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FOREWORD

To analyze and describe the permanently valuable records of the Federal Government preserved in the National Archives Building is one of the main tasks of the National Archives. Various kinds of finding aids are needed to facilitate the use of these records, and the first step in the records-description program is the compilation of preliminary inventories of the material in the 270-odd record groups to which the holdings of the National Archives are allocated.

These inventories are called "preliminary" because they are provisional in character. They are prepared as soon as possible after the records are received without waiting to screen out all disposable material or to perfect the arrangement of the records. They are compiled primarily for internal use, both as finding aids to help the staff render efficient reference service and as a means of establishing administrative control over the records.

Each preliminary inventory contains an introduction that briefly states the history and functions of the agency that accumulated the records. The records themselves are described series by series, that is, by units of records of the same form or that deal with the same subject or activity or that are arranged serially. Other significant information about the records may sometimes be given in appendixes.

When the record group has been studied sufficiently and the records have been placed in final order, the preliminary inventories will be revised and the word "preliminary" dropped from the title of the revision. Meanwhile, as occasion demands and time permits, special reports, indexes, calendars, and other finding aids to the record group will be prepared.

Several finding aids that give an overall picture of materials in the National Archives have been published. A comprehensive Guide to the Records in the National Archives (1948) and a brief guide, Your Government's Records in the National Archives (revised 1950), have been issued. Forty-three Reference Information Papers, which analyze records in the National Archives on such subjects as transportation, small business, and India, have so far been published. Records of World War I have been described in the Handbook of Federal World War Agencies and Their Records, 1917-1921, and those of World War II in the two-volume guide, Federal Records of World War II (1950-51). Many bodies of records of high research value have been edited by the National Archives and reproduced on microfilm as a form of publication. Positive prints of some 4,700 rolls of this microfilm, described in the List of National Archives Microfilm Publications (1953), are now available for purchase.

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INTRODUCTION

As World War II was drawing near an end, Members of the House of Representatives realized that a study of the requirements of a sound post-war military policy for the United States was necessary in order that they might "recommend to the Congress" such a policy. To further this objective, the House on March 28, 1944, adopted House Resolution 465, 78th Congress, which had been submitted on March 8 by Representative James W. Wadsworth, of New York. The resolution provided in part as follows:

Resolved, That there is hereby established a select committee to be known as the Committee on Post-war Military Policy, to be composed of 23 Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker as follows: 7 members of the Committee on Military Affairs, 7 members of the Committee on Naval Affairs, and 9 Representatives who are not members of either such committee. A vacancy in the committee shall be filled in the same manner in which the original appointment was made.

Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of the committee, acting as a whole or by subcommittee, to investigate all matters relating to the post-war military requirements of the United States; to gather information, plans, and suggestions from informed sources with respect to such military requirements; to study the plans and suggestions received; and to report to the House (or to the Clerk of the House if the House is not in session) from time to time during the present Congress the results of findings made and conclusions reached.

On March 29, 1944, the Speaker pro tempore announced that the Speaker, pursuant to the provisions of the resolution, had appointed the following Members of the House to the Select Committee on Post-War Military Policy: Clifton A. Woodrum, of Virginia, chairman; Andrew J. May, of Kentucky; Carl Vinson, of Georgia; Schuyler Otis Bland, of Virginia; Patrick H. Drewry, of Virginia; Alfred L. Bulwinkle, of North Carolina; R. Ewing Thomason, of Texas; J. Buell Snyder, of Pennsylvania; Matthew J. Merritt, of New York; John M. Costello, of California; Harry R. Sheppard, of California; Warren G. Magnuson, of Washington; Lyndon B. Johnson, of Texas; Walter G. Andrews, of New York; Melvin J. Maas, of Minnesota; James W. Wadsworth, of New York; Leo E. Allen, of Illinois; D. Lane Powers, of New Jersey; James W. Mott, of Oregon; Dewey Short, of Missouri; Leslie C. Arends, of Illinois; W. Sterling Cole, of New York; and William J. Miller, of Connecticut. There were subsequent changes in the membership of the committee, but Clifton A. Woodrum served as chairman as long as the committee was in existence. By virtue of House Resolution 55, 79th Congress, adopted by the House of Representatives on January 18, 1945, the committee was authorized to continue its investigation during the 79th Congress.

On April 24, 1944, at the start of the committee's hearings, the chairman disclosed that the committee had adopted the following agenda:

1. Procurement and training of personnel, officers, and men for the military services.
 - a. For the regular services.
 - b. For the reserve components of both services, including the National Guard of the United States and the Naval Militia. Voluntary recruitment or recruitment through universal military training, or both.
 - c. Future employment of the Army and Navy ROTC machinery as a means of procuring and training Reserve officers, as well as other means of procuring and training such officers under either voluntary recruitment or universal military training or both.
2. The organization, military status, and distribution of Reserve components of the Army and Navy, including the National Guard of the United States and the Naval Militia.
3. A study of the development of unity of command as practiced during the present war, with a view to determining to what extent that unity of command and administration may be developed and applied as a part of future military policy.
4. The problem of supply. Research, development, continuing modernization. Continued maintenance of existing facilities, equipment, and stock piles of vital supplies. Mobilization of industries to meet major emergencies.
5. Probable post-war missions of the armed forces. Army, Navy, and Air bases. Interrelations between the sea, air, and ground forces in maintenance and operation of such bases.

The committee concentrated its investigation on three problems connected with sections 1, 3, and 4 of its agenda: whether a universal military training program should be established; whether a single Department of the Armed Services should be created; and how the active and organized support of scientific research and development might be assured to the armed services. The committee conducted extensive public hearings from April 1944 to June 1945, receiving testimony from civilian and military officials of the Federal Government, from religious, labor, veterans, and other organizations, and from citizens. In accordance with the provisions of House Resolution 465, 78th Congress, the committee submitted to the House of Representatives its findings and conclusions in a series of reports: House Reports 1645 and 1923, 78th Congress, 2d session; and House Reports 505 and 857, 79th Congress, 1st session.

The records described in this preliminary inventory, comprising a single series and amounting to about 9 cubic feet, are part of Record Group 233, Records of the United States House of Representatives. Neither the records of the committee nor the information contained therein may be made available to any person without the express authority of the House of Representatives.

RECORDS OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
ON POST-WAR MILITARY POLICY

RECORDS OF THE COMMITTEE. Mar. 1944-July 1945. 8 ft.

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Correspondence of Chairman Clifton A. Woodrum; transcripts of the testimony and statements made by officers of the United States Army, Navy, and Air Force to the Special Committee of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, commissioned to obtain the views of ranking officers in the armed services on "the best practicable organization of the executive departments of our government who have primary interest in national defense"; statements of witnesses made in the hearings of the select committee; treatises on topics relevant to the select committee's inquiry; clippings from newspapers and periodicals concerning the work of the select committee or the subject matter of its inquiry; administrative records of the select committee; and the reporters' hectographed verbatim transcript of the hearings. For a list showing the arrangement and subject matter of the records, see the appendix.

APPENDIX

List of Folder Headings for the Records of the Select Committee
on Post-War Military Policy

- Aeronautical Chamber of Commerce of America: "An Estimate of American Aviation and Recommendations for a Policy of American Air Power."
n.d.
- Casualty Data on Regular Army Officers, Dec. 12, 1944.
- "Civil Affairs Handbook--East Caroline Islands," Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Navy Department, Feb. 21, 1944.
- Clippings from Newspapers and Periodicals.
- Correspondence of Clifton A. Woodrum.
- House Resolution 465, 78th Congress.
- "Industrial Facilities--War Department Owned," Office of Chief of Engineers, War Department. n.d.
- Scientific Research and Development: "Some Problems in Government Employment of Engineers and Scientists in the Development of Naval Ordnance," by Capt. Ralph D. Bennett, USNR, April 23, 1945; and "Naval Research in Peace and War," by Capt. Leonard B. Loeb, USNR.
n.d.
- "Some Aspects of U.S. Military Policy, 1898-1934." Anonymous.
- Sound Recordings of Testimony on Citizens Military Training.
- Statement of Dr. Daniel A. Poling, June 15, 1945.
- Statement of Representative James W. Wadsworth, May 19, 1944.
- Statement of J. Carlton Ward, Jr., May 17, 1944.
- Statements of Money Accountability of Disbursing Officers of the U. S. Army, June 1944-June 1945.
- Stationery Bills.
- Transcripts of the Testimony and Statements Made by Ranking Officers of the United States Army, Navy, and Air Force to the Special Committee of the Joint Chiefs of Staff for the Reorganization of National Defense:
- Rear Adm. W. L. Ainsworth, USN.
Rear Adm. E. G. Allen, USN.
Lt. Gen. O. Bradley, USA.
Vice Adm. R. M. Brainard, USN. See Maj. Gen. R. C. Moore, USA.
Lt. Gen. Simon B. Buckner, USA.
Maj. Gen. H. R. Bull, USA.
Vice Adm. W. L. Calhoun, USN.
Rear Adm. W. J. Carter, USN (with interpolations by Capt. H. D. Huber, USN, and Comdr. F. C. Toal, USN).
Capt. H. L. Challenger, USN.
Lt. Gen. M. Clark, USA.
Commodore R. G. Coman, USN.
Vice Adm. C. M. Cooke, Jr., USN.
Lt. Gen. J. Dewitt, USA.
Lt. Gen. I. Eaker, USA (with interpolations by Maj. Gen. N. F. Twining, USA).
Lt. Gen. S. Embick, USA.

General of the Army D. Eisenhower, USA.
Maj. Gen. M. Fairchild, USA. See Vice Adm. R. Willson, USN.
Rear Adm. W. S. Farber, USN.
Commodore E. J. Foy, USN. See Lt. Gen. J. Dewitt, USA.
Maj. Gen. Roy S. Geiger, USMC.
Maj. Gen. W. Hale, USA.
Rear Adm. J. L. Hall, Jr., USN.
Adm. W. F. Halsey, Jr., USN.
Lt. Gen. T. Handy, USA.
Brig. Gen. H. S. Hansell, USA.
Lt. Gen. M. Harmon, USA.
Vice Adm. H. K. Hewitt, USN.
Lt. Gen. C. H. Hodges, USA. See Lt. Gen. O. Bradley, USA.
Vice Adm. J. H. Hoover, USN.
Adm. R. E. Ingersoll, USN.
Lt. Gen. G. Kenney, USA.
Vice Adm. T. C. Kinkaid, USN.
Vice Adm. A. G. Kirk, USN.
Lt. Gen. W. Krueger, USA.
Maj. Gen. T. B. Larkin, USA.
Maj. Gen. H. L. Larsen, USMC.
Maj. Gen. E. H. Leavey, USA.
Lt. Gen. J. C. H. Lee, USA.
Vice Adm. W. A. Lee, Jr., USN.
Vice Adm. C. A. Lockwood, Jr., USN.
Maj. Gen. L. Lutes, USA.
General of the Army D. MacArthur, USA.
Vice Adm. J. S. McCain, USN.
Rear Adm. L. D. McCormick, USN.
Vice Adm. C. H. McMorris, USN.
Lt. Gen. J. T. McNarney, USA.
Vice Adm. M. Mitscher, USN.
Maj. Gen. R. C. Moore, USA.
Fleet Adm. C. Nimitz, USN.
Maj. Gen. D. Noce, USA.
Brig. Gen. G. Pence, USA.
Maj. Gen. E. R. Quesada, USA. See Lt. Gen. O. Bradley, USA.
Maj. Gen. G. J. Richards, USA.
Lt. Gen. R. C. Richardson, Jr., USA.
Maj. Gen. L. W. Rooks, USA.
Rear Adm. F. P. Sherman, USN.
Lt. Gen. H. M. Smith, USMC.
Lt. Gen. W. B. Smith, USA.
Rear Adm. W. W. Smith, USN.
Lt. Gen. Carl Spaatz, USA (with interpolations by Maj. Gen. O. A. Anderson, USA, Brig. Gen. E. P. Curtis, USA, and Brig. Gen. G. C. McDonald, USA).
Adm. R. A. Spruance, USN.
Adm. H. R. Stark, USN.
Lt. Gen. R. K. Sutherland, USA (with interpolations by General of the Army D. MacArthur, USA).

Vice Adm. J. H. Towers, USN.
Vice Adm. R. K. Turner, USN.
Rear Adm. F. D. Wagner, USN.
Lt. Gen. A. C. Wedemeyer, USA.
Vice Adm. R. Willson, USN.
Maj. Gen. W. A. Wood, USA.
Rear Adm. W. B. Young, USN.

Transcripts of the Hearings Conducted by the Select Committee, April 24,
1944-June 19, 1945.

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Preliminary inventories of the records of:

1. War Industries Board. May 1941. xvii, 134 p. Out of print.
2. Council of National Defense, 1916-1921. Dec. 1942. xvii, 75 p.
3. Headquarters Office of the Food Administration. July 1943. xlv, 335 p.
4. War Labor Policies Board. Apr. 1943. xvi, 22 p. Out of print.
5. National War Labor Board. Aug. 1943. xviii, 16 p. Out of print.
6. Bureau of Medicine and Surgery. 1948. 18 p.
7. Federal Trade Commission. 1948. 7 p.
8. Chemical Warfare Service. 1948. 5 p.
9. Office of the Paymaster General. 1948. 16 p.
10. Bureau of Yards and Docks. 1948. 28 p.
11. Civilian Conservation Corps. 1948. 16 p.
12. Senate Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Inquiry in re Transfer of Employees, 1942. 1948. 8 p.
13. Naval Establishments Created Overseas During World War II. 1948. 8 p.
14. United States Direct Tax Commission for the District of South Carolina. 1948. 8 p.
15. War Production Board. 1948. 59 p.
16. United States Secret Service. 1949. 16 p.
17. Adjutant General's Office. 1949. 149 p.
18. Forest Service. 1949. 17 p.
19. Board of Investigation and Research--Transportation. 1949. 12 p.
20. Maritime Labor Board. 1949. 7 p.
21. Office of the United States Counsel for the Prosecution of Axis Criminality. 1949. 182 p.
22. General Land Office (Land-Entry Papers). 1949. 77 p.
23. United States Senate. 1950. x, 284 p.
24. United States War Ballot Commission. 1951. 4 p.
25. Office of War Mobilization and Reconversion. 1951. 156 p.
26. Bureau of Aeronautics. 1951. 9 p.
27. Selective Service System, 1940-47. 1951. 53 p.
28. Retraining and Reemployment Administration. 1951. 17 p.
29. Foreign Economic Administration. 1951. xiv, 180 p.
30. War Shipping Administration. 1951. 35 p.
31. Petroleum Administration for War. 1951. 152 p.
32. Accounting Department of the Office of Price Administration. 1951. 108 p.
33. Bureau of Ordnance. 1951. 33 p.
34. Solid Fuels Administration for War. 1951. 39 p.
35. Office of Government Reports. 1951. 106 p.
36. Bureau of the First Assistant Postmaster General, 1789-1942. 1951. 16 p.
37. Office for Agricultural War Relations. 1952. 19 p.
38. Weather Bureau (Climatological and Hydrological Records). 1952. 76 p.
39. Hydrographic Office. 1952. 17 p.
40. United States Mint at Philadelphia. 1952. 38 p.

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41. Office of Inter-American Affairs. 1952. 138 p.
42. Senate Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Wartime Health and Education, 1943-46. 1952. 11 p.
43. War Refugee Board. 1952. 6 p.
44. National Recovery Administration. 1952. 226 p.
45. Federal Housing Administration (Cartographic Records). 1952. 57 p.
46. Price Decontrol Board. 1952. 4 p.
47. Court of Claims Section of the Department of Justice. 1952. 29 p.
48. Special Committee of the Senate to Investigate the National Defense Program, 1941-48. 1952. 227 p.
49. President's Air Policy Commission. 1952. 7 p.
50. National Resources Planning Board (Central Office Records). 1953. 66 p.
51. Office of Labor of the War Food Administration. 1953. 18 p.
52. Bureau of the Public Debt (Old Loans Records). 1953. 91 p.
53. Bureau of Agricultural Engineering. 1953. 28 p.
54. Office of Censorship. 1953. 16 p.
55. Bureau of Pensions and the Pension Service (Administrative Records). 1953. 17 p.
56. Office of War Information. 1953. 149 p.
57. Federal Writers' Project, Work Projects Administration, 1935-44. 1953. 15 p.
58. United States Court of Claims. 1953. 31 p.
59. Certain Committees of the Senate Investigating the Disposal of Surplus Property, 1945-48. 1953. 24 p.
60. Selected Foreign Service Posts. 1953. 51 p.
61. Special Committee of the Senate to Investigate Petroleum Resources, 1944-46. 1953. 19 p.
62. Special Committee of the Senate on Atomic Energy, 1945-46. 1953. 8 p.
63. Special Committee of the Senate to Investigate Air-Mail and Ocean-Mail Contracts. 1953. 31 p.
64. National Resources Planning Board (Regional Office Records). 1954. 47 p.
65. Certain Committees of the House of Representatives Investigating the Disposal of Surplus Property. 1954. 21 p.
66. Bureau of Plant Industry, Soils, and Agricultural Engineering. 1954. 49 p.
67. Select Committee of the House of Representatives to Investigate Air Accidents, 1941-43. 1954. 13 p.
68. American Commission to Negotiate Peace (Cartographic Records). 1954. 11 p.
69. House Committee on the Civil Service Pertaining to the Investigation of Civilian Employment in the Federal Government, 1942-46. 1954. 12 p.
70. Select Committee of the House of Representatives on Post-War Military Policy, 1944-46. 1954. 6 p.