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Russia, the Soviet Union and the
Development of the Cold War

Holdings Relating To Russia, Pre-Soviet Union, Through The Development Of The USSR And
The Culmination Of The Cold War

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Introduction

This guide contains a range of documents dating from 1802 through 1966. The documents focus on internal happenings of Russia prior to the development of the Soviet Union and extend through United States response to the developing tensions with the USSR.

The earliest documents contain information about the exploration and claiming of the Alaskan territory by Russia and contain information about early Russo-American relations. These documents lead into further documentation of the growing strain in political relations between the U.S. and Russia and the Soviet Union after its creation in 1922.

The information then extends further into the development and response to Communism by Eastern countries and the United States. Dealings of the Committee for the Far East and documents pertaining to the political relations of the Soviet Union with Eastern countries are also included, marking the development of the American fear of Communism.

There are also relevant articles from the *General Electric News*, a monthly employee newsletter for the workers of the Atomic Energy Commission's Pinellas Plant in St. Petersburg, Florida. These articles show how deeply anti-Communism sentiment ran in America during the Cold War as well as highlight commentary given by famous historical figures, including former Director of the F.B.I., J. Edgar Hoover.

Perhaps the most widely appealing document in the guide centers around the Manhattan Project, the development, and the use of the atomic bomb on Japan which effectively ended WWII. These documents fall closer to the end of the time span covered in this guide and contain information pertaining to the development of the bomb, as it related to the US Army, as well as the effects on Japan after the dropping of the bombs.

When taken as a whole, this collection of documents provides a logical pathway and timeline through the development U.S./Soviet relations, documented through State Department papers. The documents also trace part of the development of the weaponry which, although helped end World War II, also provided the catalyst for years of Cold War fear and tension between the USSR and the U.S. These tensions are then demonstrated in the articles pertaining to Communism in the *General Electric News*, which illustrate the impact of the Cold War on the individual level.

Note

While some of the documents listed in this guide predate the generally accepted start date of the Cold War, they offer insight into the relations between countries that would become the major players of the Cold War. For this reason, they have been included in this guide so researchers may find documents relating to the development as well as the height of the Cold War.

All of the microfilm and documents listed in this guide can be found in the National Archives at Atlanta.

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1961 Vol. 1, No. 22 *The USA and the USSR* by Stephen L. Sepronis, Ph.D.

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1961 Vol. 1, No. 24 *Communism's Deadly Aim* by John Edgar Hoover

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1962 Vol. 2, No. 22 *20th Anniversary of the World's First Reactor*

1964 Vol. 4, No. 21 *US Must Maintain Mix of Missiles and Manned Bombers, Say Forum Writers*

1966 Vol. 6, No. 3 *Freedom Has a Price* by M.A. Baughman

St. Petersburg Times from August 5, 1962 pg. 4-5 *If You Were a Spy...*

M11 *Records of the Russian-American Company, 1802-1867*

Russian American Company

Includes introduction and list of records on roll one

Documents pertaining to Alaska that were handed over by Russia upon sale of Alaska in 1867 and were then given to War Department in 1870

Divided into four groups: communication, outgoing correspondence, logs, journals of exploring company

Documents are written in longhand, almost entirely in Russian

M35 *Despatches From U.S. Ministers To Russia, 1808-1906*

Notes of Russian Legislation in US to Department of State 1808-1906

Chronologically ordered

Documents in French, many with English translations

Wide range of subjects with full list seen on roll one

List of dates of documents as well as record group represented also included

M81 *Despatches From U.S. Consuls In St. Petersburg, Russia, 1803-1906*

Despatches from US consul in St. Petersburg

Spans 1803-1906 with a few minor gaps in years

Addressed to Department of the State

Subjects are a wide range from asking for aid to engineering, shipping and sealing

Includes internal content list with dates for documents on each roll

Difficult to read at times and dark in color

M333 *Records of the Department of State Relating to Political Relations Between the United States and Russia and the Soviet Union, 1910-1929*

US, Russia, Soviet Union political relations

Roll one gives abstracts of all documents found on the film

Under each heading, documents are in chronological order

Contains some information on internal affairs of Russia

M340 *Records of the Department of State Relating to Political Relations Between Russia and the Soviet Union and Other States, 1910-1929*

Instructions and despatches from US diplomatic representatives in Russia prior to 1917

Contains newspaper clippings and commentaries attached to many documents

Contains list of documents with roll number on roll one

Original list of papers included on roll one

M917 *Historical Files Of The American Expeditionary Forces In Siberia, 1918-1920*

“The bulk of the historical files of the AEF in Siberia consist of war diaries compiled at American headquarters in Vladivostok. A few of the war diaries of the garrisons stationed at Shkotovo and the Suchan Mines during the summer of 1919 are included. Also included are a number of semiannual, annual and final reports of operations of the various offices and units comprising the expedition to Siberia. Among the most important of these are the two reports of Gen. William Sidney Graves, which together give an overall view of the Siberian expedition, and the report, entitled “An Account of the American Expeditionary Forces in Siberia, August 1918 to March 1919,” of Capt. Laurance B. Packard, an intelligence officer. Enclosed with Graves’ two reports were about 30 reports of office and units under his command. Other important records comprising the Historical Files of the AEF in Siberia are the four subject files of the Chief of Staff of the Siberian Expedition entitled “Japanese-American Relations” (21-32.16) and “Allies Orders [from Japanese Headquarters]” (21.32.17).” (This information came from the 1990 Microfilm Publications in the National Archives—Southeast Region guide compiled by Teresa F. Matchette.)

Includes brief history as well as explanation of arrangement and description of files

Includes war diaries, operation reports, subject files

Very dark and difficult to read

Contains copies of handwritten notes

Maps, reports, letters, telegrams included

Some information given in Japanese (presumably)

M1108 *Harrison-Bundy Files Relating to the Development of the Atomic Bomb, 1942-1946*

“The records of George L. Harrison and Harvey H. Bundy, two special assistants to Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson. Also known as the Arneson files, they document the army’s role in the development and production of nuclear weapons. Although created and maintained by the Office of the Secretary of War, the records are now among those of the Manhattan Engineer District. Most of the documents are dated 1942-1946, but occasional items date from as early as 1940 and as late as 1950. Harrison and Bundy served as liaisons between Stimson, Brig. Gen. Leslie R. Groves of the Army Corps of Engineers, and other officials participating in the Manhattan Engineer District project. Harrison was a special consultant to the Secretary of War from 1943 to 1947 and served as an alternate chairman of the Secretary’s Interim Policy Committee on Atomic Energy. Bundy was a special assistant to the Secretary of War from April 1941 to September 1945. Capt. R. Gordon Arneson served as administrative secretary to the special assistants and maintained the files.” (This information came from the 1990 Microfilm Publications in the National Archives—Southeast Region guide compiled by Teresa F. Matchette.)

Internal finding aid with detailed introduction and background information

Internal correspondence including meeting minutes, memorandums, receipts and letters

Drafts of bills

Includes correspondence with UK and Sweden

DuPont and Imperial Chemical Industries (companies that provided chemicals and explosives)

M1109 *Correspondence ('Top Secret') of the Manhattan Engineer District, 1942-1946*

“Formerly security classified (Top Secret) correspondence maintained by Maj. Gen Leslie R. Groves, commanding general of the Manhattan Engineer District from September 1942 to

December 1946. The documents were placed in the series either because of their special interest to Groves or their high security classification. The correspondence, much of which is with high-level U.S. government or military officials, documents the army's role in the development, production, and deployment of atomic weapons, and is mostly dated 1942-46, with occasional items as late as 1950." (This information came from the 1990 Microfilm Publications in the National Archives—Southeast Region guide compiled by Teresa F. Matchette.)

Correspondence from Major General Leslie R. Groves (director of the Manhattan Project)

Documents Army's role in development, production and deployment of atomic weapons

Provides a history before documents

Contains its own finding aid and internal list of documents

Includes combination of handwritten notes and typed official documents

Charts, graphs, maps included

T1197 *Minutes of Meetings of the Interdivisional Area Committee on the Far East, 1943-1946*

Minutes and related papers for meetings 1-256

Reports agreed upon solutions listed

Drafts of letters, handwritten notes

T1198 *Minutes of Meetings of the Subcommittee for the Far East, 1945-1947*

Very similar to T1197 but subcommittee focused

Includes minutes of meetings as well as occasional handwritten notes

Mix of documents dating from 1945-1947 about the Far East (Asia)

ROLLED UPSIDE DOWN

A1218 *Manhattan Engineer District History, 1942-1946*

Manhattan District History in detail

Table of Contents included (general history, financial programs, construction programs, domestic atomic energy legislation, research and development history, production and distribution)

Includes tables and diagrams where necessary

Effects of bombing on Japan report (general studies on physical, health and psychological effects) ranging from immediately following bomb to many years later

T1241 *Records of the Department of State Relating to Political Relations Between the United States and the Soviet Union, 1930-1939*

Treaties involving Russia, Turkey and accompanying declarations

Anti-American propaganda with a variety of anti-American speeches and articles as well as descriptions of artwork

Relationship between Mexico and Russia

Newspaper clippings and letters included

The American Defense Society (most prevalent during WWI with resurgence in the pre-WWII years but finally ended in 1956)

Collection of letters having anything to do with Russia, civilian information requests

T1242 *Records of the Department of State Relating to Political Relations Between the United States and the Soviet Union, 1940-1944*

Senate Resolutions pertaining to Russia including 219 and 246

Memorandums from Division of the American Republics

Passport non-issuance for travel to Soviet Union

University of California documents

More memorandums about a variety of topics

T1244 *Records Of The Department Of State Relating To Political Relations Of Eastern Europe, 1940-1944*

Memorandums, letters, newspaper clippings included

Poland, Czechoslovakia, San Marino, Italy, Germany

Each section of documents prefaced with page detailing countries involved

Copies of the Inter-Allied Review included (monthly publication)

Also includes *The Observer* and *The New York Times*

Some documents in a Slavic language (written in Roman alphabet but with accents)

T1247 *Records of the Department of State Relating to Political Relations Between the Soviet Union and Other States, 1930-1939*

“The USSR in Hostile Surroundings”

“The Conflict with China”

“Economic Collaboration between the USSR and England”

Warsaw and relations with Poland

Mostly documents about governmental and economic relations between USSR and other Eastern European and Asian countries

T1248 *Records of the Department of State Relating to Political Relations Between the Soviet Union and Other States, 1940-1944*

Document concerning the beginning of the “Iron Curtain”

Ending of relationship between France, Great Britain and the US with Soviet Union

The Foreign Service of the United States (agency dealing with the staffing of foreign embassies and consuls)

Foreign policy of the Soviet Union

Intelligence report from the US Navy pertaining to Germany and the Soviet Union

T1250 *Records of the Department of State Relating to Internal Affairs of the Soviet Union, 1940-1944*

Documents pertaining to lack of unrest in Soviet Union

Military intelligence division reports

Soviet “purge” prison conditions and stories

Visa issuance to citizens from foreign countries

Confidential letters through FBI

M1392 *Bush-Conant File Relating to the Development of the Atomic Bomb, 1940-1945*

Internal finding aid with introduction and conclusion

Memorandums with handwritten notes

Contains both British and American documents once classified in all major security levels

Information on experiments with Uranium

M1443 *Correspondence of the Military Intelligence Division Relating to General, Political, Economic, and Military Conditions in Russia and the Soviet Union, 1918-1941*

Internal finding aid with introduction and background information

Pertains to internal happenings of Soviet Union in terms of politics, economy, social and military

From a variety of sources including press, foreign military and intelligence sources

Diaries are also included with arrest reports of once prominent figures

Timeline included with documents and important events listed on it

M1679 *War Crimes Trial Documents Collected By The International Prosecution Section For Use Before The International Military Tribunal For The Far East, 1945-1947*

Copy of Japanese Constitution

Interrogation notes presumably written in Japanese

Testimony recorded in English

Hand-written copies of said records of testimony

Affidavit extracts

Many papers presumably written in Japanese (unidentified in English)

M1697 *Analyses of the Documentary Evidence Introduced by the Prosecution Before the International Military Tribunal for the Far East, 1946-1948*

Introductory table of contents

Summary of evidence used in the trial

Sheets outlining major points about individual pieces of evidence like dates, source, and persons implicated

M1725 *Supreme Commander For The Allied Powers Report On The Summation Of U.S. Army Military And Non-Military Activities In The Far East, 1945-1947*

“summation of US Army Military and non-military activities in the Far East 1945- 1947”
(Korea)

Table of contents given and broken down into political, social, economic and other subheadings

Includes graphs, figures and charts

Goes month by month within time span and gives reports on above mentioned subjects

M1738 *Miscellaneous Documents Relating to the Atomic Bombing of Japan, Allied and Japanese Military Operations in the Pacific, and Japanese Reports on the Chinese Communist Party*

Strategic bombing surveys on physical damage of bombs with drawings and maps

Internal list of contents with a breakdown by roll

Japanese reports on Chinese Communism

Description of structural damage to buildings

Handwritten notes on many documents

Tables, charts, maps included (diagrams, architectural schematics)

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History of American independence as source of freedom for all in US

Thankful of freedom from Communism this Thanksgiving

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Details relationship between the US and USSR

History of treaties from ancient times to the workings of NATO

1961 Vol. 1, No. 23

The Responsibility of Individuals to Fight Communism by Dr. Fred C. Schwartz

Ways individuals can combat communism within the US

More general and along lines of school teachings of the day

1961 Vol. 1, No. 24

Communism's Deadly Aim by John Edgar Hoover

Communist Party in US working all the time to bring about end of capitalism and democracy

Each person responsible for preventing the spread

1961 Vol. 1, No. 20

Know Your America by R.E. Wase

“Time of Rededication to American Ideals”

Civic movement about patriotism

1962 Vol. 2, No. 22

20th Anniversary of the World's First Reactor

Description of first atomic energy science and development

References the Manhattan Project

Expansion of radioactive material for different purposes

1964 Vol. 4, No. 21

US Must Maintain Mix of Missiles and Manned Bombers, Say Forum Writers

Future of air travel and military use of air planes

1966 Vol. 6, No. 3

Freedom Has a Price by M.A. Baughman

Lists the costs of freedom to society

The US is in peril from the threat of communism and socialism

***St. Petersburg Times* from August 5, 1962 pg. 4-5**

If You Were a Spy...

Communist spies have no chance at getting information from GE plant

Security measures taken by plant outlined