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Chinook includes records for federal publications, most from 1976 to the present. Selected international and foreign publications have been cataloged from 1989 on. Much of our material, however, is not in Chinook. In the department, we have various print and electronic tools to identify and locate these publications.

STARTING POINTS

- **Government Publications→Frequently Used Databases→Declassified Documents Reference Service** <http://galenet.galegroup.com/servlet/DDR5?vrsn=1.0&locID=coloboulder&ste=1>
Contains over 500,000 pages of previously classified government documents covering major international events from the Cold War to the Vietnam War and beyond obtained from presidential libraries. Documents are from various government agencies, including the White House, CIA, FBI, State Department and others. Currently, the database ranges from the years immediately following World War II through the 1970s and covers nearly every major foreign and domestic event of these years.
- **Government Publications→Frequently Used Databases→Digital National Security Archive** <http://nsarchive.chadwyck.com/home.do> Provides access to more than 60,000 declassified documents central to U.S. foreign and military policy since 1945. The documents are organized into 27 collections. Each collection contains a diverse range of policy documents including presidential directives, memos, diplomatic dispatches, meeting notes, independent reports, briefing papers, White House communications, email, confidential letters and other secret material. Contextual and reference supplements are provided for each collection, including general introductory essay, a chronology, glossary and bibliography.
 - **National Security Archive** <http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/index.html> An independent non-governmental research institute and library located at George Washington University, the Archive collects and publishes declassified documents obtained through the Freedom of Information Act, Mandatory Declassification Review, presidential paper collections, congressional records, and court testimony.
 - **Electronic Briefing Books** <http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/NSAEBB/> Other declassified document collections not part of the Digital National Security Archive.

FURTHER RESEARCH

- **Government Publications →Alphabetical List of Subject Pages→Declassified Documents** (<http://ucblibraries.colorado.edu/govpubs/us/declassified.htm>)
 - **FBI** <http://foia.fbi.gov/room.htm>
 - **CIA** <http://www.foia.cia.gov/default.asp>

- State Department <http://foia.state.gov/default.asp>
- National Security Agency <http://www.nsa.gov/public/publi00003.cfm>
- National Archives and Records Administration <http://www.archives.gov/index.html>
- **FBI files on microfilm.** There are also collections of FBI files on microfilm, most of which are not available online. Many of the collections are in the Government Publications Library and can be accessed on the Library's online catalog, Chinook. <http://libraries.colorado.edu/> HINT: Search for **FBI and file*** as **keywords** and limit **location** to **Government Publications** for a list of **all** these microfilm collections. Most collections are accompanied by a guide.
- **Documents of the National Security Council on microfilm.** (In Government Publications Library: **PrEx 3.10:D 65**) This collection is comprised of all of the formerly classified NSC papers that have been released through Freedom of Information Act requests. Included are formal policy papers, progress reports, background documents "P" files, "Mill" papers, National Security Council actions, national security action memoranda, and national security study memoranda. Consists of a basic collection with nine supplements and includes guides.
- **Foreign Relations of the United States.** (In Government Publications Library: **S 1.1**) The **Foreign Relations of the United States** series is the official documentary historical record of major U.S. foreign policy decisions that have been declassified and edited for publication. FRUS begins with the administration of Abraham Lincoln in 1861. There are two cumulative indexes covering 1861-1899 and 1900-1918. The organization of FRUS is generally chronological, but the dates of the volumes do not necessarily reflect the dates of documentary history. Material in FRUS is not declassified for thirty years, so the most recently published volumes have documents for the Ford administration (i.e. through 1976).
 - Volumes from 1861-1960 <http://digioll.library.wisc.edu/FRUS/About.shtml> (Incomplete series with missing volumes being added as they can be acquired and processed) available online at the University of Wisconsin:
 - Most volumes from 1960-76 are available online at the Department of State: <http://state.gov/r/pa/ho/frus/>

FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:

<http://www.fas.harvard.edu/~hpcws/foreigngovlinks.htm>

Unesco Archives Portal: http://www.unesco.org/webworld/portal_archives/pages/index.shtml

Repositories of Primary Resources:

<http://www.uidaho.edu/special-collections/Other.Repositories.html>

OTHER SOURCES FOR SECRETS:

- Harvard Project on Cold War Studies: <http://www.fas.harvard.edu/~hpcws/declassified.htm>
- Cold War International History Project: http://wilsoncenter.org/index.cfm?topic_id=1409&fuseaction=topics.home
- Project on Government Secrecy (Federation of American Scientists) <http://fas.org/sqp/>
- TRAC, Transactional Records Access Clearinghouse <http://trac.syr.edu/> provides comprehensive information about the activities of federal enforcement and regulatory agencies, which is submitted to a variety of sophisticated statistical techniques. There are separate TRAC web sites describing the enforcement activities and staffing patterns of the [FBI](#), the [IRS](#), the [Drug Enforcement Administration](#) and the [Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms](#).
- Loyola College's Department of Political Science provides [Strategic Intelligence](#) and [Military Intelligence](#) web pages with links to organizations involved in intelligence activities.

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- Freedom of Information Center at the University of Missouri <http://foi.missouri.edu/>
- FOIA basics from the National Security Archive <http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/nsa/foia.html>
- Federal Agencies FOIA web-sites: http://www.usdoj.gov/04foia/other_age.htm