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1. *Subject-Numeric Indexed Central Files*: Through January 1963, the Department of State continued to use the decimal central file system familiar to users of previous volumes of the *Foreign Relations* series. In February 1963, the Department changed its decimal central files to a subject-numeric central file system. This is the first volume to be published in the *Foreign Relations* series in which documents selected from the Department's central files come primarily from the new system. As part of the transition to the new system, the Department of State encouraged its indexers to cross-reference extensively and to include the first page of the referenced document in the cross-referenced file. The system allows the researcher to use a basic file and find other pertinent files by noting the cross references.

The subject-numeric system was divided into broad categories: Administration, Consular, Culture and Information, Economic, Political and Defense, Science, and Social. Within each of these divisions were subcategories. For example, Political and Defense contained four subtopics: POL (politics), DEF (Defense), CSM (Communism), and INT (Intelligence). Numerical subdivisions further defined them. An important file for the Buddhist crisis is SOC 14-1 S VIET. SOC is the general category for social conditions, 14 relates to human rights and race relations, 14-1 concerns religious discrimination, and S VIET is the country designator for South Vietnam.

The following were the principal files used in this volume:

POL S VIET, containing background material for general policy;

POL 2 S VIET, general reports and statistics;

POL 2-4 S VIET, political-military reports;

POL 13-6, religious groups;

POL 15 S VIET, government;

POL 15-1 S VIET, head of government/Executive branch;

POL 23 S VIET, internal security/counterinsurgency;

POL 26 and 26-1 S VIET, undesignated but used in Vietnam for coup planning;

POL 27 S VIET, military operations;

POL 27-10 S VIET, chemical weapons;

POL 27-14 S VIET, truce/cease-fire/armistice.

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The system could also combine two countries or a country and an individual. Files of these types from the POL series cited in this volume include:

POL S VIET-US, general policy documents relating to U.S. relations with South Vietnam;

POL 1-1 S VIET-US, contingency planning concerning U.S. policy toward South Vietnam;

POL 17-2 US-S VIET, documents concerning immunities and privileges;

POL US-MANSFIELD, correspondence between Senator Mansfield and other U.S. officials.

The POL Files are frequently cited in the volume. Other extensively cited files include the key SOC 14-1 S VIET file, which contains much of the material relating to the Buddhist crisis. The SOC 12 and 12-1 files also relate to religious matters and pertain to the Buddhist crisis. Most military-related documents were in DEF 19 US-S VIET, the general file for U.S. military assistance to Vietnam or in DEF 19-2 and 19-3 US-S VIET files, relating to reports and conferences dealing with military assistance. The CSM S VIET file was surprisingly sparse, indicating that it was little used by indexers during this period, but there is documentation from the CSM 9-6 S VIET file. Documentation on economic assistance was found almost exclusively in AID (US) S VIET. PER-LODGE, HENRY CABOT is Ambassador Lodge's personnel file. Documents concerning press coverage are in files PPV 1-2 S VIET and PPV 7 S VIET-US. These files are miscited and should read PPB rather than PPV.

2. *Lot Files.* Documents from the central files have been supplemented by materials from decentralized office files, the lot files of the Department of State. A list of the major lot files used or consulted for this volume follows:

Conference Files: Lot 66 D 110

Collection of documentation on international conferences abroad attended by the President, the Secretary of State, and other U.S. officials, May 1961-December 1964.

Har-Van Files

Files created for Ambassador Averell Harriman and Cyrus Vance, U.S. Delegates to the Paris Peace Conference in 1968, including background documents beginning in the early 1960s. The file contains texts of documents found nowhere else.

Presidential Memoranda of Conversation: Lot 66 D 149

Cleared memoranda of Presidential conversations with foreign visitors, 1956-1964, as maintained by the Executive Secretariat of the Department of State.

Presidential Correspondence: Lot 66 D 476

Correspondence of the President with various heads of foreign governments, 1961-1966, as maintained by the Executive Secretariat.

Secretary's Memoranda of Conversation: Lot 65 D 330

Memoranda of the Secretary of State and Under Secretaries of State, 1961-1964

Secretary's Staff Meetings: Lot 66 D 147

Records of the Secretary of State's Staff Meetings, 1961-1963, and additional ad hoc meetings, reports, papers, and memoranda of Chester Bowles' telephone conversations.

S/P Files: Lot 70 D 199

Files of the Policy Planning Council for 1963–1964.

Special Group, Counterinsurgency Files: Lot 68 D 451

Minutes and memoranda of the Special Group, Counterinsurgency, January 1962–December 1963.

S/S–NSC Files: Lot 72 D 316

Master File of National Security Action Memoranda (NSAMs), 1961–1968, as maintained by the Executive Secretariat.

S/S–NSC (Miscellaneous) Files: Lot 66 D 95

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Vietnam Working Group Files: Lot 67 D 54

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Public Opinion Studies

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Record set of volumes of Department of State Daily Press Briefings for the years 1922–1970.

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President's Office Files

Staff Memoranda

Vietnam Security

Hilsman Papers

Schlesinger Papers

Sorenson Papers

Thompson Papers

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