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LISTING OF CLASSIFIED AND RESTRICTED DOCUMENTS AT THE AIR FORCE  
HISTORICAL  
RESEARCH AGENCY

Over 500,000 documents cover almost every aspect of US military history from the 1920s to the early 1980s

Very few of these documents have been released to the public

In response to a Freedom of Information Act request by researcher Michael Ravnitzky, the Air Force Historical Research Agency - which maintains one of the largest repositories of US military historical documents - released in early 2001 a list of its still-classified and still-restricted documents. This unprecedented database contains information on well over "half a million" documents held by the agency.

The list was released on a cumbersome data cartridge and stored in an awkward data format. The Memory Hole's tech guru Brett Milner has laboriously extracted and converted this massive file into a series of more manageable Excel spreadsheets.

The 550,000+ documents are identified by call numbers, title, date, author, etc.; they include reports, memos, directives, histories, daily operations reports, oral histories, interviews, situation reports, intelligence summaries, speeches, chronologies, logs, minutes, briefings, correspondence, press clippings, newsletters, photos, slides, audiotapes, and more. We have spotted documents that date back to the 1920s and some as recent as the early 1980s. (The FOIA request asked the agency to limit the list to documents more than 20 years old.)

Among the many, many areas covered are World War II, the Vietnam War (including Laos and Cambodia), the Korean War, the Cold War, the Balkans, specific aircraft and weapons systems, histories of bases and squadrons, accidents, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological warfare, space exploration, satellites, UFOs, NATO, and NORAD.

There appear to be a large number of documents that are not designated as classified but are apparently limited or restricted for other reasons. While documents may be identified as classified or restricted, the passage of time as well as the presidential rules on protecting classified information make it somewhat likely that any particular document would now be declassified and/or released upon request.

To date, parts 1-3 of 7 have been published.

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