Chinook includes many records for federal publications, mostly from 1976 to the present, and selected international and foreign publications from 1989 on. Much of our material, however, is not in Chinook, for help finding this material please come to the reference desk for assistance.

**Department of Defense primary sources**

- Chinook (Libraries catalog) [http://libraries.colorado.edu/](http://libraries.colorado.edu/)  
  Search for Department of Defense publications in the libraries’ online catalog)
  o **Annual report to the President and Congress by the Secretary of Defense**  
  Search Chinook: using keywords: Report and defense and congress and limit to Journals/Serials. The report describes the department’s defense strategy, initiatives, capabilities and management. It summarizes what the department does and how it does it.

**Other Executive Branch sources**

  Access to full-text public papers of the presidents from 1929, State of the Union Addresses from 1789, and a streaming audio and video archive. Includes speeches, executive orders, proclamations, press conferences, Saturday radio addresses, Fireside Chats, State of the Union Addresses and Messages, addresses to Congress and to the Nation, and more.

  The Nixon presidential materials collection contains broadcast video, audio recordings, photographs, film, 46 million pages of documents, and 3,700 hours of recorded presidential conversations (the famous “White House tapes”). Under President Nixon, the National Security Council established the National Security Study and Decision Memoranda on January 20, 1969, as the main tools for studying and deciding upon issues of national security and foreign policy. These are available full-text online. [http://nixon.archives.gov/virtuallibrary/documents/nationalsecuritymemoranda.php](http://nixon.archives.gov/virtuallibrary/documents/nationalsecuritymemoranda.php)

  The 1974-77 presidential papers of Gerald Ford and his White House staff form the core collection of the Ford Library. The collection contains 23 million pages of memos, letters, meeting notes, reports, and other historical documents, as well as photographs, videotapes of news broadcasts, audiotapes of speeches and press briefings, film of public events, and televised campaign commercials. Included are full-text National Security Study and Decision Memoranda and minutes of meetings of the National Security Council.

  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.

  Provides access to more than 60,000 declassified documents central to U.S. foreign and military policy since 1945. The documents are organized into
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. Includes collections of documents on Vietnam, Japan, China, Presidential Directives on national security and U.S. espionage and intelligence. Of special interest is a comprehensive collection of Kissinger transcripts from 1969-77.

- National Security Archive [http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/index.html](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.


- 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 online guides [http://www.lexisnexis.com/academic/ups_cis/group.asp?g=565](http://www.lexisnexis.com/academic/ups_cis/group.asp?g=565).

- 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).

- Congressional Materials
  - Lexis/Nexis Congressional Government Publications→A-Z list→Lexis/Nexis Congressional [http://web.lexis-nexis.com/congcomp/](http://web.lexis-nexis.com/congcomp/) Full text service which provides access to Congressional materials such as bills, legislative histories, hearings, Congressional Record, Congressional reports and documents, Congressional Research Service reports, committee prints, and other information.
  - Government Publications→U.S./State→Congressional Research Service Reports The Congressional Research Service (CRS) is the research arm of Congress. CRS reports are short (usually) background briefs prepared for members of Congress on any issue that is a topic of discussion; they are well-researched, non-partisan, and include bibliographies that lead to more information.

Selected Secondary Sources

These are some suggestions for getting background information and finding references to primary source materials.

  - Congress and the Nation This resource provides authoritative and comprehensive coverage of Congressional action from 1945 to 2004. It covers events, trends, and controversies in the U.S. Congress and the presidency through in-depth reviews and analysis of legislation and policy during each Congressional session and presidential term—organized by policy area. The online version allows searching of content from all eleven volumes with a linkable cumulative index.
  - CQ Researcher Plus Archive Provides unbiased and in-depth reports on important social, economic and political issues. Coverage begins in 1923.

- Newspapers
  - Proquest Historical Newspapers Chinook→Find Articles and More→P→Proquest Historical Newspapers (campus access) Provides online access to historical newspapers, including New York Times and Wall Street Journal.