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United States Foreign Relations

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Foreign Relations of the United States Series

The *Foreign Relations of the United States Series* is the official historical record of major United States foreign policy decisions and diplomatic activity which is recorded by the State Department's Office of the Historian. The series began in 1861 during the administration of Abraham Lincoln and is still being compiled today. There are now more than 350 volumes in the series.

Contained in the reports are documents from Presidential libraries, Departments of State and Defense, National Security Council, Central Intelligence Agency, Agency for International Development, and other foreign affairs agencies as well as private papers of participants. Recent documents include reports from agencies involved with intelligence activity and covert actions and include transcripts from Presidential tape recordings. Reports are often held until their declassification; therefore publication can be delayed up to 30 years.

After 1952, volumes are organized chronologically by Presidential administrations and topically within each sub-series. Many volumes published since 1960 are available online. [Selected volumes from the Truman, Eisenhower, Kennedy, Johnson, and Nixon-Ford administrations](#) are available from the U.S. Department of State website; [Selected Volumes](#) from 1861 - 1960 are available from the University of Wisconsin-Madison website.

Dacus Library holdings cover the years of 1911 – 1976. These volumes can be found on the second floor in the Government Documents area under sudoc number S1.1.

Current Policy

Current U.S. foreign policy can be found in the following government publications.

- **Code of Federal Regulations. 22, Foreign Relations** (Current year only) (Doc.Ref.AE 2.106/3:22); [Online Editions](#) 1997 - 2007.
- **United States Code.** (1994 Edition and 2000 Edition) (Y 1.2/5) Title 22: Foreign Relations and Intercourse; [Online Editions](#) 1994 and 2000.
- **[The Department of State website](#)**
Contains all of the current major publications of the Dept. of State, with links to archives of publications 1993-present.
- **[State Department Daily Press Briefings](#)** Full text of each day's press briefing; includes Questions and Answers.
- **[eJournalUSA](#)**
The Bureau of International Information Programs of the U.S. Department of State publishes electronic journals in five thematic areas under the *eJournal USA* logo -- [Economic Perspectives](#), [Global Issues](#), [Issues of Democracy](#), [Society and Values](#), and [Foreign Policy Agenda](#) -- that examine major issues facing the United States and the international community as well as U.S. society, values, thought, and institutions.

A sampling of other U.S. Foreign Relations Documents found in the Government Documents Department of Dacus Library

United Nations 1969-1972 (S1.1:969-76)

A Decade of American foreign policy: Basic Documents 1941-1949 (S 1.69:415)

United States Participation in the United Nations: Report on the United Nations (S1. 70/8) (1948 – 1991); [Online Editions](#) (1999 – 2005)

American Foreign Policy – Current Documents (S1. 71/2) (1950 – 1990)

Documents on German Foreign Policy (S1. 82:C) (1918 – 1945)

Department of State Newsletter (S1. 118-57-68) (1962 – 1980); [Online Editions](#) (2002 – present)

United States Treaties and other International Agreements (S9. 12) (1776 – 1984)

Treaties and Other International Agreements of the United States of America (S9. 12/2:8) (1776 – 1949)

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