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## INTRODUCTION

The two centuries of Dutch-American diplomatic relations are documented in various collections. Each period had its own form of bureaucracy and archival structure. Various institutions contributed to the maintenance of the diplomatic relations: the State Department in Washington, the Dutch Foreign Office in The Hague, the Dutch embassy in Washington, the American Embassy in The Hague, various Dutch consuls in the United States and American consuls in the Netherlands and its colonies, and special missions. The Dutch side of the story can be found in the Nationaal Archief in The Hague.

The RIAS-collections covering these two centuries of diplomatic relations are all microfilmed collections from the National Archives in Washington D.C. This institution published a microfilm series on American foreign relations covering the period 1784-1929.<sup>1</sup> For the period 1929-1944 also the so-called 'purport pages' were put on microfilm and offered for sale. These purport pages are a kind of shipping lists with summaries of documents sent by the American embassy to the State Department, but they do not contain the actual documents. The reels in this publication series covering the Netherlands were purchased by the RIAS and have their own serial number.

The National Archives stopped to publish the complete foreign relations papers dealing with the post 1929 period, because the ever increasing volume made this too massive a task. For the period after 1929 (and some special cases that did not make it into the published edition) the RIAS had a selection of the materials microfilmed.

The comprehensive collection of Dutch-American diplomatic correspondence is divided into three parts: a pre and a post 1929 period and a special collections. Within each part different subdivisions are made.

The following criteria were used to select materials of interest to general group of scholars:

- 1 Preparation and formulation of agreements and treaties.
- 2 Observations of internal political affairs in the Netherlands
- 3 Economic relations, investments etc.
- 4 Special cases of connections

Routine correspondence, bureaucratic changes, individual cases, such as requests for visas, reports in the Dutch language, and duplicates from materials which can be found in Dutch archives, were left out. For the years 1930-1944 the purport pages serve as a table of contents. These reels can be found at the end of this overview in chapter III, 'special collections.'

Unless indicated differently, all archives are part of Record Group 59 of the Department of State at the National Archives.

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<sup>1</sup> *Diplomatic Records* (RIAS library U 501.6 DIPL) gives short introductions to the collections published by the National Archives microfilm publication.

## **QUOTING FROM THESE SOURCES**

As the introduction stated, the sources documenting the Dutch-American diplomatic relations at the Roosevelt Institute for American Studies (RIAS) consist of two kinds: those published on microfilm by the National Archives and those selected by the RIAS for microfilming. As to the first kind of sources (in chapter I), one should take over the name of the series, its serial number, and reel number. For the other documents one should give the Record Group, title of the archival collection, and the numerical code. In both cases, add that the microfilm was consulted at the Roosevelt Institute for American Studies, Middelburg, The Netherlands.

## **I      DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENCE 1784-1929**

### **A      1784-1801**

Until 1801 the diplomatic and consular instructions were not separated. The user has to bear in mind that records for the early national period (until 1794) are far from complete and that in the Napoleonic period the exchange of ministers was interrupted.

*M 61 Foreign letters of the Continental Congress and the Department of State, 1785-1790, (1 reel)*<sup>2</sup>

Letters to and from the secretaries of state, John Jay, Thomas Jefferson.

*M 28 Diplomatic and Consular Instructions of the Department of State, 1791-1801(5 reels)*<sup>3</sup>

Letters by secretaries of State Thomas Jefferson, Edmund Randolph, Timothy Pickering, Charles Lee, John Marshall, Levi Lincoln and James Madison.

### **B      1801-1906**

#### From the State Department to American diplomats abroad

After 1801 the diplomatic instructions were split in consular and ministerial collections. After 1834, the diplomatic correspondence with the Netherlands was assigned a separate file (see M38 and M99).

*M 77 Diplomatic Instructions of the Department of State, 1801-1906 (11 reels)*.<sup>4</sup>

Reels 1-8 contain general instructions to diplomats in various countries. Reels 123-125 deal specifically with American diplomats in the Netherlands.

*M 78 Consular Instructions of the Department of State, 1801-1834 (7 reels)*

#### From the State Department to Foreign Diplomats in the United States

*M 38 Notes from the Department of State to Foreign Minister and Consuls in the United States, 1793-1834 (5 reels)*

*M 99 Notes to Foreign Legations in the United States from the Department of State, 1834-1906 (3 reels)*

*M 663 Notes to Foreign Consuls in the United States from the Department of State, 1853-1906 (4 reels)*

#### From American ministers in The Hague to the State Department

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<sup>2</sup> Predecessor to M 28. See appendix A for a description.

<sup>3</sup>See appendix B for a description.

<sup>4</sup>See appendix C for a description.

*M 42 Despatches from United States Ministers to the Netherlands, 1794-1906 (46 reels)*

From American consuls to the State Department

*M 446 Despatches from United States Consuls in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, 1790-1906 (7 reels)<sup>5</sup>*

*M 449 Despatches from United States Consuls in Batavia, Java, Netherlands East Indies, 1818-1906 (6 reels)<sup>6</sup>*

*T 197 Despatches from United States Consuls in Curaçao, Netherlands West Indies, 1793-1906 (13 reels)*

*T 106 Despatches from United States Consuls in Medan-Padang, Sumatra, Netherlands East Indies, 1853-1898 (2 reels)*

*T 232 Despatches from United States Consuls in Rotterdam, the Netherlands, 1802-1906 (13 reels)*

*T 236 Despatches from United States Consuls in St.Eustatius, Netherlands West Indies, 1793-1838 (1 reel)*

*T 429 Despatches from United States Consuls in St.Martin, Netherlands West Indies, 1848-1906 (3 reels)*

*Record Group 84 Department of State Records of Foreign Service Posts Volume 114  
001-0100 Amsterdam 1878-1886*

From Dutch Embassy and Dutch consuls in America to State Department

*M 56 Notes from the Netherlands Legation in the United States to the Department of State, 1784-1906 (13 reels)<sup>7</sup>*

*M 664 Notes from Foreign Consuls in the United States to the Department of State, 1789-1906 (11 reels)*

**C 1906-1910**

Room 13E of the National Archives Building holds an alphabetical card index to the numerical and minor files of the Department of State for the period 1906-1910. In this brief period the Department of State used a system of case files. This turned out to be inefficient and was abandoned for a classification system that lasted from 1910 till 1963. The card index contains ± 1500 items relative to the Netherlands, and is chronologically ordered within one topic. It has for example 200 index cards on the Amsterdam consulate and 150 index cards on

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<sup>5</sup>See appendix D for a description.

<sup>6</sup>See appendix E for a description.

<sup>7</sup>See appendix F for a description.

the Rotterdam consulate. Eight cases had a broader significance and were selected for microfilming.<sup>8</sup>

*M 862 Numerical and Minor Files of the Department of State, 1906-1910 (7 reels)*

case 1233 on reel 152, frames 118-128

Regarding consul agent Schild at Penang (1906); after 1910 continued in category 711.5621.

case 1616 on reel 177, frame 472

Regarding the validity of the Treaty of 1855 between the Netherlands and the United States.

case 1938 on reel 203, frames 686-763

On the Dutch claims that the island of Palmas or Miangros is subjugated to Dutch East Indian government. The matter in dispute was whether the island had belonged to Spain which ceded its possessions to the United States. The United States did not object the Dutch suzerainty after it consulted Spain. The claims were not strong; after 1910 continued in category 711.5614.

case 3073 on reel 294, frames 165-185

Regarding appointment of American consuls in Dutch colonies.

case 4902 on reel 419, frames 421-459

Naturalization Treaty between the Netherlands and the United States, 1907.

case 12551 on reel 818, frames 487-541

Arbitration Convention 1904; after 1910 continued in category 711.5612.

case 12551 on reel 818, frames 43-71

Dutch language regulations for the colonies.

reel 1220, frames 34-368

Duties in the Netherlands, chronological listing of correspondence between the Department of State and the American legation in The Hague on personnel, Peace Treaty of 1907 and of Dutch legation in Washington to the Department of State, especially Van Swinderen.

## **D 1910-1929**

Since the number of cases accumulated too fast this system was abandoned for a classification system which was used from 1910-1949 and in a slightly different form from 1950-1963.

In this new classification the number of the decimal files are constructed by a general category and a country number. The class 7 (political relations of states) and 8 (internal affairs of state) are most important and were selected. The US has number 11 and the Netherlands 56. So the major collections are 756 and 856. For the period 1910-1929 these classes have been microfilmed by the National Archives.

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<sup>8</sup>See appendix G for a description of *The Numerical and Minor Files of the Department of State 1906-1910*.

Each published microfilm starts with introductory notes on the first frames. These provide a quick impression of the nature of the material, refer to additional information in other collections, and list civil servants and dates.

*M 682 Records of the Department of State Relating to Internal Affairs of the Netherlands, 1910-1929:*

- 1-3 Lists of Documents (3 reels)
- 4-11 Documents Political Affairs (8 reels)
- 12 Public Order and Safety (1 reel)
- 13 Military Affairs and the Army (1 reel)
- 14 Naval Affairs (1 reel)
- 15-20 Social Matters (6 reels)
- 21-22 Industrial Matters (2 reels)
- 23 Communication and Transportation (1 reel)
- 24-25 Navigation and Other Internal Affairs (2 reels)
- 26 Surinam (Netherlands Guiana) (1 reel)
- 27 Curaçao (Netherlands West Indies) (1 reel)
- 28-45 Netherlands (East) Indies (Netherland India) (18 reels)
- 46-50 Java and Madura (Netherlands East Indies) (5 reels)
- 51-52 Sumatra (2 reels)
- 53 Borneo (Netherlands East Indies) (1 reel)
- 54 Celebes (Netherlands East Indies) and Other Netherlands Islands(1 reel)

*M 683 Records of the Department of State Relating to Political Relations between the United States and the Netherlands, 1910-1929 (6 reels)<sup>9</sup>*

*M 684 Records of the Department of State Relating to Political Relations between the Netherlands and Other States, 1910-1929 (1 reel)<sup>10</sup>*

## **II DUTCH-AMERICAN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS 1930-1973**

### **A DEPARTMENT OF STATE DECIMAL FILE, 1930-1949**

For the period 1930-1944 the RSC owns the purport pages: summaries of the documents in the files (M 973), to be found in the section 'special collections'. After 1939 new files were started after each five years. Unfortunately, the microfilmmers at the National Archives not always followed the chronology. On list of microfilm reels immediately following this remarks, reels 7-13 cover the period 1930-1939, the reels 1-6 cover the period 1940-1944, and the reels 13 (second half)-14 contain the confidential files.

The numerical codes listed below can be deciphered as follows:<sup>11</sup>

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<sup>9</sup> See appendix H for a description.

<sup>10</sup>See appendix I for a description.

<sup>11</sup>See appendix K for a classification of RG 59 in the period 1910-1949

- a. At the left margin the frame number is listed.
- b. In the middle, the numerical code gives the following information:
- the general category: 6 (economics), 7 (political relations of states) 8 (internal political relations);
  - country code: the Netherlands is 56, the U.S. 11; the Dutch colonies are 56 A-E;
  - subjects: .00 general code, 20 economical affairs, ETCCC
  - the order of the documents with consecutive numbers until 1944, and thereafter with dates: for example: /8-1445 = 1945 August 14.
- c. At the right subjects or short descriptions are given.

*Record Group 59 Department of State Decimal File, 1930-1944*<sup>12</sup>

Period 1940-1944<sup>13</sup>

Reel 1

0001	611.5631/606	Annual Report Covering Developments to the Dutch-American Trade Agreement During 1939
0029	656.6231/181	The Dutch-German trade for the first three months of the war
0041	756.62/76	Cross-Reference Files of messages about the imminent German invasion of the Netherlands
0071	756.9212/9	American despatches on Dutch-Japanese relationship
0514	756D.62/2	Netherlands East Indies and Japan
1255	756D.94/192	Last frame

Reel 2<sup>14</sup>

0001	856.00/485	Political Reports by the American Consul
0602	856.001/2	Political Reports on the Royal Family
1241	856.01/16	Last frame

Reel 3

0001	856.01/33	Continued political reports
0121	856.20/97	Reports on Military activities
0173	856.24/9-944	Mutual Aid USA-Netherlands
0256	856.4061/14	Films about Occupied Holland and the Dutch Allied war effort
0276	856.4016/3	Treatment of Jews in Holland
0401	856.48/25	The food and economic situation and relief
0846	856.51/423	Financial situation in the Netherlands and its colonies
1172	856.51/12-1844	Last frame

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<sup>12</sup>Microfilmed in December 1995. The production does not always follow the chronological order of the original documents.

<sup>13</sup> See Purport pages M973 reels 501, 504, and 532 for a complete table of contents

<sup>14</sup> See Purport pages M973 reels 586 and 587 for a complete table of contents.

Reel 4

0001 856.5151/82 Royal Decrees about claims

Period 1930-1939<sup>15</sup> (the microfilmer put per accident a 1930-39 file on this 1940-44 microfilm)

0126 856d.00/58 Political Reports on the Netherland East Indies

Period 1940-1944<sup>16</sup>

0205 856a.00/2 Conditions in Surinam  
0383 856a.001/3 Governor of Surinam  
0414 856a.01/8 Government of Surinam  
0462 856a.20/1 Military Affairs of Surinam  
0852 856b.00/23 Dutch West Indies  
1125 856b.01/15 Last frame

Reel 5

0001 856b.01/18 Political situation in Dutch West Indies  
0073 856b.20/10 Military situation of Dutch West Indies  
0154 856D.00/126 Political situation in Netherlands Indies  
0631 856D.001/38 Governor and government of Netherlands Indies  
0844 856D.20/59 Military situation of Netherlands Indies (misfiled)  
1119 856D.20/49 Idem  
1218 856D.20/64A Last frame

Reel 6

0001 856D.20/65 Military situation in Netherlands Indies (cont.)  
0341 856D.50/26 Repercussions in the Neth. Indies of the War in Europe: control of prices; and economic conditions  
0540 856D.6176/510 Rubber  
0619 856D.6363 Petroleum  
1119 856E.00/37 Political Reports of Consul  
1239 856E.5018/1 Last frame

Reel 7 Period 1930-1939<sup>17</sup>

0001 711.5612A/31 Dutch-American treaty of arbitration  
0087 711.562/20 Negotiations to renew the Dutch-American commercial treaty (main problems were the lack of religious freedom and the bulb export)

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<sup>15</sup>See Purport pages M973 reel 404 for a complete table of contents.

<sup>16</sup>See Purport pages M973 reel 587 for a complete table of contents.

<sup>17</sup>See Purport pages M973 reels 337 and 403 for a complete table of contents.

0109	711.5627/22	Air traffic agreement
0208	711.564	Naturalization Convention
0240	856.00/315	Political Reports
0823	856.00/525	Report on speech Seyss-Inquart (1941)
0881	856.00B/37	Communist activities
0933	856.00B/52	Reactions on the Scottsboro case
0945	856.00B/45	Anti-War Congress (1932)
1087	856.00a W 64/23	Royal family
1221	856.0011/25	last frame

#### Reel 8

0001	856.0011/26	Royal family (cont.)
0094	856.002/78	Political Report
0246	856.011/6	Constitution
0266	856.021/4	Parliamentary Debates
0387	856.114	Smuggling Chinese into the USA
0407	856.114 Narcotics	Opium smuggling
0593	856.156/29	Modernizing port of Flushing
0611	856.9/12	Military affairs
0864	856.32/1	Mutiny on the Seven Provinces and the naval bill
1044	856.4081/6	World Jamboree
1050	856.412/11	Int. Institute for Social History
1062	856.4061 M P/8	Ned. Bioscoop Bond and American Interests
1172	856.4061 M P/24	Last frame

#### Reel 9

0001	856.415	Washington Bicentennial
0011	856.50/60	Financial and economic situation in the Netherlands; measures to fight the crisis
0314	856.5032/3	The effects of the crisis on Dutch agriculture; comparisons with the US
0460	856.504/30	Unemployment
0518	856.51/181	Monetary situation; Gold Standard
0719	856.512 SALES/23	Effect of taxes on trade with US.
0765	856.515/14	Gold Standard
0907	856.544	Controversy about translation Daddy long legs
0913	856.544	Copyright case of "Gone With the Wind"
1053	856.544	Pirated edition of FDR's "On Our Way"
1057	856.55/6	Report on Migration and Jewish emigration
1111	856.607/39	International Flower Show (Speech by Emmet) & other cultural events
1134	856.612/16	Bulb diseases and American products
1159	856.796/74	Last frame

#### Reel 10<sup>18</sup>

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<sup>18</sup>See Purport pages M973 reel 404 for a complete table of contents.

0001	856A.796/3	Aviation situation in Surinam
0013	856A.00B/2	Communist activities in West Indies
0026	856A.52/1	Plans for Jewish colony in Surinam
0039	856.911/7	American News in the Netherlands Press
0063	856B.00/20	Government of West Indies
0090	856B.014/4	American proposal to buy Surinam and Curacao
0098	856B.114 Narcotics	Drug traffic
0160	856B.5045/2	Anti-American Demonstrations in Aruba
0167	856B.515/7	Devaluation of Curacao florin
0170	856B.911/2	West Indies Press
0177	856D.00/71	Political situation in East Indies
1473	856D.01/22	Last frame

Reel 11<sup>19</sup>

0001	856D.03/24	Government of East Indies
0284	856D.114 Narcotics/3	
0318	856D.20/5	Defense of East Indies
0699	856D.4016/3	Race relations
0756	856D.404/4	Relation with Japan
0762	856D.50/10	Economic situation in East Indies
0992	856D.542 Radio/4	Conflict about the efforts to prevent the sale of American radios
1227	856D.6173/3	Exports of quinine and rubber
1374	856D.6176/502	Last frame

Reel 12<sup>20</sup>

0001	856D.6363/607	Oil policy and mining laws
0146	856D.741/5	Licensing of radio sets and press reports about the war in Europe
0176	856E.00/25	Review of the work of American consuls Groth and Foote
0180	856E.00/26	Political reports
0197	856E.00/29	Review of the work of American consuls at Medan and Surabaya
0239	856E.00B/23	Communist activities
0303	856E.114	Narcotics
0386	856E.4061	Cultural and economic relations with the US; Kapok, tobacco, and rubber trade

NB the producer mistakenly microfilmed a later box first: chronologically the series continues with frame 0986 and after the last frame of this reel (1398) continues with frames 0869 till 0985.

0586	611.563/94	Report on Dutch relief measures
0594	611.563/94	Bargaining to prevent countervailing duties on milk
0713	611.5631/108	Negotiations for a Dutch-American trade agreement
0866	611.5631/154	Report on negotiations

<sup>19</sup>See Purport pages M973 reel 404 for a complete table of contents.

<sup>20</sup>See Purport pages M973 reels 404 and 313 for a complete table of contents.

0869	611.5631/247	Report
0925	611.5631/406	Ratification
0986	611.5631/168	Committee for Reciprocity Information, hearing
1328	611.5631/231	Comments on the proposed reciprocal trade agreement
1398	611.5631/236	Last frame

Reel 13<sup>21</sup>

0001	611.5631/502	Announcement of validity of trade Dutch-American agreement
0002	611.5631/503	Objections of corn and rice millers against trade agreement
0038	611.5631/520	Quarterly reports about effects of Dutch-American trade
0224	611.568/15	countervailing duties on Dutch products
0253	611.56F3 Tobacco/3	Tobacco competition with Sumatra
0379	656.11171/13	Dutch-American trade relations

*Personal files American Diplomats in the Netherlands 1929-1939* (this belongs in chapter III, but was mistakenly put on this microfilm)

0396	123 Diekema/95	Gerrit J. Diekema file
0607	123 Sw4/89a	Laurits Swenson file
0711	123 Emmet./174	Grenville T. Emmet file
0963	123 L 511/401	Frank C. Lee file (American consul general)

1940-1944 Confidential Files

0986	856.00/503	Confidential files
1002	856.001 E 64/52	Confidential files Wilhelmina
1026	856.0011/75	CF Royal family
1051	856.01/11-844	Monitoring the NSB (FBI file)
1249	856.01/11-1844	Provisional government
1301	856.20211/1	Financial affairs, purchase of equipment
1390	856.48/1-344	Food relief
1472	856.51/432	Economic and financial affairs
1538	856A.00/1	Confidential File on Surinam
1653	856B.01/46	Last frame

Reel 14

0001	856B.014/12	Defense of the West Indies
0256	856D.014/29	Defense of the East Indies
0289	856N.20/97	Last frame

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<sup>21</sup> See Purport pages M973 reels 313 and 319 for a complete table of contents.

## **B DEPARTMENT OF STATE DECIMAL FILE, 1945-1959<sup>22</sup>**

### Period 1945-1949

#### Reel 1

0000	DF 711.56/8-1445	
0036	711.562/3-348	Draft Dutch-American Friendship Treaty
0190	711.5627	Aviation/Air transport
	711.5627/5-1149	Political affairs (role of Albert Plesman)
0393	856.00/1-645	"Weekly survey of reading material concerning the Netherlands"
0509	856.00/5-2345	ANEP-ANETA Bulletins
		Correspondence with Stanley K. Hornbeck, America's Ambassador near the Netherlands Government, London.
0586	856.00/7-545	Speech of Schermerhorn, June 27, 1945
0648	856.00/7-1745	Supreme Headquarters AEF mission (the Netherlands)
		Fortnightly Report 19. Period ending on June 30, 1945
0717	856.00/7-2045	Netherlands People's Movement (NVB)
		Other Dutch political parties
0819	856.00/5-1646	Elections of 1946
1092	856.00/6-2548	Elections of 1948
1143	856.00/12-1348	Report on Electoral and Party Organizations in the Netherlands, May 10, 1948
1337	856.00(W)/9-3048 856.00(W)	Week reports on Indonesia
1468	856.00(B)/3-2845	Communist activities
1522	856.001/10-1547	Government (Princess Juliana ascends the throne)
1600	856.001 Wilhelmina/3-2945	
1760	856.0011/2-1847	Last frame

NB On reel 2 (starting frame 602) the 856.00 category is continued with the confidential and secret files.

#### Reel 2

0001	856.0011/2-1847	
0017	856.002/1-345	Cabinet and Ministry
0116	856.01/1-2645	Government
0178	856.014/7-1845	Territory
0269	856.43	"Friends of America Club" (ex NSB)
0325	756.00/3-2146	Dutch relations with other countries especially on Indonesia
0486	756.62/10-2146	Dutch-German relations
0536	856.91211/1-1446	Six Dutch journalists visit the United States
0602	856.00/1-3045	Confidential and secret files
		Dutch relations with other countries
		Weekly surveys

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<sup>22</sup> Microfilmed at the National Archives (Washington, D.C.) for the RSC in the summer of 1992.

0640	856.00/6-2845	Fortnightly report for period ended June 15, 1945
0709	856.00/7-2845	Fortnightly report for period ended July 15, 1945
0772	856.00/8-2845	Fortnightly report for period ended July 31, 1945
0839	856.00/9-1545	USFET monthly report for period ended August 31, 1945
0906	856.00/10-1645	USFET monthly report for period ended September 30, 1945
0968	856.00/11-745	USFET monthly report for period ended October 31, 1945
1115	856.00/11-1248	Telegram regarding Indonesia crisis and conversation with cabinet members like Beel, Stikker, etc.
1140	856.00(w)/11-2248	Indonesia
1216	856.00(w)/4-149	Last frame

### Reel 3

0001	856.00(w)/4-849	Confidential and secret files
0097	856.00B/12-1047	Communism
0152	856.001 Juliana/2-949	
0153	856.001 Wilhelmina/4-2745	
0166	856.0011/1-245	Prince Bernard's membership of NSDAP
0204	856.002/1-2645	

### Period 1950-1954

#### NB Changed Classification system 1950-1963<sup>23</sup>

In 1950 the classification system changed once again., 1950-1959 the RSC made a selection of the most important documents in the two classes. The main section was now 700 series. The selection concentrates on perceptions of Dutch political and social developments, like elections, political parties, media reports, the royal family and the colonies. Documents dealing with individuals, or copies of reports which can also be found in Dutch archives are left out.

### Reel 3 (continued)

0232	711.5856/1-1350	American Navy visit Rotterdam, the Antilles and Indonesia
0489	756.00/1-650	International political and national defense affairs Dutch cabinet, parties, elections, Schuman Plan, public opinion, Indonesia, party resolutions
0907	756.00/6-132	Election of 1952
1133	756.00/10-2154	Last frame

### Reel 4

0001	756.00/5/852	May Day
0004	756.00(W)/1-650	Weekly reports, especially on New Guinea
0547	756.00(W)/1-452	
0868	756.00(W)/2-653	Flood disaster
1232	756.00(W)11-2753	Last frame

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<sup>23</sup>See appendix K for the new classification system.

Reel 5

0001	756.00(W)/12-1153	
	756.00 (W)/1-454	
0378	756.001/1-450	
0685	756.003	
0698	756.01/5-1750	
0721	856.49/2-153	Flood of 1953 (see frames 753 and 775)
0902		Bill to enlarge immigration quota
0987	856.49/8-653	US Military Flood Relief Operations in the Netherlands Historical Division

Period 1955-1959

1045	756.00/1-555	
1202	756.00/6-1156	Last frame

Reel 6

0001	756.00/6-1456	Elections of 1956 Monthly consular notes from Amsterdam
0306	756.00/9-458	Dutch reaction on Little Rock
0613	756.00(W)*1-755	Confidential and secret files Weekly reports
1205	756.00(W)/11-2156	

Reel 7

0001	756.00(W)/11-3056	
0861	756.001/1-2455	Communist party
0988	756.11/1-655	Royal family
1194	756.11/1-2858	Last frame

Reel 8

0001	756.11/2-758	
0124	756.13/1-2855	Cabinet Ministry
0490	756.1/4-2656	Legislative

*Microfilmed together with Inspection Reports Foreign Service Posts, see p. 24*

**C DEPARTMENT OF STATE DECIMAL FILE, 1960-1963**

Reel 1

0001	756.00(W)/1-462	Joint weeklies
0274	756.00(W)/10-462	idem
0388	756.001/2-560	Communists

0440	756.11/3-360	Royal Family
0548	756.13/2-1160	New Guinea
0687	756.2/5-960	Government
0818		Last Frame

Reel 2

0001	756.5/1-860	Political Affairs
0253	756.54/6-360	Idem
0737	756A.001/11-2660	Surinam
0987	756A.111/8-462	Last Frame

Reel 3

0001	756A.13/9-1560	
0126	756B.00/2-960	
0383	756C/00/2-1960	
972		Last Frame

Reel 4

0001	756C5/5-360	
0093	756D.00/12-2061	
0109	856.19/1-1360	American Investments
0215	856A.00/1-2660	
0224	856B.00/4-160	
0301		Last Frame

Reel 5

0001	456.11/12-1960	Dutch-American Trade
0206	511.56	Cultural Relations
0343		Last Frame

Reel 6

Record Group 59 Department of State, Decimal File 611.56 (1960-63)

Dutch-American bilateral relations (also published as microfilm publication M1855, reel 78)

001	Political relations between the United States and Belgium 611.557/7-562
257	Political relations between the United States and the Netherlands 611.56/9-560 Problems in economic relations, KLM, shipping, Dutch become more critical of US Most of it deals with New Guinea, conversations with Joseph Luns, De Quai, frequent calls by J.H. van Royen (Dutch Ambassador), Labor Parliamentarians meet at the U.S. Embassy with Dean Acheson to talk about New Guinea etc.
537	Trade relations
706	Military affairs, NATO
854	Last frame

Reel 7

Record Group 59 Department of State, Decimal File 611.56 (1960-63)

Dutch-American bilateral relations (also published as microfilm publication M1855, reel 79)

- 001 Legal and tax matters, civil aviation, 611.569/12-662
- 338 Surinam (611.56a)
- 419 Netherlands Antilles (611.56b)
- 449 Netherlands South Pacific Islands (611.56c) West New Guinea
- 458 Indonesia and Netherlands East Indies (611.56d)
- 465 Norway

## **D DEPARTMENT OF STATE ALPHA-NUMERIC FILES, 1963-1966**

In April 1963 the old classification system was abandoned. A new filing system, the Alpha Numeric files, was introduced. This is a combination of subjects (alphabetically arranged) and numerical codes. After President Johnson took over the presidency, a new series started, using the same classification. The number of the boxes and the names of the files are microfilmed in front of each selection.

### Period April-December 1963

Reel 1

- 0001 Political Affairs
- 0379 Politico-Economic Reports
- 0384 Visits-Missions
- 0454 Political Parties
- 0473 Elections
- 0504 Government
- 0581 Last Frame

Reel 1

### Alpha-numeric Files

- 001 Aid
- 108 Aviation
- 213 Airlines
- 395 Aviation Netherlands Antilles
- 445 Economic Affairs
- 907 Last Frame

Reel 1b (continuation of Reel 1)

- 908 Economic Affairs
- 1051 Economic Affairs Netherlands Antilles

1150 Last Frame

Reel 2

001 Political Affairs 1964  
211 Visits-Meetings 1965  
298 Visits-Meetings 1966  
417 Political Parties  
532 Political Affairs 1966  
626 Political Affairs 1965  
679 Political Affairs 1964

Reel 3

001 Political Affairs  
064 Government  
107 Head of State  
236 Executive Branch

Reel 4

001 Political Affairs  
014 Ceremonial and Social Affairs  
033 Provincial, Municipal and State Government  
095 Demonstrations (esp. Vietnam)  
237 Netherlands Antilles  
577 Last Frame

Reel 5

001 Political Affairs-Europe, Relation to U.S.  
345 NATO  
667 Last Frame

Reel 6

001 NATO  
032 Trade Promotion  
344 Fairs and Exhibitions  
825 last Frame

Reel 7

001 Defense  
264 Netherlands Antilles  
560 Last Frame

Reel 8

- 001 Labor and Manpower
- 171 Labor Organizations and Conferences
- 423 Wages and Labor Conditions

Period 1964-1966

Reel 9

- 001 Joint Weeklies 4th Quarter 1964
- 097 Joint Weeklies 1st Quarter 1965
- 186 Joint Weeklies 2nd Quarter 1965
- 274 Joint Weeklies 2nd Half 1965
- 419 Joint Weeklies 1st Half 1966
- 563 Joint Weeklies 2nd Half 1966
- 688 Politico-Economic Reports
- 707 Prominent Persons
- 803 Political Affairs
- 808 Last Frame

## **E DEPARTMENT OF STATE SUBJECT-NUMERICAL FILES 1967-1973**

The organization of files changed again in 1967, using subject areas per country, the most relevant sources were found in LAB (labor), POL (politics) and DEF (defence).

Reel 1

RG 59 Subject-Numeric Files 1970-3, LAB

Box 1415:

- 002 Educational reform
- 006 Dutch unions and politics
- 010 Annual report on Dutch labor
- 048 PvdA and defence policy
- 068 Dutch reactions to Vietnam
- 087 PvdA congress
- 106 NVV accepts communist members

RG 59 Subject-Numeric Files 1967-69, LAB

Box 1268:

- 135 Rotterdam harbor strikes
- 181 Last frame

Reel 2

Box 2361

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|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| 0001 File: POL/NETH 1/1/67     | Dutch foreign policy, New Left and the PvdA |
| 0129 File: POL 2-1 NETH 1/1/67 | Weekly reports on Dutch politics 1967       |
| 0271 File: POL 6 NETH 1/1/67   | Biographies of Dutch politicians            |
| 0313 File: POL 2-1 NETH 1/1/68 | Weekly reports on Dutch politics 1968       |
| 0347 File: POL 4 NETH 1/1/67   | Biographies of de Jong cabinet              |

0383 File: POL 2-1 NETH 1/1/67 Weekly reports on Dutch politics 1967  
0561 File: POL 7 NETH 1/1/67 Foreign Minister Luns (official visits etc)  
0654 File: POL 7 NETH 1/1/69 de Jong-Luns visit to USA 1969  
0760 File: POL 7 NETH 1/1/68 Foreign Minister Luns (official visits etc)  
0878 Last frame

### Reel 3

#### Box 2362

0001 File: POL 12 NETH 1/1/67 1967 parliamentary elections, New Left and the PvdA  
0217 File: POL 15 NETH 1/1/67 de Jong cabinet 1967-69  
0258 File: POL 13-2 NETH 1/1/67 Dutch youth and student radicalism  
0386 File: POL 14 NETH 1/1/67 1967 parliamentary elections, CPN, PSP  
0414 File: POL 15-1 NETH 1/1/67 de Jong cabinet 1967  
0520 File: POL 15-1 NETH 1/1/68 de Jong-Luns visit to USA 1969, Netherlands relations  
with Eastern Europe

0765 Last frame

### Reel 4

#### Box 2363

0001 File: POL 17 NETH-US 1/1/6 New Dutch ambassador to USA 1969  
0034 File: POL 23-8 NETH 1/1/67 Anti-Vietnam war protests  
0129 File: POL 15-2 NETH 1/1/67 Dutch politics 1967-69 (especially Vietnam war)  
0224 File: POL 23 NETH 1/1/67 Communist activity in Netherlands  
0249 File: POL 23-8 NETH 1/1/68 Anti-Vietnam war protests  
0326 File: POL NETH-US 1/1/67 US assessments of Dutch political attitudes  
0479 Last frame

### Reel 5

#### RG 59 Subject-Numeric Files 1970-73, POL

#### Box 2496

002 Debate on foreign affairs in the Tweede Kamer 1973  
015 Luns letter to Den Uyl  
032 Schmelzer on Dutch foreign policy  
040 Foreign affairs debates in the Tweede Kamer  
064 Dutch political situation  
103 Discussion between Roel van Duijn and Ton Regtien  
139 Biographic data on Dutch politicians  
274 Luns visit to Middle East, visit of various Dutch ministers to Washington  
314 (414) Visit of Queen Juliana to Indonesia  
335 (435) Foreign Minister Schmelzer's visit to Washington  
405 (505) Last frame

NB Frame numbering on this reel shifts from '393' to '294'. Frame numbers in brackets represent actual frame number, frame numbers without brackets represent number shown on reel.

### Reel 6

Box 2497

0001 File: POL 7 NETH 1-1-72 Visits of Dutch ministers and officials (e.g. Foreign Minister Schmelzer) to USA, Middle East, etc  
0184 File: POL 7 NETH 1-10-73 Trips of Ministers van der Stoep and Vredeling to USA  
0282 File: POL 14 NETH 1/1/70 Dutch politics, elections 1970-72  
0471 File: POL 13-2 NETH 1/1/70 Dutch youth and political radicalism  
0512 File: POL 12 NETH 1/1/70 Dutch politics 1970-73  
0710 File: POL 15 NETH 1/1/70 Dutch politics 1970-73  
0898 Last frame

Reel 7

Box 2498

0001 File: POL 15 NETH 1/1/73 Dutch politics 1973 and formation of den Uyl cabinet  
0201 File: POL 15-1 NETH 1/1/70 Dutch politics 1970-73: Luns, den Uyl cabinet formation  
0266 File: POL 15-2 NETH 1/1/70 Dutch politics 1970-73  
0377 File: POL 15-1 NETH 1/1/71 Dutch politics 1971-73, den Uyl cabinet  
0581 File: POL 23-8 NETH 1/1/70 Social unrest and anti-Vietnam war radicalism  
0754 Last frame

Reel 8

RG 84 Top Secret Foreign Service Post Files, Embassy of The Hague, 1970-73

Box 4

003 Middendorf-Biesheuvel meeting  
014 Meeting of American ambassadors in Western Europe  
028 Biesheuvel meeting with President Nixon  
076 Mansfield amendment  
084 Luns in Saudi Arabia  
090 Position of NATO Secretary General  
099 Last frame

Reel 9

RG 59 General records of the Department of State. Executive secretariat. Briefing Books, 1958-1976, Lot 72D170.

Box 58

002 Briefing book. The Netherlands, Sec Rogers, visit of PM Biesheuvel, 01/25-26/1972.

Box 234

032 Visit of NATO General S. Luns, 7-10 1976

RG 59 General records of the Department of State. Executive secretariat. Briefing Books, 1958-1976, Lot 75D246.

Box 216:

082 Visit of PM Den Uyl of the Netherlands, 5/14/1975  
174 Last frame

### **III SPECIAL COLLECTIONS**

In the special collections American archives were microfilmed which document the Dutch-American relations, but from a different agency than the State Department, or dealing more with officers than policy. The section starts with a collection of the purport papers for the period 1910-1944. These 'pages' function as a table of contents for the materials shipped to the State Department from various diplomatic posts.

#### **A PURPORT PAGES**

*M 973 Decimal Files of the Purport pages for the Department of State, 1910-1944*

NB Those are the Purport pages, with summaries of the documents, but not the documents themselves!

#### Period 1930-1939

##### Reel 313

decimal files 611.524/195 - 611.639/79. Frames 444-630: Dutch-American trade relations.

##### Reel 319

decimal files 651.60c3/1 - 660C.1128/1. Frames 939-1204: Dutch trade relations.

##### Reel 337

decimal files 711.4216/4 - 711.754/87. Frames 649-686: Treaties, see also Foreign Rel.

##### Reel 341

decimal files 741.625/1-757d.6212/3. Frames 1286-1342: Relations between the Netherlands and other states, especially with Germany and Japan.

##### Reel 403

decimal files 855.50/62 - 856.659Tobacco/4. Frames 295-679: Internal affairs in the Netherlands, funny is the correspondence about the translation of *Gone with the Wind*.

##### Reel 404

decimal files 856.70/1 - 857h.74/1. Frames 000-588: Same as 403, but mainly on the Dutch colonies.

#### Period 1940-1944

##### Reel 501

decimal files 611.37/103 - 611.949/85. Frames 879-922: Dutch-American trade relations.

##### Reel 504

decimal files 648B.003/51 - 694C.00244/1. Frames 444-500: Dutch trade relations.

Reel 520

decimal files 711.1216 M/1117 - 711.6822/1. Frames 952-957: Treaties.

Reel 532

decimal files 754.00/17 - 794.95/16. Frames 25-84: Relations between the Netherlands and other states, especially with Germany and Japan.

Reel 586

decimal files 853.642/1 - 856.918/41. Frames 999-1320: About political affairs, Dutch citizens in the United States, Dutch ships and personnel.

Reel 587

decimal files 856-856i-6176. Frames 1-349: About Dutch, West and East Indies and Surinam trade, Nazi and military affairs, especially petroleum.

Period July - December 1944

Reel 649

decimal files 856.00/2-2642 - 860h.91211/8-2644. Frames 000-072.  
(also documents of 1940-1944)

**B PERSONAL FILES OF AMERICAN DIPLOMATS IN THE NETHERLANDS,  
1910-1959**

The American diplomatic service professionalized after the turn of the century. The ministers and career consuls received a file containing their letters of appointment, addresses which they delivered, and documents about special personal circumstances. These files reveal something of the persons occupying the diplomatic positions.<sup>24</sup>

*Department of State, Decimal File 123, 1910-1929 (1 reel), 1930-1939 (1 reel), 1945-1959 (1 reel)*

Reel 1

Period 1910-1929

001	123 T 55	Richard M. Tobin
281	123 V 281	Henry Van Dyke
502		Last Frame

NB for the period 1930-1939 see reel 13 of RG 59 of chapter II (which was mistakenly put on this microfilm )

0396	123 Diekema/95	Gerrit J. Diekema file
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<sup>24</sup>See appendix L for a listing of American ministers to the Netherlands and of biographical sketches of the diplomats of the twentieth century.

0607	123 Sw4/89a	Laurits Swenson file
0711	123 Emmet/174	Grenville T. Emmet file
0963	123 L 511/401	Frank C. Lee file (American consul general)

Reel 2

Period 1930-1939

001	123 F 73	Walter A. Foote
085	123 G 65	George Gordon
116	123 H 76	Charles L. Hoover
220	123 J 635	Hallett Johnson
302	123 P 271	Kenneth S. Patton
405	Last Frame	

Reel 1

1945-1959

001	123 Biddle	Anthony J.D. Biddle (among other things about his religious beliefs and accepting a military commission in World War II)
109	123 Hornbeck	Stanley K. Hornbeck (speeches and correspondence about his forced resignation)
193	123 Baruch	Herman B. Baruch (ordering household goods, public appearances)
288	123 Chapin	Selden Chapin (being a persona non grata due to his role in the Mindszenty case, trip to Groningen, royal visit to the U.S.)
367	123 Matthews	H. Freeman Matthews (addresses)
432	123 Young	Philip Young
453		Last frame

**C INSPECTION REPORTS FOREIGN SERVICE POSTS, 1906-1939**

The professionalization of the American foreign service became visible through the periodically evaluations of its foreign service posts. This collection gives the reports of the regular visits and allow us to see how the staff functioned.

*Record Group 59 Department of State. Inspection Reports Foreign Service Posts, 1906-1939*<sup>25</sup>

The first report can be found directly after the latest personal files of American diplomats.

Reel 8 (continued)

0497	Inspection reports Flushing 1906
0528	1909
0572	1911

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<sup>25</sup>See appendix M for an introduction to these reports.

0614	1914
0663	1916
0710	1923
0757	1929
0807	Amsterdam 1906
0848	1909
0896	1911
0944	1913
1015	1916
1092	1920
1170	1923
1205	Last frame

#### Reel 9

0001	Inspection reports Amsterdam 1923 (continued)
0035	1925
0118	1929
0238	1939
0274	Inspection reports The Hague vice consulate 1920
0328	1923
0385	Inspection reports The Hague legation 1925
0464	1929
0496	Inspection report The Hague vice consulate 1929
0552	Inspection reports Rotterdam 1906
0589	1909
0634	1913
0743	1917
0807	1920
0861	1922
0945	1923
1067	1929
1220	Last frame

#### Reel 10

0001	Inspection reports Rotterdam 1929 (continued)
0026	1939
0088	Inspection reports Scheveningen 1911
0130	1913
0181	1916
0228	Inspection reports Schiedam 1906
0259	1909
0303	Last frame

Reel 11

RG 59 Inspection reports Amsterdam, 1950-1960

001	Inspection report Amsterdam 1950
136	1953
252	1956
331	1958
422	1960
526	last frame

Reel 12

RG 59 Inspection reports Rotterdam, 1947-1958

001	1958
127	1956
248	1953
411	1950
495	1947
556	

Reel 13

RG 59 Inspection reports Den Haag, 1947-1953

001	1953: 80
087	1950: 144
233	1948: 22
256	1947: 121
379	Last frame

Reel 14

RG 59 Inspection reports Rotterdam (1960) and Den Haag, 1958 and 1960

001	Inspection report Rotterdam 1960
146	Den Haag 1959
316	Den Haag 1960
599	Last frame

Reel 15

RG 59 General Records of the Department of State. Records of the Policy Planning Council (S/PC), 1963-64, Entry 5041 box 254: Lot 70D199

001	Guidelines for Policy and Operations: The Netherlands, February 1963
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RG 59, General Records of the Department of State, Entry 1045 Records of inspection staff,  
Box 7  
035 File Netherlands, December 3, 1953, May 19, 1955, November 14, 1958

RG 306, USIA Office of Research: Research Reports 1960-82  
Box 8:  
095 Foreign Opinion Note. For the visit of Dutch Prime Minister Lubbers, May 7,  
1983  
097 Summary overview of Dutch public opinion in preparation for Dutch-American  
bilaterals (May 2, 1983)  
103 Last Frame

## **D MARSHALL PLAN DOCUMENTS, 1947-1954**

These collections document the preparations and execution of the Marshall Aid to the Netherlands.

*RG 59 Historical Collection Relating to the Formulation of the European Recovery Program, 1947-1950. Lot File 123. (1 reel).*<sup>26</sup>

Reel 1  
box 4  
001 Paris Report Appraisal  
070 Position of CEEC countries in major programmed items derived from CEEC  
commodity reports  
084 Foreign needs for U.S. economic assistance during the next 3 to 5 years (Report July 1,  
1947)  
box 28  
231 Committee on European Recovery Program (Agenda and Minutes June-October 1947)  
box 31  
428 Netherlands Financial experts  
box 33  
433 Documents D1-D6 (index of documents and selected items, such as statements of  
senators and congressmen in the *Congressional Record* and public opinion positions)  
543 Transcript of conference of Paul Hoffman and W. Averell Harriman with country  
mission representatives, statement of Alan Valentine. October 21, 1948  
551 Last frame

*RG 469 Record of the U.S. Foreign Assistance Agencies, 1948-1961. Office of European Operations. Netherlands-Indonesia Division. Decimal File, 1948-1953 (4 reels).*

Reel 1

Box 1  
001 Agreements Bilateral. Mutual Defense Programs

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<sup>26</sup> A table of contents of this collection gives appendix N.

- Correspondence between Richard E. Lippincott, W. Averell Harriman, H.M. Hirschfeld,  
Clarence E. Hunter, Bertrand B. Field and others.
- 116 Congressional and Public Inquiries  
Information about public works and nickel exports
- 126 Mission Activities  
Job descriptions and file on departure of Clarence E. Hunter
- 193 Economic Conditions
- Box 2
- 351 General Reports
- 375 Mission Monthly Report November 1950
- 393 Mission Monthly Report December 1950
- 415 Mission Monthly Report January 1951
- 434 Mission Monthly Report February 1951
- 458 Mission Monthly Report March 1951
- 473 Mission Monthly Report April 1951
- 492 Mission Monthly Report May 1951
- 512 Mission Monthly Report June 1951
- 528 Mission Monthly Report July 1951
- 544 Mission Monthly Report August 1951
- 557 Mission Monthly Report September 1951
- 572 Mission Monthly Report October 1951
- 588 Mission Monthly Report January-February 1952
- 608 Mission Monthly Report March 1952
- 622 Mission Monthly Report April 1952
- 644 Mission Monthly Report May 1952
- 661 Mission Monthly Report June 1952
- 680 Mission Monthly Report July 1952
- 704 Mission Monthly Report August 1952
- 722 Mission Monthly Report September 1952
- 742 Mission Monthly Report October 1952
- 759 Mission Monthly Report November 1952
- 778 Embassy Monthly, Quarterly, Annual
- 779 Annual Economic Report, The Netherlands, 1949 (summary and conclusions)
- 786 Annual Economic Report, The Netherlands, 1950 (summary and conclusions)
- 791 Last frame

Reel 2

box 3

- 001 Army Weekly Week 52, 1953 (complete year)
- 210 Army Weekly Week 52, 1952 (till week 6, February)
- 271 MDAP Monthly Report September 1952
- 283 MDAP Monthly Report August 1952
- 291 MDAP Monthly Report July 1952
- 297 MDAP Monthly Report June 1952
- 309 MDAP Monthly Report May 1952
- 317 MDAP Monthly Report April 1952
- 324 MDAP Monthly Report March 1952
- 332 MDAP Monthly Report February 1952

338 MDAP Monthly Report January 1952  
350 MDAP Monthly Report December 1951  
369 Summary of Events under MDAP, April-October 1951  
372 MDAP Monthly Report September 1951  
381 MDAP Monthly Report August 1951  
385 MDAP Monthly Report July 1951  
390 MDAP Monthly Report June 1951  
400 MDAP Monthly Report May 1951  
406 MDAP Monthly Report April 1951  
410 MDAP Monthly Report March 1951  
424 MDAP Monthly Report February 1951  
431 MDAP Monthly Report January 1951  
439 MDAP Monthly Report December 1950  
454 MDAP Monthly Report November 1950  
464 MDAP Monthly Report September 1950  
472 MDAP Monthly Report August 1950

box 4

488 Country Papers Netherlands  
503 Mutual Security Presentation. MSA Country Study - Netherlands. Prepared for the Senate and House Committee Hearings on FY 1954 program  
540 Operation and Status of MSP  
546 Investment

box 5

670 Funds  
750 Controller Notification Funds  
789 Projects (flood rehabilitation and military production)  
887 Development of national institute of public health in Holland  
961 last frame

Reel 3

001 Projects BLL-14, requests for funding of projects with Marshall Plan money (Defense, IJmuiden Steel Plant, Industry, Bouwcentrum, Education, Windmills, etc.)  
194 Operations and Releases, about the spending and release of counterpart funds, February 1950-December 1953  
460 Funds Counterpart for Jeeps and Trucks, 1951-1952

box 6

496 Political Affairs (visits, conversations, political assessments, speeches, Indonesia)  
738 Machinery and Metals Fabrication

box 7

758 Non-Ferrous (re-export of nickel)

box 17

802 East Europe  
821 Indonesia

box 8

852 Country Expenditures (esp. on defense)  
870 Country Programs and Plans  
884 Migration  
909 Legislation (about allotment, negotiations of treaty)

955 Last frame

Reel 4

001 Legislation

box 9

095 MSA Projections

box 10

151 Country Requirements (reviews of economic developments, summary), comments of the mission about the nature of the developments in the Netherlands

175 Mission Comments (impressions of the staff)

180 50/51 Program

box 11

292 51/52 Program

348 Netherlands 1953 aid

525 Technical Assistance

box 12

638 Trade and Payments

652 Import Restrictions and Liberalization

box 13

670 Export Bonus Dollars

box 14

675 Indonesia and Dutch colonies

box 15

710 Public Relations/Information Program

772 Last frame

*Record Group 469 Records of the Agency for International Development and Predecessor Agencies. Mission to the Netherlands, 1949-1953 (7 reels)*<sup>27</sup>

This third collection concerning the Marshall Plan in the Netherlands contains the records of the Mission to the Netherlands under the European Cooperation Agency (ECA) during the period 1948-1955, when ECA became the Mutual Security Agency (MSA). The records are subdivided into two offices plus five divisions: the office of the director and the administrative office and the Finance and Program Review Division, the Food and Agriculture Division, the Industry Division, the Information Division, and the Labor Division. Some divisions separate sections.

This list is a table of contents for the seven reels of microfilm with a selection of 5,000 pages from the original collection at the National Archives. The criteria for microfilming were: documents revealing the way of operation, the key issues, the solutions. Documents which can also be found in Dutch archives were not selected, likewise routine correspondence and translations from Dutch sources or statistics.

This listing gives the reel number, the box number and the name of the folder, so that researchers can quote the original place. An overview of the complete collection, with a list of all folders, and a general indication of the materials which were not selected out can be consulted at the Secretary of the RSC.

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<sup>27</sup> Microfilmed at the National Archives February 1998.

Reel 1

**Office of the Director. Subject Files. 1949-1953.**

Box 1

- 0001 Prince Bernhard Correspondence, (C.E. Hunter file) [business deals of a relative]
- 0094 W.A. Harriman (C.E. Hunter file)
- 0131 Paul G. Hoffman (C.E. Hunter file)
- 0176 C.E. Hunter, Classified January-July 1953 (Chron)
- 0300 C.E. Hunter, Classified Chrons 1952, nr. 4
- 0338 C.E. Hunter, Classified Chrons 1952, nr. 3
- 0455 C.E. Hunter, Classified Chrons 1952, nr. 2
- 0536 C.E. Hunter, Classified Chrons 1952, nr. 1
- 0601 C.E. Hunter, Classified Chrons 1951, nr. 1
- 0711 C.E. Hunter, Classified Chrons 1951, nr. 2
- 0863 C.E. Hunter, Classified Chrons 1949-50, nr. 2
- 0929 C.E. Hunter, Classified Chrons 1949-50, nr. 1
- 1015 C.E. Hunter, General Correspondence 1949-1953, nr. 1
- 1092 C.E. Hunter, General Correspondence 1949-1953, nr. 2
- 1137 Last Frame

Reel 2

- 001 Hunter General Correspondence 1949-1953, nr. 3

Box 2

- 110 Isac File: MSA Embassy 1952-53 [Relationship between ECA and Embassy]
- 386 Isac File: MSA Embassy 1949-51
- 515 Evaluation Team: 1953-C.F. Gould. [Evaluation of the MSA by American business men, who criticized the (too sympathetic) attitude of the American labor attaché towards the unions.
- 558 Flood. [Involvement in the assistance to the victims of the flood of 1953]
- 569 Mission Chiefs Meeting C.E.H. [Reports about contacts among chiefs of mission]

Box 3

- 594 Dirk U. Stikker General File
- 600 Visit of Secretary of Commerce -C. Sawyer
- 617 Visitors: Congressmen
- 639 Visitors: OSR/SRE and MSA/W

**Administrative Office. General Records, 1948-1955**

- 659 Control File. Outgoing Correspondence, Feb. 1-15, 1953
- 662 Last Frame

Reel 3

**Administrative Office. Subject Files. 1949-1953**

Box 1

- 0001 Administrative Support Agreement 1949-1950 [Memo's on salaries and expenses of the mission and the start of its organization]
- 0016 Funds Allucations - Administrative Support I
- 0024 Organization and Function of Country Missions
- 0049 Policies and Procedures for Operating this Mission

Box 2

- 0073 Administrative. Marshall Plan, Early Stages

Box 3

- 0078 Bilateral Agreements with the Netherlands (ECA)
- 0089 Bilateral Agreements with the Netherlands Confidential [correspondence with Stikker and others]
- 0111 Memorandum Agreements Secretary of State and the ECA [about working conditions, benefits, etc]

Box 5

- 0235 Allotments General [Mainly budgets of the mission, how they spent their funds.]
- 0240 Indonesia: C.E. Hunter File, General Correspondence 1949-50
- 0286 Indonesian Aid Suspension and Resumption

Box 7

- 0297 Indonesia Program Part 1[Documents on the resumption of ECA to Indonesia and longterm plans. Reports by American officials in Indonesia reviewing the situation there. They sent weekly reports and memo's of conversations with individuals, both Dutch and Indonesian business men, bankers, civil servant]
- 0330 Indonesia Program Part 2
- 0371 Indonesia, Visits Hollander and Haffner, Jan-May 1950 Secret
- 0399 Indonesia, Submission 1950/Reports Kahn and Summer. Confidential

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- 0574 Indonesia, End Use, 1948-50 Confidential

Box 10

- 0578 Meetings, Paris Meetings [Interesting memo on East-west trade consultation group and the Dutch unwillingness to cooperate.The information about the meetings is mainly about schedules, agendas, reimbursements, travel plans, participants.]
- 0588 Netherlands Policy Meetings 1949 Secret
- 0618 Netherlands Policy Meetings 1950 Secret

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- 0639 Mission Monthly Reports , Oct-Nov 1949
- 0688 Mission Monthly Reports, Jan-Dec. 1950

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- 0879 Mission Monthly Reports, Jan-Dec 1953
- 1047 Mission Monthly Reports, Jan-June 1954

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- 1124 East-West trade General

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- 1154 U.S. Congress. Preliminary Statement of Dr. Valentine before Congressional Committee

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**Administrative Office. Records Relating to Strategic Materials. 1948-1953**

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001 Commodities: Strategic Materials [correspondence of general kind about the Indonesia issue and the connection to strategic materials]

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012 Cartels (Memos, Letters, etc.)  
026 Aid and Rearmament I (October 1950-April 1951)  
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133 Benelux 1949-1950 [mainly translations of agreements and articles]  
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178 Congressional Presentation 1951/52  
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001 Industrialization  
037 Netherlands Institute for Efficiency and Personnel Management

**Finance and Program Review Division. Technical Assistance and Productivity Section, 1949-1953**

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047 Agriculture  
068 Budget FY 1949-50 and 1950-51  
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- 106 Budget FY 1952-53
- 125 Counterpart T.A. 1953
- Box 2
- 145 International Management Proctivity Mission, Sept. 1, [1951]
- Box 3
- 147 Meeting P.T.A.D. Officers - Paris, 1953
- 157 Monthly Mission Reports T.A.
- 355 Productivity Drive 1949-50 File 1
- 504 Productivity Drive 1949-50 File 2
- Box 4
- 551 Production Assistance Drive Part II Sept.Oct 1951
- 571 P.A.D. Impact Club
- 583 Minutes of P.A.D. Meetings
- 597 P.A.D. "200 to America"
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- 657 Question and Answer Service
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- 683 General T.A. Jan-Febr. 1953
- 689 General Corrspondence, Oct. 1950-52
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- 003 Agricultural Integration 1950-52, file 1
- 031 Agricultural Integration 1950-52, file 2
- 045 Agricultural Integration 1953, file 1
- Box 3
- 094 Agricultural Policy  
[Position Paper: "Changing Netherlands position in the World Economy"]
- Box 4
- 144 Consultants General [Mr. Lutkin about starch, Watkins about fertilizer, Mason about dairy, Lewis on packaging, Hackleman on storage of grains, Duckworth on livestock diseases, Holtzclaw on Home Economics, Jamison on fruit and vegetables, Jenkins on hybrid corn, etc. Report on the "Retail Food Distribution Seminar" Oct. 13-19, 1952, organized by the MSA.
- Box 5
- 351 Consultants - K Holtsclaw. [Advancement of home economics. Reports of dr Katherine Holtzclaw]
- Box 9
- 405 OEEC: Agricultural Expansion Program
- 411 Subsidies
- Box 12
- 422 Visitors [Visit of Eisenhower and Raymond Ogg]
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**Information Division, 1948-1954**

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- 001 American and Foreign Business Men
- 011 Hunter 1
- 092 Hunter 2 Newspaper clippings
- 114 Information and Public Relations General
- 159 Information and Public Relations: Motion Pictures 1

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- 173 Information Policy
- 264 Integration
- 290 Movies - General I (through November 1950)

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- 293 Polls and Public Opinion
- 330 Movies: Isle of Faith

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- 342 Speeches by Staff Members (Speech by Alan Valentine)

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- 346 Movies 1952
- 359 Press 1952

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- 404 Public Opinion 1952
- 466 Radio Answer Man
- 502 Public Opinion 1952 (duplicate from frame 404-466)

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- 574 Visit of ECA historian

**Labor Division, Subject Files, 1948-1954**

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- 583 Labor Policy

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- 600 Foreign Investments General [Memo about American investment]
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**E DEPARTMENT OF STATE, SWISS-BENELUX DESK**

RG 59: General Records of the Department of State, Bureau of European Affairs, Office of Western European Affairs, Alpha-Numeric Files of the Swiss-Benelux desk, 1951-1963.

This collection shows how policies were made in the State Department by the civil servants responsible for the Netherlands. They often used materials from other offices within the State Department.

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023 Royal family  
029 The cabinet 1959  
040 Dutch policy  
063 Country Briefing Books 1960 (Troubles with the Dutch)  
083 Post Administration (U.S. Posts) 1961-1962  
094 American Embassy (=nuclear submarine)  
305 Official-Informal Correspondence with The Hague  
325 Military Assistance and Advisory Group (MAAG) 1957-1959  
356 Military Assistance General  
360 Arms export  
366 Mutual Defense Assistance Program (MDAP) 1960  
418 DLF (Development Loan Fund – for housing for Dutch in Australia)  
548 The Ambassador 1961-1962 (Young)  
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005 South Pacific Commission  
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019 Multilateral Economic Relations  
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309 Arms shipment to Indonesia 1957-58  
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553 Sukarno Visit 1956  
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01-33 Dutch nationals in Indonesia (also microfilmed on reel 2 frame 420)  
01-27 Arms shipment to Indonesia, SEATO (also microfilmed on reel 2 frame 453)  
01-38 US policy toward Netherlands, briefing for vip calls, 1961-62 (also microfilmed on reel 2 frame 480)

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01-021 New Guinea 4 Military 1961-1962  
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