

HISTORY 295 - THE AMERICAN PRESIDENCY, 1960-2000  
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## I. GUIDES AND ENCYCLOPEDIAS

*American Foreign Relations since 1600: A Guide to the Literature.* Edited by Robert L. Beisner. 2nd ed. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, 2003. 2 vols. CENTRAL READY REF E183.7 .A57 2003 - Bookstand 1

*Encyclopedia of cold war politics* / Brandon Toropov ; Elin Woodger, special research assistant. New York : Facts On File, Inc., c2000. CENTRAL E840 .T57 2000.

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*Encyclopedia of the Clinton presidency* / Peter B. Levy. Westport, Conn. : Greenwood Press, 2002. CENTRAL E885 .L48 2002.

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*The Oxford guide to the United States government* / John J. Patrick. Oxford ; New York : Oxford University Press, 2001. CENTRAL JK9 .P384 2001.  
Also online at [http://www.oxfordreference.com/views/BOOK\\_SEARCH.html?book=t89](http://www.oxfordreference.com/views/BOOK_SEARCH.html?book=t89)

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## II. BIBLIOGRAPHIES

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*The 1990-91 Gulf War : crisis, conflict, aftermath : an annotated bibliography* / Andrew Orgill. London ; New York : Mansell, 1995. CENTRAL Z 3036 .O74 1995.

*Presidency of the United States : history, analyses, bibliography* / William S. Mathis, editor. Hauppauge, N.Y. : Nova Science Publishers, c2002. CENTRAL JK516 .P653 2002

*U.S. intervention policy in the post-cold war world* / [compiled and edited by Frances Scott].  
U.S. Air Force Academy Library, [1994]. CENTRAL GOVT-INFO D 305.12:88 1.

*Vietnam War Bibliography*. Moïse, Edwin E.

<http://hubcap.clemson.edu/~eemoise/bibliography.html/>

Note: Simply the best bibliography available anywhere on this topic. Comprehensive and up to date.

*The war powers of the President : a bibliography* / Larry D. Benson. Monticello, Ill. : Vance Bibliographies, [1990]. CENTRAL JK560 .B457 1990.

### III. INDEXES and DATABASES

Use indexes to gain access to the scholarly journal literature on your topic. The most important databases for history journal literature are marked \*\*. Unless otherwise indicated, these databases are available at the Heard Library Reference Databases webpage (<http://www.library.vanderbilt.edu/heard/edatabases.shtml>).

**\*\*America: History and Life.** Indexes the scholarly history journal literature concerning the United States and Canada from prehistory to the present.

**\*\*CSA Worldwide Political Science Abstracts.** Provides citations, abstracts, and indexing of the international literature in political science and its complimentary fields, including international relations, law, and public administration / policy. Use the \* (asterisk) to substitute for word endings.

*Declassified Documents Reference System - United States.* Database of declassified government documents, consist of over 450,000 documents covering major domestic and international events since the end of World War II. Documents include cabinet meeting minutes, correspondence, diary entries, intelligence reports, political analyses and technical studies from the White House, State Department, National Security Agency, FBI, and CIA.

*Digital National Security Archive.* Full-text collection of 40,000 declassified documents concerning U.S. policy.

**\*\*Historical Abstracts.** Indexes the scholarly history journal literature of the world except the United States and Canada from 1450 to the present.

*Lexis Nexis Academic.* Best source for news information.

*PAIS: Public Affairs Information Service.* Covers current events, public policy issues, and the social sciences in general--including economic and social conditions, government and politics, and international relations. Indexes a broad range of materials--books, pamphlets, and publications of the U.S. government and of international organizations, in addition to selected articles in 1400 periodicals.

*Primary Sources in U.S. Presidential History.* Access via Lexis Nexis Academic. Includes a variety of primary sources, including manuscripts, speeches, collections of full-text legislation and judicial rulings, government documents, an archive of photographic images, autobiographies, reference information, and hundreds of scholarly articles.

*ProQuest.* Access to thousands of current periodicals, newspapers, and scholarly journals. Some full-text articles from 1986 to present. Note: a subsection of ProQuest has back issues of the *New York Times* and *Washington Post* available online.

*Readers' Guide to Periodical Literature.* Bronx: H.W. Wilson  
CENTRAL REFERENCE-4th CDROM (1983-) and Bookcase 2 (1900-) AI 3 .R4

*Television News Index and Abstracts* CENTRAL REFERENCE-4th AI 3.T44  
Also available online: <http://tvnews.vanderbilt.edu/>  
Since August 5th. 1968, The Television News Archive has systematically recorded, abstracted, and indexed national television newscasts. This database is the guide to the Vanderbilt University collection of network television news programs.

#### IV. NEWSPAPER INDEXES (Newspaper Index Shelves--Reference Room, North Wall)

*The Christian Science Monitor*--Index covers 1945 to date. Issues are on Microfilm 1484.

*The New York Times*--Index covers 1851 to date. Issues are on Microfilm 455.

Note: *The New York Times* is available online 1851 to 1999, full-text, via ProQuest. Access is from the Heard Library Research Databases webpage.

*The Wall Street Journal*--Index covers 1955 to date. Issues are on Microfilm 1413.

*The Washington Post*--Index covers 1971 to date. Issues are on Microfilm 1957

Note: *Washington Post* is also available online, full-text, via ProQuest. Access is from the Heard Library Research Databases webpage.

#### V. SELECTED DOCUMENTS

Beschloss, Michael R. *Taking charge : the Johnson White House tapes, 1963-1964.* Edited and with commentary by Michael R. Beschloss. New York : Simon & Schuster, 1997.  
CENTRAL E 846 .B46 1997.

Bunker, Ellsworth. *The Bunker papers : reports to the president from Vietnam, 1967-1973.*  
Edited by Douglas Pike. [San Francisco] : Asian Foundation ; Berkeley : Institute of East Asian Studies, University of California, c1990. CENTRAL DS 557.4 .B86 1990 v.1 – v.3.

*Nixon Presidential Materials* / Nixon Presidential Materials Staff. College Park, MD : National Archives at College Park, 199? Large CDROM collection of taped conversations from the Nixon White House. CENTRAL MEDIA-CTR CD305.

[*Pentagon papers.*] United States-Vietnam relations, 1945-1967; study prepared by Department of Defense. Washington, U.S. Govt. Print. Off., 1971. The 12-volume text here contains the first 43 volumes of the original 47-volume study.  
CENTRAL GOVT-INFO Y 4 .Ar 5/2: V67/3/945-67 Book 1 – Book 12.

*The Pentagon papers as published by the New York Times.* Based on investigative reporting by Neil Sheehan. Written by Neil Sheehan [et al]. New York, Bantam Books [c1971].  
CENTRAL E 183.8 .V5 P4 1971.

*The Pentagon papers; the Defense Department history of United States decisionmaking on Vietnam.* The Senator Gravel edition. Boston, Beacon Press [1971-72]. 5 volumes.  
CENTRAL E 183.8 .V5 P42 v.1 – v.5.

*Recordings of conversations and meetings [sound recording] : Recordings of telephone conversations.* Lyndon B. Johnson. [Austin, TX] : Lyndon Baines Johnson Library, 1996-1997. Audio cassettes plus transcripts.  
CENTRAL MEDIA-CTR -- Cassette 297.

#### VI. Microform Documents – a sampling.

These materials are in the Microform and Media Center on the 6<sup>th</sup> floor of the Central Library.

CIA Research Reports

Africa, 1946-1976--Microfilm 2185  
China, 1946-1976--Microfilm 2186  
Europe, 1946-1976--Microfilm 2184  
Japan, Korea, and the Security of Asia, 1946-1976--Microfilm 2179  
Latin America, 1946-1976--Microfilm 2183  
Middle East, 1946-1976--Microfilm 2180  
Soviet Union, 1946-1976--Microfilm 2182  
Vietnam and Southeast Asia, 1946-1976-- Microfilm 2181

Presidential Documents Series. Letters, transcripts of telephone conversations, and other documents created by a President during his term of office.

Appointment Book of President Kennedy--Microfilm 2202  
Crisis in Panama and the Dominican Republic: National Security Files and NSC Histories--Microfilm 2197  
Daily Diary of President Johnson (1963-1969)--Microform 1292  
Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, 1963-1969--Microfilm 2487  
History of the Department of Justice, 1963-1969--Microfilm 2492  
Israel: National Security Files (1963-1969)--Microfilm 2204  
Minutes and Documents of the Cabinet Meetings of President Johnson--Microfilm 1293  
National Economy under President Johnson: Administration Histories--Microfilm 2207  
Oral Histories of the Johnson Administration (1963-1969)--Microfiche 674, part 1  
President Kennedy and the Press (1961-1963)--Microfilm 2202

Europe and NATO : special studies, 1970-1980. Frederick, MD. : University Publications of America, c1982. 11 microfilm reels + guide. CENTRAL MEDIA-CTR MiFilm 2165

*Civil rights during the Johnson administration, 1963-1969.* Lawson, Steven F. Frederick, Md. : University Publications of America, 1984-[1985]. 41 microfilm reels, 35 mm. CENTRAL MEDIA-CTR MiFilm 1368. Also, MiFilm 1368 Guide.

*Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) papers* [microform] / August Meier and Elliott Rudwick, consulting editors. Frederick, Md. : University Publications of America, c1983. 80 microfilm reels ; 35 mm. CENTRAL MEDIA-CTR MiFilm 1367. Also, MiFilm 1367 Guide.

*FBI file on the Students for a Democratic Society and the Weatherman Underground Organization* [microform]. Wilmington, Del. : Scholarly Resources, [1991]. 8 microfilm reels, 35 mm. CENTRAL MEDIA-CTR MiFilm 2534. Also, MiFilm 2534 Guide.

*The Martin Luther King, Jr., FBI file [microform] : pt. II : the King-Levision file* / edited by David J. Garrow. Frederick, Md : University Publications of America, c1987. 9 microfilm reels ; 35 mm. CENTRAL MEDIA-CTR MiFilm 2245. Also, MiFilm 2245 Guide.

*Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee papers, 1959-1972* [microform]. [Sanford, N.C.] : Microfilming Corporation of America, [1981?]. 73 microfilm reels ; 35 mm. CENTRAL MEDIA-CTR MiFilm 2390. Also, MiFilm Guide 2390.

*The U.S. intelligence community* [microform] : organization, operations, and management, 1947-1989. Alexandria, Va. : Chadwyck-Healey, 1990. 266 microfiches. CENTRAL MEDIA-CTR MiFiche 880. Also, MiFiche 880 Guide.

*Vietnam documents and research notes series* [microform] : translation and analysis of significant Viet Cong/North Vietnamese documents : microfilmed from the holdings of the Library of the U.S. Army Military History Institute, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania / Project editor, Robert Lester. 6 Microfilm reels plus Guide. CENTRAL MEDIA-CTR. MiFilm 2550.

Also valuable is the **Cold War International History Project (CWIHP)**: "disseminates new information and perspectives on the history of the Cold War, in particular new findings from previously inaccessible sources on "the other side" -- the former Communist world."  
[http://wwics.si.edu/index.cfm?fuseaction=topics.home&topic\\_id=1409](http://wwics.si.edu/index.cfm?fuseaction=topics.home&topic_id=1409)

## VI. Government Information

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### A. Indexes

Almost all U.S. government publications (also known as documents) issued after 1976 are listed on Acorn. Use these indexes to identify and locate U.S. government information on your subject:

#### **LEXIS-NEXIS Congressional**, 1789-1969; 1970-. (Database)

Indexes U.S. Congressional hearings and committee prints and documents from other Congressional units. Includes text and status of Congressional bills; information about members of Congress and their districts, **text of prepared statements before Congressional hearings**, and text of *Congressional Record*, which contains the floor speeches of members of Congress. Use the ! (exclamation mark) to substitute for word endings. Includes *CIS/Index* Analysis of appropriate bills gives information about relevant public policies. Includes:

*CIS/Index* (paper version: GOVT REF Alcove Z1223.A66--North Wall) - search for hearings by subject, title, and witness name and affiliation

Publications - search the full-text of committee reports and prints, house and Senate Documents, bills, and *The Congressional Record*.

Testimony - search hearings by witness name, by committee, or by keyword

Also search for bills, laws, regulations, members of Congress (biographies, votes, campaign finance), committee rosters and schedules, and hot bills and topics.

#### **GPO on Silver Platter (Database)**, 1976-.

#### **Monthly Catalog of United States Government Publications**, 1895-. (GOVT REF Alcove GP 3.8:--South Wall)

Known as the "Monthly Catalog." The most comprehensive finding aid for U.S. government publications. A catalog of all publications received by U.S. Govt. Printing Office (GPO). Includes author, title, subject, and keyword title indexes. Subject headings beginning with July 1976 are the same as for the card catalog. The compact disc version covers July 1976 to date. See also:

#### **Cumulative Subject Index to the Monthly Catalog of United States Government Publications, 1900-1971.** (GOVT REF Alcove Z1223.A185--North Wall)

Refers user to numbers in the *Monthly Catalog*. For example, (61) 2764 refers to entry 2764 in the 1961 *Monthly Catalog*. After you find the entry in the *Monthly Catalog*, you must find the SuDocs classification number, which is part of the entry.

#### **Cumulative Title Index to United States Public Documents, 1789-1976.** (GOVT REF Alcove Z1223.Z7L47J83--North Wall)

Refers user to SuDocs numbers.

### B. Statistics

#### **Statistical Abstract of the United States** (U.S. Bureau of the Census), 1879-. (Latest in GOVT REF Alcove C/2(2) C 3.134--South Wall; also READY REF; **Online version:**

<http://www.census.gov/prod/www/statistical-abstract-03.html>

The basic annual U.S. statistical handbook, including almost 1,600 tables, of social, economic, and political statistics. Use the source notes at the bottom of each table to lead you to other statistical publications on your topic.

**LEXIS-NEXIS Statistical, 1973-. (Database)**

Indexes statistical publications issued by the U.S. government since 1973 and about 2,000 titles from international intergovernmental organizations since 1983. Provides direct access to many statistical tables. Includes full-text of some publications, 1995 to present, and direct links to originating government web sites where available. Non-depository documents indexed in ASI are available on microfiche (GOVT Microfiche 669--rose cabinet with green labels).

**C. Transcripts**

**Congressional Hearings** (Microfiche GOVT Y 4.\_\_)

Contain the testimony of people interested in a government program or initiative or interested in the passage or defeat of a bill: spokespersons for the administration, interest group representatives, state and local officials, members of Congress, and others. Search on *LEXIS-NEXIS Congressional*, Acorn, or *PAIS* to identify hearings on your topic.

**Congressional Record** [title varies], 1789-. (GOVT X\_\_)

Official record of the floor debates and votes of Congress. Speeches about a bill can be found on the day it was introduced in each chamber of Congress and during the debates before it is voted on in each chamber. Online version: *Congressional Record Online via GPO Access* (Database, 1994-: <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/crecord/index.html>). Also available on *LEXIS-NEXIS Congressional* (Database).

**Department of State Bulletin.** Prepared by the U.S. Dept. of State. Washington, D.C.: U.S.

Govt. Printing Office, 1939-1989. (CENTRAL PER. JX232.A33--6th level)

Major addresses and news conferences of the President and the Secretary of State, testimony by Department officials before Congressional committees, press releases; and texts of treaties and agreements. Continued by *US Department of State Dispatch*, 1990-. (CENTRAL GOVT S 1.3/5)

**The Foreign Relations of the United States.** Prepared by the U.S. Dept. of State. Washington, D.C.: U.S. Govt. Printing Office, 1861-. (CENTRAL GOVT-INFO S1.1:--range 4-E-20)

This annual is the official record of the foreign policy of the United States within the range of responsibilities of the Department of State. Includes diplomatic correspondence, notes, intelligence reports, memoranda, congressional material, and other documents.

**GPO Access** (U.S. Government Printing Office), 1994-. (Database;

<http://www.gpoaccess.gov/index.html>)

Search and retrieve full-text from online databases, including the *Congressional Record*, the *Federal Register*, and other publications from all three branches of government. Coverage for most databases begins with the early 1990s.

**Public Papers of the Presidents of the United States**, 1929-1933, 1945-. (GOVT AE2.114 for 1984-; GOVT GS4.113 for 1929-1933, 1945-1983)

Text of Presidential statements, messages, and press conferences. The first title is issued annually; coverage begins with 1929 and Herbert Hoover. Franklin Roosevelt is not included.

**Weekly Compilation of Presidential Documents**, 1965-. (GOVT AE2.109 from July 1986; GOVT GS4.114 to June 1986) provides updates since the last published volume. **Online version: *Weekly Compilation of Presidential Documents Online* [via GPO Access] (1993-) (<http://www.gpoaccess.gov/wcomp/index.html>).** Related **Internet** site: *The White House* (<http://www.whitehouse.gov/>)