrator.

Characteristics of the GTD

- Contains information on over 80,000 terrorist attacks
- The main types of information found in the GTD are items that you would expect to find in a well written newspaper story about a terrorist attack: the type of attack, the number of persons killed, the group claiming responsibility, the date of the event and so on
- The GTD is currently the most comprehensive unclassified data base on terrorist events in the world. It includes information on more than 27,000 bombings, 13,000 assassinations, and 2,800 kidnappings
- The original data include information on over 45 variables, the new data include over 120 variables. More than 75 data collectors with expertise in six language groups are currently engaged in collecting GTD data
- Data collection is supervised by an advisory panel of 12 terrorism research experts
- Over 2,000,000 news articles and 25,000 new sources were reviewed to collect GTD from 1998 to 2004 alone

Master File / Data:

Terrorist Incident Data

The database includes more than 70,000 terrorist incidents that have been described in open source materials such as newspapers, academic articles, publicly available websites, and court documents. For each incident, 50-150 variables (e.g., target, location, weapon used) have been identified. If the name of the perpetrator of the incident is available in open source materials, it is also included as a variable.

Disposition:

PERMANENT Cut off upon transfer of funding and maintenance responsibilities to another agency/institution. Transfer to the National Archives and Records Administration immediately after cut off.