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PROPOSED REVISION OF AFM 181-4,
MAINTENANCE OF CURRENT RECORDS

The subject content of the manual was rearranged to provide a logical pattern to follow in the various phases involved in maintaining records.

Guidelines were added to help eliminate unnecessary filing (such as creating the creation of documents to those that are essential) and to assist in selecting and arranging files space and equipment.

Basic types of records series are explained in more detail to permit easy recognition of those records to be filed in separate records series.

Instructions on files procedures have been expanded to facilitate or simplify labeling and using file folders and guides; preparing, filing, sorting, and filing papers; and files cut-off.

Equipment and supplies prescribed as standard for Air Force use have been expanded to include commonly used items. Control over requests for filing equipment has been extended to nonstandard filing supplies and additional criteria provided for powered or other mechanized filing equipment. (This includes the Presidential moratorium on the purchase of filing cabinets.)

Included are five illustration which are necessary for explanation plus 18 illustrations in the 1958 edition.

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REPLY TO
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SUBJECT: Revised Procedures in AFM 181-4, 3 Oct 1966

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1. We have received many inquiries concerning the provisions of the new AFM 181-4. Following is a discussion of some of the general and specific changes and the reasons for them.

2. General. The manual was written for the majority of recordkeepers of the Air Force. The provisions are based upon Government-wide standards prescribed by the General Services Administration. Some of the procedures and related terms that you have been familiar with have been changed or broadened to coincide with these standards. The procedures are mandatory unless the text of the specific procedure permits flexibility. Some procedures were purposely made flexible because of dissimilarities in recordkeeping practices due to variances in mission requirements, complexity of documentation, volume of files, capability of records clerks, and similar factors. We expect our records people at all levels to adjust these permissive procedures to cope with local problems and exigencies. Therefore, command records management officers should permit more freedom of action and the exercise of ingenuity in recordkeeping at the local level than was permitted in the past. We urge that you carefully consider the need for command-wide standardization of these permissive procedures before imposing arbitrary, mandatory practices on all recordkeeping activities.

3. Specific Procedures.

a. Offices of Record (Para 4). The requirement for commanders to designate offices of record was deleted. The guidelines to follow in establishing offices of record assures that such offices are properly located. The preparation of an AF Form 80 and the transmittal of a copy of that form to the records officer is sufficient notice of the designation and establishment of an office of record.

b. Subjective Arrangement (Para 8f and Item 6, Figure 3). Subjective arrangement is not restricted to the Air Force Subjective Classification System. The latter system is prescribed for the maintenance of correspondence and other related documents which cannot be filed in a more simple arrangement. The policy reference file, arranged by subject topic, is

one example of a locally devised "subjectively" arranged file of documents. Some of you prefer to identify this arrangement as "alphabetic by name" probably because (for demonstration of file coding purposes) the subjects are preceded by alphabetic symbols or because the subjects are arranged in alphabetical order. To achieve a more orderly arrangement, subjects are arranged in alphabetical order and then file codes are assigned--in the Air Force Subjective Classification System these are numerical file codes; in other subjectively arranged records series they are alphabetical file codes. Therefore, regardless of the file coding, the primary arrangement (determined by how the records will most often be requested) is by subject. Thus, the numerical file coding in the Air Force Subjective Classification System does not mean the primary arrangement is numerical; similarly, the alphabetic file coding in other subjectively arranged files does not mean the primary arrangement is alphabetical. We believe the designation is appropriate and should cause no confusion as long as local subjective categories are not assigned numerical codes similar to the Air Force Subjective Classification System.

c. File Coding (Para 10a(1) and 14a). The item number from the AF Form 80 may be used to code papers for filing in other than general correspondence files. While this was prescribed in the previous edition, question has been raised as to the necessity for coding large quantities of similar documents (bills of lading, special orders, etc.) if a command decides to make the procedure mandatory. Again, we believe this provision should remain flexible and not be imposed upon all offices of record. Certainly, an office that accumulates only one basic series (e.g., orders) need not place a file code (item number) on all orders to be filed. The procedure should be used only when it is necessary to segregate and identify several groups of documents for filing and refiling.

d. Placement of AF Forms 82 (Para 12a). The requirement that disposition guide cards be placed to indicate ultimate disposition of the related records was discarded because the system does not agree with Government-wide filing practices. Guide tabs should be placed on the left side (first position) of the file to introduce all records series. Center (second position) guide cards are used to introduce major subdivisions of each records series, when necessary. Right (third position) guides may be used to introduce further subdivisions. Since the guide card bearing the AF Form 82 also serves as the locator guide card introducing each records series, it is logical to place that guide only in the first (left) position. Furthermore, we found that records were not being destroyed or retired on the basis of the position of the disposition guide card but only after the AF Form 82 was referred to.

e. Describing Records in Column 5B of AF Form 80 (Para 10a(2)). The instructions for describing records on the AF Form 80 by using the paragraph title from AFM 181-5 has been changed to permit flexibility--the title of the applicable paragraph or subparagraph of AFM 181-5 will be

used when appropriate. The primary purposes of the change is to permit the AF Form 80 to describe more specifically the types of records in each office of record since many of the paragraph titles in AFM 181-5 are general descriptions of groups of documents. For example, Item 1 of Figure 3--the title of the subparagraph in AFM 181-5 (Files Maintenance and Disposition System Records) is not used because it does not specifically describe the records (AF Form 80) in the series.

f. Using Prong Fasteners (Para 13g and 17). The indiscriminate use of prong fasteners should continue to be discouraged. However, there are instances when their use is justified. When related papers cannot be stapled because of their thickness, the use of prong fasteners is preferred instead of rubber bands, paper and binder clips, pins, etc. Also, when entire folders are frequently used away from the files area, prong fasteners may be used to prevent the loss of loose papers within the folders.

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GSA Regional Bulletin PPTR NO. 3-1-29
SUPPLY AND PROCUREMENTTO: Heads of Federal Agencies and Field Offices Located in
General Services Administration, Region 3

SUBJECT: Standardization of file folders and guide cards

1. Purpose. This bulletin advises agencies of the impending phase out of certain file folders and guide cards from the General Services Administration supply system as a result of recent standardization actions.

2. General. Standardization of file folders resulting from publication of Interim Federal Standard 00256 is shown on Attachment A. All special position cut tabs, plastic tabs and metal tabs have been eliminated and a straight cut, self tab substituted. A standard replacement is shown for these items to be retained as Military Supply Standard items. Standardizations of guide cards, resulting from publication of Federal Specification UU-C-95A is shown on Attachment B. The attachments do not include Department of Defense and Veterans Administration items not currently in the GSA supply system.

3. Action. Agencies should phase out existing stocks of deleted items. Requisitions submitted to Federal Supply Service will be canceled when present depot stocks are exhausted.

4. Expiration date. This bulletin expires upon publication of the 1967 GSA Stock Catalog and not later than December 31, 1967.

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Attachment's

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 ATTACHMENT A

Current Federal Stock No.

- 7530-141-2484
- 200-4308***
- 222-3443*
- 251-6362
- 251-6363
- 251-6364
- 264-3645
- 269-9004
- 273-9845*
- 273-9846*
- 273-9847*
- 276-7909
- 281-2797
- 281-4445
- 281-4446
- 281-5905
- 281-5906
- 281-5907*
- 281-5908*
- 281-5938
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- 281-5959
- 281-5960
- 281-5961*
- 281-5962
- 281-5968
- 281-5969
- 281-5970
- 281-5979
- 281-5982
- 282-2507
- 282-2508*
- 282-7885
- 285-1732***
- 285-2816
- 285-2818
- 285-2824
- 285-2825
- 285-2826
- 285-5879
- 285-5899
- 286-1720
- 286-6923
- 286-6924*

Replacement Federal Stock No.

- 7530-663-0031
- Standard
- MSS** (889-8978)
- 7530-663-0031
- 663-0031
- 663-0031
- 926-8982
- 200-4308
- MSS** (889-3555)
- MSS** (291-0098)
- MSS** (926-8978)
- 7530-663-0031
- None - Note 1
- 285-1732
- 291-0098
- 926-8978
- 926-8980
- MSS** (926-8978)
- MSS** (926-8980)
- 200-4308
- 663-0031
- 200-4308
- 291-0098
- 285-1732
- 291-0098
- 663-0031
- 285-1732
- MSS** (00-23)
- 663-0031
- 926-8978
- 926-8978
- 926-8978
- 291-0098
- 200-4308
- 291-0098
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- Standard
- 291-0098
- 291-0098
- 291-0098
- 285-1732
- 285-1732
- None - Delete
- 663-0031
- 926-8981
- 926-8981
- MSS** (926-8982)

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Legal Pambrouc fold
Kraft (Legal)

Ltr of Pambrouc fold

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 286-8577
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 291-0097
 291-0098***
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 531-7809*
 559-4512***
 634-1785*
 634-5153
 634-5154
 634-5174
 643-4966
 656-1489*
 663-0031***
 707-8406**
 707-8415
 881-2957**
 881-2958
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 881-2960
 889-3555**
 985-7012*
 990-8884

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 663-0031
 200-4308
 663-0031
 663-0031
 MSS** (285-1732)
 Standard
 MSS** (See Note 2)
 926-8982
 926-8982
 926-8981
 200-4308
 MSS** (None - Odd Size)
 Standard
 None - Retain
 None - Delete
 Standard
 926-8975
 926-8979
 926-8977
 Standard
 MSS** (200-4308)
 See Note 3

* These items are ~~not~~ Military Supply Standard items which will continue to be supported by GSA until final standardization action is published.

** These items are proposed replacements. They are published for information purposes only and may or may not replace the current standard item. The results of final selection between General Services Administration and Department of Defense will be included in future cataloging actions. (MSS 7530-7, September 30, 1966).

*** These items are ~~not~~ without charge.

Note 1. Folder No. ~~291-0098~~ 291-0098 may be used as a substitute, without charge.

Note 2. Folder No. ~~291-0098~~ 291-0098 is listed as a "binder".

Note 3. List as ~~291-0098~~ 291-0098.

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ATTACHMENT B

Items Not Covered by Federal Specification
UU-C-95a To Be Discontinued

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7530-988-6559
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7530-988-6529
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7530-988-6535
7530-989-0184
7530-989-2425
7530-988-9787
7530-988-9788
7530-286-7783
7530-269-8132
7530-205-0789
7530-205-0790
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7530-269-9016
7530-269-9019
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7530-261-3805
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7530-285-3108
7530-285-1685
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7530-989-0691
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7530-989-0690
7530-988-6541

Items Covered by Fed.
Spec. UU-C-95a to be
Retained

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7530-261-3819
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RECORDS MANAGEMENT

**MAINTENANCE
OF
CURRENT RECORDS**

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Records Management

MAINTENANCE OF CURRENT RECORDS

This manual prescribes policies, procedures, and techniques for maintaining current records. It explains how to establish basically uniform, economical, and efficient practices for maintaining all types of current records.

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Chapter 1

OBJECTIVES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Why Records and Efficient Records Maintenance Practices are Necessary. Records play a vital role in managing and operating Air Force activities. They serve as the memory of the organization, a record of past events, and the basis for future actions. Records maintained systematically will be complete, easily accessible, and properly arranged to serve current and future purposes. Eliminating duplicate and unnecessary records reduces the expense of handling and the cost and amount of supplies, equipment, and office space. Locating records properly within the organization allows full use and eliminates duplicating current records. Using the proper supplies and equipment further enhances the files operations. The following text contains procedures and criteria for attaining these goals.

2. Supplemental Publications. Command supplements to this manual or other publications that change the basic policies, procedures, or formats prescribed herein are prohibited. Forward a published copy of each major command supplement or other publication that implements this manual, with related forms, to HQ USAF (AFDASB).

3. Duties and Responsibilities.

a. *Records Management Officers*, appointed according to AFR 181-1, will:

(1) Exercise staff supervision over the program to insure that:

(a) The policies and procedures prescribed in this manual are complied with throughout the command, and

(b) Corrective action is taken when required.

(2) Coordinate and adjust command records maintenance practices to insure adequate documentation and to facilitate the disposition of records.

(3) Insure the full and economical use of equipment, supplies, and space for keeping records (see chapter 4).

b. *Records Officers*, appointed in accordance with AFR 181-1, are responsible for monitoring the program at their headquarters and its constituent elements. Reference to records officers in this manual includes those persons assigned the duties of a records officer on a part-time basis. Specifically, the records officer will serve as a consultant to records custodians and records clerks in carrying out the provisions of this manual. He will insure that all records are properly identified on AF Form 80, "Files Maintenance and Disposition Plan," so that correct disposition instructions are prescribed on AF Form 82, "Files Disposition Control Label." (See paragraphs 10 and 11). He will also review all requests for filing equipment to insure proper use in compliance with paragraph 26b.

c. *Records Custodians* are officials in charge of organizational elements which are "offices of record." (See paragraph 4.) They are also responsible for the adequate maintenance and appropriate disposition of the records and for the proper procurement and use of filing supplies and equipment in their custody (see paragraph 26a).

d. *Records Clerks* are individuals who have been assigned the duty of maintaining and servicing the files in an office of record. To do this job effectively, the records clerk must:

Chapter 2

PLANNING AND ARRANGING FILES

4. Where Records Are Located (Offices of Record). Records are located at organizational levels where effective documentation of assigned functions and responsibilities can be assured—offices that have primary interest in the subject matter documented by the records and the primary need to use the files. These locations are known as *offices of record*. Each office of record is responsible for the custody and maintenance of the permanent and temporary current records of the offices it serves. For example, an office responsible for a specific aspect of “administrative management” such as “records management” has custody of all documentation pertaining to that function. At that level, documentation and reference requirements can best be determined. Thus, the functions and responsibilities of the offices served by the office of record are segregated and completely documented—this makes the files more useful, improves documentation of functions, and facilitates disposition of the records. To insure conservation of personnel, equipment, and space; rapid and economical filing and reference; and protection of records, consider the following factors in physically locating records:

a. *Access.* Insure that records are sufficiently accessible to the using activities so that maintenance of duplicate files is unnecessary.

b. *Security.*

(1) Maintain classified files in approved security containers or in space approved as a secure room or alarmed area in accordance with AFR 205-1.

(2) Provide other supplemental safe-

guards required to adequately safeguard classified documents.

c. *Space:*

(1) *Adequacy.* Space should be adequate for present and anticipated records maintenance and service needs. To preclude filing and finding delays and low work output, consider the following in determining the proper amount of space required for files:

(a) The maximum quantity of records required to be maintained at one time; that is, the volume of records on hand at the end of the calendar (or fiscal) year plus the estimated accumulation of the next year.

(b) The minimum number of file containers required to house the records in (a) above. Floor space required for file containers is the space actually occupied by the file containers plus essential access and working (aisle) space. (An allowance of 6 square feet of space is normally adequate for a letter-size filing cabinet.)

(c) The minimum floor space required for necessary desks, chairs, tables, racks, storage cabinets, machines, etc., is based on the space actually occupied plus necessary access and working space.

(2) *Suitability.* Space should be suitable for requirements of the files operation. To insure efficiency of operation, files protection, and safety, health, and morale of records personnel, consider the following:

(a) Ventilation and heating should be comparable to that in other administrative-type working areas.

(b) Lighting should be comparable to that in normal office space—free from glare caused by sunlight, exposed bulbs, or distracting reflections.

documents or groups of documents performing the same function or reflecting similar or comparable transactions are filed together, e.g., bills of lading, requisitions, etc. They are usually filed by name or number and are terminated (cut off) either after a specified length of time or upon the occurrence of an event.

b. *Case Files.* These files are comparable to related documents files described above but reflect the "case history" of a transaction or document a series of related actions concerning a person, organization, location, product, or thing, e.g., contract case files, master personnel records, research and development project files, etc. Typically, a case file documents a transaction or relationship from beginning to end. Accordingly, they are terminated upon the occurrence of an event such as contact completion, retirement of an individual, or completion of a project.

c. *Case Working Papers.* These are short-lived correspondence and working papers accumulated in connection with specific case (project) files. They include background and working materials such as reference materials and data obtained for the case or project, data analyses and summaries, drafts, and other preliminary papers leading to final results or findings. The most common type of working papers are routine requests for reports or data on the case or project, routine correspondence concerning the administration of case or project, extra copies of documents or reference materials in the case file, etc. Although these papers should be segregated from the important case documents, they may be filed in the same case file folder but segregated within the folder. They may also be filed in separate folders and the folders placed together within the file drawer.

d. *Routine Transitory Records.* These are short-lived records that do not contain procedural or policy matter applicable to the receiving office. Transitory records:

- (1) Involve routine transactions;
- (2) Do not contain information of continuing reference value; and

(3) May consist of transmittal letters or forms; requests for routine information, publications, or supplies; communications correcting reports or other minor corrections to records; and/or documents not requiring action by the receiving office.

The recognition and separate maintenance of transitory material is important. Immediately destroy transitory material which has served its purpose rather than file it. Elimination of this material simplifies filing and disposition—there are fewer papers to code, sort and file; reference to important papers is easier and faster; and the need to "screen" records at time of disposal is eliminated. Chronologically maintain as a separate records series that material to be of reference value for 90 days or less. If the volume warrants using more than one folder, four folders may be used as illustrated in figure 1 (item 3). Use one folder each month. At the beginning of each month, place the folder used the previous month behind the other three folders until all four folders have been used. At the beginning of the fifth month, destroy the contents of the folder in front and reuse the folder for that month, etc.

e. *General Correspondence (Subject) Files.* Each office of record will normally have a separate correspondence file. This file consists of originals and copies of communications, memoranda, and related attachments. This correspondence invariably involves a wide variety of subjects and as a consequence can best be identified and used if arranged by subject. The prescribed system for the subject arrangement of Air Force correspondence is the Air Force Subjective Classification System found in paragraph 9 and attachment 1.

f. *Technical Reference Materials.* These materials may include copies of publications, special reports and/or studies, periodicals, etc., required by the accumulating office as a "technical reference library." These materials should be evaluated and only those which are current and will be of significant reference value should be filed. They are usually maintained by offices such as those involved in

statistical reporting, research, development, and gathering and disseminating information.

g. *Extra Copy (Convenience) Files.* These are extra copy files of documents created or received by an office in addition to those filed in other established records series, i.e., copies maintained only for convenience of reference. They should not be maintained by offices unless there is sufficient justification for their use.

(1) *Reading Files.* These are copies of outgoing communications (letters, messages, etc.) or other documents maintained for ready reference, signature control, preparation of periodic activity reports, or similar routine administrative reasons. (See paragraph 4-5, AFR 205-1D, 5 May 1965.)

(2) *Policy Reference Files.* These are copies of selected documents reflecting policies, precedents, procedures, and instructions governing the performance of the mission and operation of the office. They are used as a ready reference in conducting daily business and as a means of indoctrinating new personnel. The file is kept current on a continuing basis by replacing superseded documents, removing obsolete documents, and adding new documents.

h. *Nonstandard Size Records.* Nonstandard size records such as card files, large maps and charts, roll of film, tape recordings, etc., are filed separately when their size and shape preclude filing with standard size records. They may include:

(1) *Still Pictures* — occasionally received prints may be filed with the regular files whereas the negatives require special housing and care for preservation.

(2) *Sound Recordings*—some disks can be filed with standard size records whereas even a small volume of tapes must be filed separately.

(3) *Magnetic and Paper Tapes, X-ray Films, and Microphotographs.*

(4) *Aerial Photographs.*

(5) *Engineering Drawings* — may be blueprints, diazo prints, pencil sketches, or

tracings on vellum which require special reproduction equipment. Some oversize maps and drawings can be folded and filed with related papers in the regular files. However, too many bulky folded papers seriously hampers filing and reference in standard size records. If more than 10 percent are oversize, file them separately.

(6) *Punched, Microprinted, and Microfilm Aperture Cards.*

8. Basic Filing Arrangements. After determining which records will be filed as separate records series, select a method of arranging each series. The selected arrangement should permit ease of filing and finding and preclude the use of separate indexing systems, whenever possible. Frequently, filing procedures for a specific series of records are provided in the directive which prescribes the records. However, when records are accumulated for which specific filing instructions are not prescribed, select one of the following arrangements for the records based upon the feature by which the records will most often be requested. Within the basic arrangement selected for the records series, one or more of these arrangements can be used for further breakdown or subdivision of the series. For example, records geographically arranged may be further arranged by organization; records filed by subject are further arranged chronologically. See paragraph 26a(3) for obtaining approval of patented filing and indexing systems.

NOTE: The office requiring the creation of specific records may prescribe the filing system for the records providing they follow these basic arrangements. If the system is rather common, it will be included in this manual.

a. *Numerical Arrangement.* This system is used to arrange records normally identified and referred to by number, such as bills of lading, requisitions, purchase orders, etc. Other records, such as accounting documents are more useful when arranged by allotment number. (*NOTE:* As a general rule, with the exception of subject codes, do not assign numbers to documents for the sole purpose of arrangement for filing. This practice re-

(4) *Names Consisting of Initials (Trade or Coined Names of Firms)*—arrange as one word.

Example: OAR Chemical Company
OAX Radio Station
PDQ Messenger Service

(5) *Names Containing Words Denoting Direction*—arrange as one word.

Example: South East -----Southeast
West Side -----Westside

(6) *Names of Institutions, Schools, and Colleges Containing an Individual's Name*—arrange by first name. (This does not apply to companies and other business organizations.)

Example: Georgetown Hospital
George Washington University
John Hopkins University

(7) *Organizational Titles Containing Names of Individuals*—arrange first by surname of the first individual mentioned.

Example: Charles Brown and Henry Jones
Brown, Charles (and Henry Jones)
Charles Brown and Company
Brown, Charles (and) Company

(8) *Compound Geographical or Location Words*—arrange as written.

Example: Fort Monmouth Supply Company
Newark Provision Company
West Virginia Grocery Company
West Wellington Motors

(9) *Identical Firm Names*—arrange first by firm name and then by location.

Example: Brown & Company, Denver, Colo
Brown & Company, Los Angeles, Calif
Republic Aviation Corporation, Denver, Colo
Republic Aviation Corporation, San Francisco, Calif

(10) *Chambers of Commerce, Boards of Trade, Banks, Newspapers, etc.*, for which the city is the identifying word—arrange first by city with the state in parentheses and then by name of the chamber of commerce, etc.

Example: Chamber of Commerce, Wash DC
Washington (DC) Chamber
(of) Commerce

(11) *Federal Departments and Subdivisions*—arrange by name disregarding the parent organization.

Example: Department of the Air Force
Air Force, Dept (of the)
Executive Office of the
President—President, Executive
Office (of the)

(12) *State, County, Municipal, or Foreign Government Offices* (such as departments, boards, bureaus, etc.)—arrange first by name of state, county, etc., then by name of department.

Example: Police Department, Arlington
County, Va.
Arlington County (Va) Police
(Dept)

(13) *Nongovernment Firms With Names Beginning With "State, City, County, Board of, Bureau of," etc.*—arrange as written.

Example: City Office Supply Company
Committee (for) Hospitality

(14) *Firms Operating Under More Than One Name and Firms With a New Name*—arrange by most active or current name, as applicable, and cross-reference other appropriate names.

(15) *Fraternal and Similar Organizations When Part of a Larger Organization*—arrange first by name and then by parent organization.

Example: American Legion, Arlington Post,
Va.
Arlington (Va.) Post, American
Legion

(16) *Indexing the Alphabetical File.* Indexing an alphabetical file is accomplished by placing guides to indicate the various divisions and subdivisions of the alphabet under which each group of names falls. The number of alphabetical subdivisions used in a file depends upon the number of names

f. *Subjective Arrangement.* This arrangement is used when the grouping of documents by subject is the primary means of reference. The subjective arrangement of general correspondence files (see paragraph 7e) has been standardized Air Force-wide (see paragraph 9). This standardized arrangement is known as the Air Force Subjective Classification System.

9. Air Force Subjective Classification System.

This system has been designed to arrange and group correspondence and other related papers described in paragraph 7e by the function to which their subject pertains. *Exception:* Small groups (less than 10 papers) of documents with a retention period of 1 year or less may be filed in the "ADM—Office Administration" portion of correspondence files created at major subordinate command level and above and in all correspondence files at lower levels when such action facilitates reference and simplifies disposition.

a. *Major Subjective Categories.* All of the functions performed by Air Force activities have been grouped into 25 broad categories which are referred to as "major categories." A list and description of each major category follows:

(1) ADM—OFFICE ADMINISTRATION. This category is established for classifying and grouping all documents accumulated in carrying out the *internal* administration or "housekeeping" activities of the office, as distinguished from those documents that are incident to the primary mission. For example, this category will consist of:

- (a) Correspondence pertaining to the administration of personnel assigned to the office.
- (b) Records pertaining to charity campaigns.
- (c) Local mail handling and control.
- (d) Local security records.

Thus, this category serves as a convenient means for segregating all nonmission correspondence and related paper which should be

retained for one year at all levels of the organization—see Chapters 5 and 6, AFM 181-5.

(2) CIV—CIVILIAN PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION. This category includes subjects relating to the functions affecting civilian personnel including classification; pay administration; recruitment, employment, placement, and separation of civilian employees; employee-management relations and necessary employee services; career development of civilian employees; participation in the programs of the Board of U.S. Civil Service Examiners; and promotion and administration of the Air Force employee incentive programs. All subjects pertaining to civilian pay operations are correlated under FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION. All subjects pertaining to civilian training are correlated under TRAINING except those concerning the career development program.

(3) COM—COMMAND CONTROL AND COMMUNICATIONS. The subjects in this category relate to the management, concept of operations, system processing, and individual systems/progress for all Air Force command and control matters. It also includes subjects relating to the establishment, maintenance, and operation of facilities for the electrical transmission of communications, fixed radio, wire facilities, and frequency management.

(4) ENV—AEROSPACE ENVIRONMENT. This category includes subjects concerning the total aerospace environment, such as weather forecasting and observing, related meteorological activities and services, solar observing and forecasting, solar-terrestrial effects, and related aerospace environmental activities and services.

(5) FIN—FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION. This category includes subjects relating to the disbursement, collection, and accounting for public funds; the operation of the appropriation, expenses, cost, monetary property, and international accounting system; auditing for Air Force and industrial accounts; budgeting; civilian payroll operations and subjects relating to nonappropri-

and war are included. Peacetime operations also include subjects relating to maneuvers, flights, exercises, war games, and related activities. Be sure to distinguish between the type of operations above and the subject matter of other unrelated activities which are designated "operations" in a general sense. Such subjects should be classified under the appropriate major subjective category.

(17) PHO—PHOTOGRAPHY. This category includes subjects relating to aerial photography, motion picture and still photography, sound recording, and related photographic activities.

(18) POL—POLICE OPERATIONS. This category relates to the enforcement of law and order; the confinement, retraining, and restoration of prisoners; and related activities of directors of security and law enforcement except "military security" which is established as a separate major subjective category.

(19) PRO—PROCUREMENT. This category relates to the procurement of materiel and services from sources outside the Air Force by contract, purchase, and other negotiations. It includes such related matters as industrial resources, production planning, and quality control.

(20) PUB—PUBLISHING AND PUBLICATIONS. This category covers subjects concerning the preparation, printing, and distribution of publications, forms, and orders. Record and reference sets of publications are not to be filed in this category—they are filed as separate series of records.

(21) R&D—RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT. This category includes subjects representing areas and objectives of research and development. The subdivisions of this category are grouped to meet research and development requirements and are based on technical groupings.

(22) SEC—SECURITY. This category is intended to cover the responsibilities and activities of maintaining the National security, and particularly the safeguarding of classified information.

(23) SUP—SUPPLY AND SERVICES. This category involves subjects dealing with the storage, distribution, handling, and cataloging of supplies; and furnishing laundry, commissary, and other services.

(24) TNG—TRAINING. This category concerns the training of military and civilian personnel and the education of dependents in the United States and foreign countries. Subjects concerning the training of civilians as part of the career development program may be subdivided under "CIV (Career Development)." It includes subjects involved in the various types of training that are conducted, as well as those concerning the Air Academy, reserve activities, foreign trainees, and colleges and universities.

(25) TRS—TRANSPORTATION. This category concerns the movement of cargo, personal property, and passengers by commercial and military land, air, and water transportation.

b. Subdivisions. Each of the major categories described above is subdivided by related subject matter. These subdivisions are referred to as primary, secondary, tertiary, and quaternary subjects or topics. The complete list of subjects is referred to as the master outline.

c. Master Outline. The master outline in attachment 1 is intended only as a reference guide in establishing a subjective file to meet the specific requirements of the user. Subjects not specifically provided in the master outline may be added. Secondary and further topics may be used as primary topics when they represent the primary functions of the office of record. Note that the subjects in the master outline refer to correspondence or other documents relating to the subject rather than to the record itself, i.e., reference to "military personnel records" in "MIL" relates to correspondence on that subject rather than to the personnel record itself. Following are specific rules for using the master outline:

(1) Use the master outline as the basis for establishing a file—*use only that part of*

respondence files accumulated at major subordinate commands and levels above, list the "mission" and "office administration" portions of the file as separate items. At all other levels, list general correspondence files as one item. Then, list specific subjects making up each portion of the file (see figure 3 and paragraph 9.) List records series in the sequence that best suits the needs of the using office. Use unclassified descriptions or if the subject/title/description is classified, use abbreviated or short titles by using the first letter of all words except articles, prepositions, or conjunctions which may be spelled out. For example, "Accountability Records for Classified Documents (S)" would be identified as "AR for CD (S)."

(3) *Column 5C.* Self-explanatory.

(4) *Column 5D.* Enter paragraph and subparagraph numbers of AFM 181-5 prescribing disposition of the records. If a paragraph covering disposition of the files cannot be found, enter "None" and advise the records officer.

b. *Distribution.* The office of record retains AF Form 80 (original). Forward the copy to the responsible records officer for review and use in monitoring the maintenance and disposition of the records concerned.

c. *Review.* Preparing AF Form 80 is a one-time job. However, periodically review and amend the form to insure that all files are accounted for and that cited disposition authorities are appropriate. Notify records officers of any corrections, deletions, or additions. Reaccomplish AF Form 80 only when further corrections or additions cannot be made.

d. *Standardization.* Some lower echelon activities (such as base exchange units) accumulate, maintain, and dispose of like records in the same way. In such cases, standardization of AF Form 80 will save time and money. The records management officer approves proposed standard AF Forms 80 before using activities prepare and distribute them.

11. Files Disposition Control Label (AF Form 82). After AF Form 80 is prepared, the next step is to prepare Files Disposition Control Labels (AF Forms 82)—see figure 1—for each records series listed on AF Form 80.

a. *Preparation:*

(1) *Item 1 (Item Number and Title or Description of Records Series).* Enter information from Columns 5A and 5B of AF Form 80.

(2) *Item 2 (Paragraph Number from AFM 181-5).* Enter applicable information from Column 5D of AF Form 80.

(3) *Item 3 (Cut-Off Instructions).* Indicate day and month (omit year to permit reuse of disposition guide card) or event when records will be cut off as prescribed in paragraph 21.

(4) *Item 4 (Disposition Instructions (After Cut-Off)).* Enter the following information, as appropriate:

(a) If the records series has a short retention period and can be held in available space and equipment in office of record until eligible for destruction, enter the word "Destroy" followed by the retention period, e.g., "Destroy after 6 months."

(b) If the series is "permanent" or subject to a long retention period, enter the words "Retire to Staging Area" or "Retire to Records Center," as appropriate, followed by the period of retention in the office of record, e.g., "Retire to Staging Area after 2 years." If the records are permanent, so indicate; if the records are temporary, give additional retention period, e.g., "Destroy after 3 additional years." If disposition instructions are too lengthy for inclusion in this block, enter "See AFM 181-5."

(c) If no disposition instructions have been published, enter "None." If instructions are published later, cross out "None" and enter applicable instructions.

NOTE: When AF Form 82, Aug 61, is used, enter "after cut-off" after appropriate disposition instructions.

b. *Use.* AF Form 82 is printed on special

paper stock which adheres to file guide cards when moistened with water. Affix this form to tabs of guide cards preceding each records series. When placed on guide cards, these labels identify records filed behind each disposition guide card and prescribe their ultimate disposition in accordance with authorities from AFM 181-5 cited on AF Form 80. It is important that all records following a disposition guide card have the same retention period except as indicated in paragraph 9. These guide cards and labels are "disposition" guide cards as distinguished from "locator" guide cards described in paragraph 12a. (Do not use both "locator" and "disposition" guide cards in front of a records series because the disposition guide card also serves as a locator.) These cards will remain with cutoff files as long as they are retained in the current files area.

(1) *Replacement or Reuse of Cards.*
Make new sets of cards as needed for cur-

rent accumulations of each records series. When noncurrent records are retired or destroyed, reuse the disposition guide cards for current accumulations.

(2) *Exceptions.*

(a) When it is not feasible to affix AF Form 82 to a guide card for placing in front of a records series, affix the label to the container housing the records. When the records series is housed in more than one container, affix the label to the first container or to each container.

(b) Do not prepare AF Forms 82 for records maintained for a period of time but never placed in filing equipment (such as safe check and room security inspection records). Instead, enter the disposition instructions immediately below the description of the records on AF Form 80 (see paragraph 10a(2)).

will include the file symbol, subject title, and year; e.g., "MGT 1-3, Maintenance of Current Records, 1966." In other records series, the label will include the item number from the AF Form 80, the identifying name, number, and/or symbol of the file series, and the year or inclusive dates, as appropriate. Place folders behind related guides. (See paragraph 17 for instructions on subdividing folders.)

13. Preparing Documents for Filing.

a. Insure that documents have been authorized for filing by the word "File" and that the initials of the authorizing official have been written on them as illustrated in figure 4. (Certain documents upon which current action is obviously completed do not require file authority; examples are: Memo for Record, classified document receipts, large volumes of single-type documents such as requisitions and bills of lading. In addition, specific categories of records may be exempted from these requirements when justified and approved by the records management officer.)

b. Insure that the file is complete and that all attachments are retained or accounted for.

c. Insure that parts of another file are not accidentally attached.

d. Destroy identical duplicate copies of documents to be filed in the same records series except the "originals" and "coordination (file) copies" of correspondence. Remove all mail control forms and receipts, classified cover sheets, envelopes, and memo routing slips except those containing remarks of significant record value.

e. Assemble documents for filing in the same manner as the prescribing directive requires for their creation, dispatch, and use—with the latest action on top.

f. Remove rubber bands, paper clips, pins, and other temporary fasteners. Mend, or reinforce with transparent tape, all torn or frayed papers.

g. Staple related papers together in the upper left corner. When the material is too thick to use wire staples, use prong fasteners to fasten related file material together.

14. Classifying (Coding) Papers for Filing. After the papers have been prepared for filing, the next step is to code or classify them. Classification segregates the papers into logical categories for ease of filing and finding.

a. For other than subjectively arranged files, use the item number from the AF Form 80 together with the identifying name, number, and/or symbol. In most instances, this identification is already somewhere on the paper. If the number, name, or symbol is prominently displayed, there is no need to mark the file code on the paper; if they are not, underline or circle the identifying data or write the appropriate file code in the upper right-hand corner of the paper—see figure 4. To code a paper for filing in item 9 of figure 3, write the item number in the upper right-hand corner of the paper and underline or circle the name of the individual. Another example is a paper to be filed in a records series with two major divisions and several subdivisions, e.g., a file arranged by "CONUS" and "Overseas" and further arranged by name of the organization concerned. If the paper shows only the organizational name, write the item number from the AF Form 80, the location (CONUS or Overseas), and underline or circle the organizational name. For papers to be filed in the "Transitory" file, the item number from the AF Form 80 is adequate classification.

b. In subjectively arranged files, first determine the major subjective category that represents the subject matter and the specific subdivision if needed. For example, a paper concerning the file classification system of an organization would be coded "MGT 3-1" to describe the category "Administrative Management" and subdivision "Current Records Maintenance." See paragraph 9d for further explanation of file coding.

15. Cross-References:

a. *Use.* When a paper to be filed has more

than one subject, or other coding under which it should be filed, or when a document is brought forward to be consolidated with another file, use DD Form 334, "Cross Reference Sheet," (illustrated in figure 5) as a filing aid. *Exception:* If extra copies of the paper to be cross-referenced are available or if "fast" copies can be conveniently made, use them instead of the DD Form 334 (see subparagraph c below for preparation instructions).

b. Preparation of DD Form 334, Cross Reference Sheet.

(1) *Date.* Type the date of the document being cross-referenced—day, month, and year (e.g., "1 June 1966"). If no date is shown, insert "ND" and approximate date.

(2) *Index.* List all cross-references which are marked. If more than one reference is required, use additional DD Forms 334 as needed.

(3) *To.* Enter name of individual or organization to whom the document is addressed.

(4) *From.* Indicate document originator.

(5) *Summary.* Enter subject line of document being cross-referenced. If further identification is needed, include names, serial numbers, sums of money, or other supplementary information.

(6) *Filed.* Enter file designation of the document. For continuity cross-references, place the new date (under which the document will be filed) in parentheses after the file code, e.g., "MGT 1-1 (1 Jan 66)."

c. Using Copies for Cross-References. When extra copies are used for cross-references, mark them as illustrated in figure 4. Circle the file code to indicate where the extra copy is to be filed as a cross-reference. When "fast" copies are to be used, mark the record copy as illustrated in figure 4 before making the "fast" copies. Circle the cross-reference file designation on the copy to indicate where it will be filed as a cross-reference. For continuity cross-references, indi-

cate the date under which the document will be filed as prescribed in subparagraph b(6) above.

16. Sorting Records. Sorting is the procedure for arranging records in proper sequence to facilitate filing. It also provides ready reference to the records if they are needed before actual filing in the appropriate folders. The extent to which records need to be sorted depends upon the volume and filing arrangement. See paragraph 24g(3) for types of recommended sorting devices.

a. *Subjective Files* should be sorted and arranged first by major subjective category. Then, sort each major category into primary and secondary subdivisions as required.

b. *Alphabetical Files* may be sorted, if the volume is small, by arranging papers to the first letter of the surname only. For larger collections, it may be necessary to sort papers to the first several letters under which the papers are to be filed. When this is necessary, the alphabetical subdivisions contained in figure 2 can be used as a guide or basis for labeling the sorting equipment.

c. *Numerical Files* may be sorted, if the volume is small, by the basic numbers 0 through 9, e.g., in groups 1-999, 1000-1999, 2000-2999, etc. If the volume is large, sort each group into hundreds, then each hundred group into tens, etc. Numerical labels on sorting equipment from 0 through 9 can be used to represent tens, hundreds, thousands, etc. For example, 9 may also represent 90, 900, 9000, etc. Sort documents to be filed by terminal digit into groups from 00 to 99 to make 100 groups. If filing is to be by the primary group only, arrange the subsequent digits of the whole number in conventional numerical sequence within each primary group. However, if further sorting is required, sort each primary group by the first digit of the secondary group and each resulting group by the second digit of the secondary group. Subsequent digits are filed in conventional numerical order within each group.

17. Filing Procedures. Match the file codes of

21. Files Cutoff Procedures. Files "cut off" is the segregation of active and inactive files. Established periodic cutoff of files is essential to effectively control records accumulations and their growth and to facilitate economical disposition in convenient blocks. At least annually, records clerks will cut off files and segregate inactive files from active files; dispose of files eligible for retirement, transfer, or destruction (see AF Forms 82); and destroy all noncurrent technical reference materials (see subparagraph f below).

a. For files maintained on a calendar year basis, cut off on 31 December of each year and establish new files the next day.

b. For files maintained on a fiscal year basis, cut off the files at the end of the applicable fiscal year and establish new files the following day (or on the first day of the new fiscal cycle). For example, when fiscal year 1966 is established to include 1 July 1965 to 30 June 1966, cutoff would be on 30 June 1966 and fiscal year 1967 files established the next day—1 July 1966, etc.

c. For files with a retention period of less than one year (or when the volume and reference value require that only a portion of the file be kept active) maintain them on a daily, weekly, or monthly basis, cut them off on that basis, and dispose of after their authorized retention period. For example, large accumulations of records which are disposable after six months, could be cut off at the end of each month, a new file started the

next day, and the cutoff files disposed of after six months.

d. Records subject to audit or inspection may be:

(1) Cut off as of the closing date of the period covered by the audit or inspection, *or*

(2) Maintained on a calendar or fiscal year basis and either:

(a) Flagged by using a file guide to facilitate disposition of that portion of the file which has been audited or inspected, *or*

(b) Retained for a sufficient period of time to insure that all audit and inspection requirements have been met before the records are disposed of.

e. Files maintained as "case" or "project" files are cut off upon the occurrence of a certain event, such as separation of personnel, final contract payment, or project completion. Upon cut off, place all completed or closed case files in an inactive file. (Unless otherwise specified in AFM 181-5, maintain inactive files on an annual basis.) Then, remove and dispose of the oldest inactive file and case working papers as authorized in AFM 181-5.

f. Since there is no established cut off for most technical reference materials, dispose of them in accordance with AFM 181-5 when they are superseded, obsolete, or no longer needed. At least annually, review these materials to determine that they are current, thus insuring their usefulness. (See AFR 5-31 for guidance on maintaining publications.)

material needed to conduct current business in these cabinets in office space. Filing cabinets are gray-finish steel, upright, 5-drawer, 1 drawer wide, 57½" high, and 28" deep.

(1) *Letter Size (15" Wide)*: FSN 7110-286-3799.

(2) *Legal Size (18" Wide)*: FSN 7110-286-3797. Use only when at least one-fourth of the documents are legal size. Smaller quantities of legal size documents will be folded to fit letter size cabinets.

b. Card Filing Equipment:

(1) *For 3" x 5" and 5" x 8" Cards.*

(a) Gray enameled steel cabinets with 16" deep drawers with compressor, label holder, and pull; four removable feet; stacking slots and interlocking lugs. One-drawer units: FSN 7110-273-8770 (3" x 5") and FSN 7110-273-8772 (5" x 8"). Two-drawer units: FSN 7110-273-8774 (3" x 5") and FSN 7110-273-8776 (5" x 8").

(b) Gray steel upright cabinets:

1. For 3" x 5" cards, 10 double drawers, FSN 7110-269-8451.

2. For 5" x 8" cards, seven double drawers, FSN 7110-273-9512.

(2) *For 3¼" x 7¾" EAM Cards.*

(a) Ten double drawers, holds 66,000 cards, FSN 7110-273-9459.

(b) Eleven two-compartment drawers, holds 82,000 cards, FSN 7110-132-6496.

(c) Two-drawer unit with compressors and stacking slots, 16" deep.

c. Cabinets for Maps, Plans, and Drawings. Five-drawer cabinets, 15¾" x 41¼" x 53¾," with waterproof fabric drawer covers. FSN 7110-205-0821. Separate base (FSN 7110-205-0822) and top (FSN 7110-205-0823) units are available.

d. Cabinets for Machine Listings. These cabinets are "jumbo" file cabinets (18¼" wide, 14¾" high, and 25½" deep), three-drawers with "follow blocks" which hold listings in an orderly vertical position when filed in appropriate binders or separated by pressboard guide cards. This item

has not been included in the GSA Stores Stock Catalog; therefore, Air Force activities maintaining machine lists may locally procure these cabinets and guide cards. Among manufacturers of the "jumbo" file cabinets are All Steel Equipment Company, Art Metal Company, Art Steel Company, Atlas Stencil Files Corporation, Cole, General Fire-proofing, Shaw-Walker, etc. The following pressboard binders (with punched cloth hinges) listed in the GSA Stores Stock Catalog are most satisfactory for maintaining machine listings:

(1) 11" x 17," FSN 7510-281-4310 (3" capacity, with fasteners).

(2) 11" x 14¾," FSN 7510-582-5488 (without fasteners).

e. Shelf Filing. The standard shelf filing cabinet units described in (3) below may be more appropriate than filing cabinets for filing certain material.

(1) *Use.* Shelf filing is most adaptable to records that are alphabetically or numerically arranged such as case or project files. Consider shelf filing when these records total, or are expected to total, 200 linear feet or more, and when:

(a) The filing station is in a relatively permanent location.

(b) The purchase of new filing equipment is contemplated.

(c) Additional space for filing operations is required and only a limited amount of space is available.

(d) The area is relatively free from excessive dust and is not subject to infestation by rodents and vermin. When these conditions prevail, consider standard filing cabinets.

(2) *Factors to Consider.* Under the above conditions, shelf filing equipment costs less than standard filing cabinets, requires less office space, and permits ease of filing operations. Below are specific factors to consider when planning for shelf-filing:

(a) *Records*—must be easily maintained and referenced in shelf filing equipment.

and lower drawers easier: FSN 7110-634-9617 (14" high, with casters) and FSN 7110-634-9618 (26" high, without casters).

(2) *Filing Shelf*—holds papers for filing and attaches to file drawer handle, vinyl bumper protects drawer finish—FSN 7520-634-5922 (12 $\frac{3}{4}$ " x 11").

(3) *Sorting Devices*. When the volume of papers is small, desk trays, a table, or desk top can be used for sorting. However, a sorter is recommended for most small filing operations. It has a series of dividers, three to four inches wide, each hinged to a flat base. Tabs can be labeled and inserted as required. A 24-division sorter will generally meet the sorting requirements of a small office of record. Sorters with more divisions are available—some equipped with a sliding base mechanism. Other sorting equipment is available containing horizontal or vertical dividers. Also, rack sorters can be constructed to meet most sorting requirements.

25. Nonstandard Filing Equipment and Supplies.

As used in this manual, any filing equipment and supplies not listed in paragraphs 23 and 24 are "nonstandard." They will be procured only when the need for such equipment and supplies meets the criteria and requirements in paragraph 26 below.

26. Procedures for Requesting and Controlling Filing Equipment and Nonstandard Filing Supplies.

To insure adequate control and proper use of filing supplies and equipment, all Air Force activities will follow the procedures below. Commands may impose additional controls, as required, to meet these objectives.

a. *Records Custodians* will insure that the following actions are taken before requesting file equipment or nonstandard filing supplies.

(1) *General:*

(a) All records are identified on AF Forms 80 and 82 and are maintained according to this manual.

(b) All temporary records eligible for destruction have been destroyed.

(c) All noncurrent records not eligi-

ble for destruction have been retired to the records staging area or records center.

(d) Filing cabinets, including top and bottom drawers, are being fully used for material needed to conduct current business.

(e) All current records are maintained in the most economical equipment, such as shelf files.

(f) All security filing cabinets not being used for classified material have been exchanged for nonsecurity type filing cabinets.

(2) *Requests for Powered or Other Mechanized Filing Equipment:*

(a) *Factors*. Consider the following factors when planning the use of mechanized filing equipment:

1. The system for which the equipment is intended is well established and not likely to undergo changes which would eliminate the need for the equipment.

2. The site where the records are to be maintained is suitable. Because of the weight of the equipment, it may be necessary to reinforce floors or even preclude its use in some buildings. Also, insure that adequate electrical current is available to safely operate the equipment.

3. The proposed equipment will house a large concentration of records that need to be accessible to one individual at a time. If several persons need to reference the file at the same time, mechanized equipment is not practical and cannot be justified.

4. The filing station is in a relatively permanent filing location.

5. Since none of this equipment of this type is authorized to be used for storing security classified material, insure that adequate security precautions are taken—see AFR 205-1.

6. Adequate maintenance and repair facilities are available.

(b) *Justification*. If all of the above conditions are met, the equipment may be requested provided that the request includes specific evidence that the justification meets one or more of the following criteria and the total savings to be realized exceeds the differ-

Air Force Subjective Classification System Master Outline

Major Subjective Categories and Symbols

ADM OFFICE ADMINISTRATION
 CIV CIVILIAN PERSONNEL
 ADMINISTRATION
 COM COMMAND CONTROL AND
 COMMUNICATIONS
 ENV AEROSPACE ENVIRONMENT
 FIN FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION
 INF INFORMATION ACTIVITIES
 INS INSTALLATIONS MANAGEMENT
 INT INTELLIGENCE
 INV INVESTIGATIONS, INSPECTIONS,
 AND SAFETY
 LEG LEGAL ADMINISTRATION
 MAP MAPPING AND CHARTING
 MED MEDICAL SERVICES
 MGT ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGEMENT
 MIL MILITARY PERSONNEL
 ADMINISTRATION
 MTN MATERIEL MAINTENANCE
 ENGINEERING
 OPS OPERATIONS
 PHO PHOTOGRAPHY
 POL POLICE OPERATIONS
 PRO PROCUREMENT
 PUB PUBLISHING AND PUBLICATIONS
 R&D RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT
 SEC SECURITY
 SUP SUPPLY AND SERVICES
 TNG TRAINING
 TRS TRANSPORTATION

ADM—OFFICE ADMINISTRATION
 Administration of Office Personnel
 Building Services
 Charity and Public Interest Campaigns
 Mail and Messenger Services (Local)
 Office Supplies and Equipment
 Security Procedures for Local Office

CIV—CIVILIAN PERSONNEL
 ADMINISTRATION
 Accessions
 Career Development
 Compensation for Injury or Death
 Conduct
 Disciplinary Actions
 Gratuities and Favors
 Political Activity
 Death and Burial
 Detailing Employees
 Employee Relations
 Employee Groups

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23 Jan 1967

Maintenance of Mission Correspondence Files (Your Ltr, 6 Jan 1967)

USAFCS (CAS-4)

1. Maintenance procedures for correspondence files were simplified in the current edition of AFM 161-4 because of numerous complaints. Mostly, the complainants said (a) it was impractical for records clerks to distinguish between permanent and temporary documents, (b) it resulted in at least one more place to search for a document, and (c) the volume of temporary documents did not warrant the additional filing costs necessary to segregate the documents. On the basis that the primary purpose of filing is to quickly and economically file and find documents and that the ultimate disposition of the records (while important) is secondary, we decided to return to the former system of maintaining permanently all mission correspondence files at major subordinate command levels and above.

2. Screening records to remove unwanted or unnecessary papers is a costly files operation and normally exceeds any related savings in records storage costs. For this reason, "screening" is not authorized in AFM 161-4.

3. We believe, however, that eliminating unnecessary records is important when the cost is justified. Based on problems peculiar to your command and because the records will be screened, in any event, for security reasons, your command is authorized to eliminate temporary documents when preparing correspondence files for staging. Use paragraph 050101b, AFM 161-5, as disposal authority.

FOR THE CHIEF OF STAFF

WILLIAM R. BOUCHER
Chief, Documentation Systems Division
Directorate of Administrative Services

CHAP 1

OBJECTIVES

~~OBJECTIVES~~ AND RESPONSIBILITIES
~~GENERAL~~

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Para 16 - "Custodian. A person in charge of an office in which official A.F. records are filed by law, regulation, or custom; a person so designated by proper authority; and for certain purposes, a person who has physical possession of official AF records for use in his official duties."

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CHAP. 4

FILING SUPPLIES & EQUIPMENT

AF SUBJECTIVE
CLASS, MASTER
OUTLINE

~~DATE LISTING REQUIREMENTS~~

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON DC 20330AIR FORCE LETTER
NO. 181-4

22 August 1966

SUBJECT: Conservation of Equipment and Space Occupied by Records

TO: (Distribution: S).

Expires 31 December 1966 unless sooner rescinded or superseded.

1. Purpose. This letter implements a Presidential directive and General Services Administration (GSA) regulation, imposing on all Federal agencies, a moratorium on the purchase of filing cabinets. It applies to all activities Air Force-wide.

2. Background. The President's moratorium is intended to attain the more effective use of office space and equipment used for maintaining records through procedures which will insure the prompt retirement or destruction of records no longer required for conducting current business. To this end, prerequisite actions are required as justification for the procurement of filing cabinets.

3. Security Filing Cabinets. While the President's moratorium does not apply to GSA tested and approved security filing cabinets required for the safeguarding of classified information by AFR 205-1, the requirements of paragraphs 4 and 5 apply to requisitions for such equipment.

4. Action Required:

a. Commanders will require that all requisitions for letter- and legal-size filing cabinets be reviewed by a records officer (appointed in accordance with AFR 181-1) to insure that the office requesting the filing cabinets has taken the following actions:

(1) All records are identified on AF Forms 80, "Files Maintenance and Disposition Plan," and 82, "Files Disposition Control Label," and maintained in accordance with AFM 181-4.

(2) All temporary records eligible for destruction in accordance with disposal criteria in AFM 181-5 have been destroyed.

(3) All noncurrent records not eligible for destruction have been retired to the records staging area or records center in accordance with the instructions on AF Forms 80 and 82.

(4) Filing cabinets are being fully used for current records, including top and bottom drawers.

(5) The contents of filing cabinets have been re-housed in more economical equipment such as shelf files in accordance with guidelines prescribed by chapter 5, AFM 181-4.

This letter supersedes AFL 181-4, 11 March 1965.

OPR: AFDASB

(6) All security filing cabinets not being used for classified material have been exchanged for nonsecurity type of filing cabinets.

b. If the office requesting the filing cabinet has complied with all of the prerequisites prescribed in a above and the additional filing cabinet is needed, the records officer will so certify on the requisition. He will then forward the requisition to the supply activity for necessary action.

5. Collateral Policies and Actions:

a. Requests for filing cabinets normally will be limited to essential requirements arising from new or materially expanded offices.

b. Filing cabinets will not be requested solely for the purpose of improvement in appearance, office decor, status elevation, or desire for the latest design or more expensive types.

c. The requisition and use of power files or other unconventional filing equipment solely as a basis for circumventing this moratorium is prohibited.

d. All filing cabinets turned-in as a result of actions required by paragraph 4 and the office space released by such actions will be reported as cost reduction items according to AFM 400-12 if they meet the applicable criteria. See action 3, chapter 3, AFM 181-5, 1 July 1963, as amended, for calculation guidelines.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE



R. J. PUGH
Colonel, USAF
Director of Administrative Services

RECORDS MANAGEMENT

**MAINTENANCE
OF
CURRENT RECORDS**

20 FEBRUARY 1960

THIS REPRINT DATED 26 DECEMBER 1963 CONTAINS THE BASIC MANUAL
AND CHANGES A AND B.

FOREWORD

1. ~~Purpose and Scope.~~ This manual implements ~~AFR 181-1.~~ It prescribes policies, procedures, and techniques for the maintenance of current records. It is designed to show records management personnel and records custodians how to establish basically uniform, economical, and efficient practices for maintenance of current records. While this manual stresses the maintenance of subject files, it also prescribes records maintenance procedures that are applicable to all types of records. These procedures include:

- a. Establishing proper locations for maintaining records (offices of record).
- b. Assigning duties and responsibilities for records maintenance.
- c. Using and controlling filing supplies and equipment.
- d. Applying filing practices and techniques.

2. *Applicability.* This manual is applicable to all Air Force activities. It will be effective when received. However, files established according to procedures of the superseded manual may be maintained according to those procedures until new files are established. The new files will then be maintained according to this manual from that time on.

3. *Purpose of Revision.* This manual changes procedures, adds new information, and revises subjects in the major subjective categories. The greatest number of subject changes have been made to the major subjective categories of Financial Management, Mapping and Charting, Administrative Management, and Training (formerly Military Training). Office Services have been deleted and Office Administration has been added. Custodians of records will review the text and the Master Outline in Appendix A, prior to establishing a new set of files.

4. *Supplemental Instructions.* The issuance of supplemental instructions to interpret and apply these basic policies and procedures to organizations or types of records peculiar to certain Air Force activities is authorized. Supplementary directives or manuals which alter basic policies or merely reiterate or duplicate the text of this manual are prohibited.

5. *Changes to Manual.* Recommended changes with supporting reasons will be forwarded to the Director of Administrative Services, Headquarters USAF, ATTENTION: Records Management Group, Washington 25, D. C. 20330

6. *Distribution.* Distribution of this manual is not restricted to the activities named or in the quantities indicated. Additional copies are avail-

This manual supersedes AFM 181-4, 4 September 1953, 20 Feb 1958, as amended, and AFL 181-4, 11 Mar 1965

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able through publications distribution channels and may be requisitioned by any element or activity of the Air Force having a legitimate need for them.

7. *Supply of Forms.* Forms prescribed in this manual will be requisitioned through publications distribution channels.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE:

OFFICIAL:

THOMAS D. WHITE
Chief of Staff

J. L. TARR
Colonel, USAF
Director of Administrative Services

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Chapter 1

CURRENT RECORDS-CUSTODY AND RESPONSIBILITY

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1. Why Records and Efficient Records Maintenance Practices are Necessary

Records play a vital role in the management and operation of Air Force activities. They serve as the memory of the organization, a record of past events, and the basis for future actions. Records maintained systematically will be complete, easily accessible, and properly arranged to serve their purpose at present, as well as requirements of the future. Eliminating duplicate and unnecessary records will reduce the expense of handling, and the cost and amount of supplies, equipment, and office space to maintain them. Locating records properly within the organization is most important to allow full utilization and to eliminate duplication of current records.

2. Where Records Will Be Located

Current records will be maintained by those elements designated by the organization commander as offices of record.

a. ~~Office of Record.~~ *Commanders will establish offices of record at organizational levels where effective documentation of assigned functions and responsibilities can be assured. Records will be sufficiently accessible to the using activities to preclude the maintenance of duplicate files. The office of record will be assigned responsibility for the custody and maintenance of the permanent and temporary current records of the offices it serves. Records maintained by offices of record will be complete. They will include correspondence, with related inclosures, and records of other series required*

to document the responsibilities of the offices served; and those required in the performance of their functions. Although offices of record have actual custody of records, the records management officer and records officers will exercise staff supervision to insure proper records maintenance in accordance with paragraph 3.

b. ~~Role of the Office of Record.~~ *Properly established* offices of record will place records in the custody of the offices that have primary interest in the subject matter documented by the records, and the primary need to use the files. Consequently, the functions and responsibilities of the office served by the office of record are segregated and completely documented. For example: an office of record responsible for some specific aspect of "Military Personnel Administration," such as "Personnel Services," will have in its custody all the documents and records pertaining to that function. Such an office has expert knowledge and an intimate view of its functions and responsibilities, and can best determine documentation and reference requirements. The files thus organized and maintained will serve the needs of the office most effectively, and the segregation of permanent records from temporary and transitory documents will be easier.

c. *Determining Factors for Locating Offices of Record:*

(1) The maintenance of duplicate records (convenience files) by offices served by offices of record is prohibited. ("Reading files" as described in AFM 181-5 are a separate series of records and are not considered

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duplicate "correspondence files.") Locate the office of record so that the need for duplicate files by the offices served thereby is eliminated.

(2) Locate the offices of record at the point of greatest activity for convenience of the users. If the records of an organizational element are normally used only by that element, it should be designated as the office of record.

(3) Avoid centralizing the records of activities unrelated by organization in one office of record. The maintenance of records by the activity primarily concerned with the subject matter makes files more useful, improves documentation of functions, and facilitates disposition of the records.

★3. Duties and Responsibilities

a. *Records Management Officers* appointed in accordance with ~~paragraph 5b~~, AFR 181-1, ~~2 October 1953~~, will:

(1) Exercise staff supervision over the program to insure that the policies and procedures prescribed in this manual are being complied with throughout the command, and that ^(b) corrective action is taken when required.

(2) ⁽²⁾ Indoctrinate and train records officers in the application of current records maintenance procedures.

2 (3) Coordinate and adjust ^{command} records maintenance practices to insure adequate documentation and to facilitate the disposition of records.

3 (4) Insure the full ^{and economic} utilization of equipment ^{and space} for the purpose of keeping records.

b. *Records Officers* appointed in accordance with ~~paragraph 5b~~, AFR 181-1, ~~2 October 1953~~, are responsible for monitoring the program at their headquarters and its constituent elements. Specifically, the records officer will serve as a consultant to

records custodians and records clerks in carrying out the provisions of this manual. He will be responsible for insuring that records custodians receive adequate indoctrination and that records clerks receive adequate training. He will ~~make periodic staff visits to offices of record under his jurisdiction to insure that all records are properly identified on AF Form 80, "Files Maintenance and Disposition Plan," and that correct disposition instructions are prescribed on AF Form 82, "Files Disposition Control Label." (See paragraph 10b, c, and d.)~~ He will also review all requests for filing equipment to insure ^{proper} utilization in compliance with paragraph ~~84~~.

c. *Records Custodians* are officials, ^{in charge of} administratively responsible for an organizational element which ^{are} has been designated as an "office of record." They also are responsible for the maintenance and disposition of the records and for the proper use of filing equipment in their custody.

d. *Records Clerks* are individuals who have been assigned the duty of maintaining and servicing the files in an office of record. To do this job effectively, the records clerk must:

(1) Know the functions of the office for which the records are maintained.

(2) Know what purpose the records are to serve and adjust the filing practices accordingly, so that accurate and efficient reference service can be furnished the users of the file.

(3) Know and apply the records maintenance and disposition procedures applicable to the records he maintains.

(4) Consult with the records custodian and, when necessary, with the records officer regarding problems affecting the maintenance and disposition of records.

(5) Always maintain a neat and orderly file.

(6) Prepare AF Forms 80 and 82.

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References to records officers in this manual include those persons assigned the duties of a RO on a part-time basis

Include OPR for the records only prescribe their own filing systems as long as they follow basic filing arrangements in AFM 181-4. If the system is otherwise common, we will include it in this manual.

Chapter 2

BASIC FILING ARRANGEMENTS

4. Planning Files

The files of an office of record may consist of one or more "records series." A "records series" is a group of documents arranged and maintained to serve a specific purpose, and identified by a name or designation which indicates the function the group of documents performs as a file of "records." The first planning step is to determine what groups of documents accumulated by the office of record should be maintained in separate records series. In making this determination, consider the following:

a. *Reference Requirements.* The need for frequent, easy reference to a particular group of documents may necessitate that the documents be organized and maintained as a separate series of records.

b. *Volume of Records.* A large group of records serving the same purpose and being of the same kind is indicative that it should be maintained as a separate series of records.

c. *Physical Nature.* Non-standard size records as card files, large maps and charts, rolls of film, tape recordings, etc, because of their size and shape will preclude their combination with ~~paper~~ records. Accordingly, they are segregated and filed separately from ~~paper~~ records.

d. *Ultimate Disposition.* Unless it would impair reference, records with different retention periods should be filed as separate series of records to eliminate screening, and facilitate disposition.

5. Basic Filing Arrangements

After considering which records are to be filed as separate series of records, a method

of arranging each series of records must be selected. The method selected should permit ease of filing and finding; and preclude the use of separate indexing systems, whenever possible. A system for the subjective arrangement of correspondence files is included in Appendix A. That system is not intended for the arrangement of all Air Force records. Filing procedures for a specific series of records are frequently incorporated in the directive that prescribes the records. However, when records are accumulated which are not appropriate for filing in a file of general correspondence, or for which specific filing instructions are not prescribed, one of the basic sequence methods for the arrangement of records specified below should be selected:

- Numerical
- Chronological
- Geographical
- Organizational
- Alphabetical

Whenever one basic sequence method is used for the primary arrangement, one or more other sequence methods can be used in subdividing or arranging the records within the framework of the primary arrangement. For example, records filed by subject are further arranged by date. Similarly, records arranged geographically may be subdivided organizationally. Subsequent paragraphs of the Chapter contain a description of the filing arrangements and criteria for their use.

6. Subject Arrangement

This is the term used to describe the arrangement of files by categorical topics and

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then by related subjects within each topic. Although there are many types of documents than can be arranged effectively by subject, this arrangement is most frequently used for arranging correspondence. Each office of record will normally have a separate correspondence file. This correspondence file will consist of originals, carbon copies, or other reproduced copies of letters, indorsements, memoranda, and related inclosures; and electrically transmitted messages. This correspondence invariably involves a wide variety of subjects and as a consequence can best be identified and used if arranged by subject. The prescribed system for the subject arrangement of Air Force correspondence is the Air Force Subjective Classification System found in Appendix A. Procedures and techniques for the application of the System are found in Chapters 3 and 4. Because of the practice of some activities to file in the correspondence file all the records they create or accumulate, examples of the types of records that are not appropriate for maintenance as a part of the correspondence file are cited below. They are more effectively maintained as separate series of records.

a. (1) Record sets and reference collections of publications which are arranged by type of publication and chronologically and/or numerically under those types.

b. (2) Control type records, such as index cards, locator cards, mail control records, document receipts, etc.

c. (3) Records with a short retention time, such as locator files of messages, filed by "cite" number and/or geographical location, and transitory and reading files arranged chronologically.

d. (4) Case files, such as civilian and military individual personnel records, and claims and contract case files.

e. (5) Specific series of records for which a separate directive prescribes for their maintenance such as numerical and functional forms files, bills of lading files, supply records, etc.

f. (6) RCS Reports.

7. Numerical Arrangement

This system is used to arrange records that are normally identified and referred to by number as bills of lading, requisitions, purchase orders, etc. Other records, such as accounting documents, are more useful if arranged by allotment number, etc.

(Note: As a general rule, with the exception of subject codes, numbers should not be assigned documents for the sole purpose of arrangement for filing. This practice requires the establishment of additional indices to locate the documents.)

There are two methods for arranging records numerically:

a. *In Consecutive Numerical Sequence.* This is the conventional method illustrated in Figure 1;

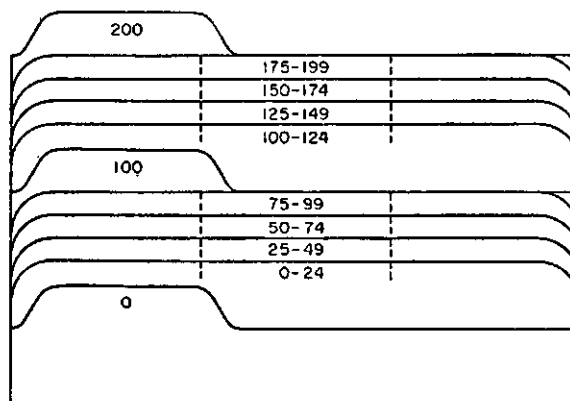
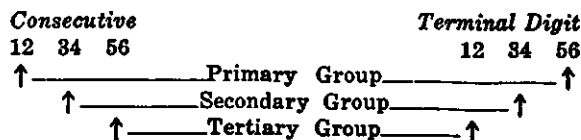


Figure 1. Conventional Numerical Arrangement (Par 7a)

b. *By the Terminal Digit Method.* Under this method, numbers are read from right to left and arranged in groups. Consideration should be given to the adoption of this system when documents to be filed numerically have gaps in their numerical sequence, are comprised of five or more digits and consist of 25,000 or more card records or individual documents or 10,000 case folders. The basic difference in reading a six figure number is illustrated below:



Under this system, records are arranged according to (1) The last two or three digits; then (2) By the secondary group, and (3) By the last group. Illustrated below is a sample arrangement using the conventional and terminal digit arrangement:

Conventional	Terminal Digit				
	Primary only	Primary and Secondary			
32200	322 00	97 13 00			
365348	9713 00	3 22 00			
453648	6153 02	61 53 02			
615302	3653 48	45 36 48			
971300	4536 48	36 53 48			

This system speeds sorting and filing, reduces errors caused by transposition of numbers, and permits a better distribution of the work load. Figures 2a and 2b illustrate the various possible terminal digit filing combinations.

8. Chronological Arrangement

This system is used to arrange documents in date sequence when the date is the primary means of reference. It is the most useful method for keeping documents in small, manageable groups, usually by year, month, and day. Chronological arrangement

is frequently used in conjunction with other systems. Transitory, reading, and suspense files are examples of records which are generally arranged by date. Figure 3 illustrates a suspense file that is arranged chronologically.

9. Geographical Arrangement

This is a file arrangement by geographical locations such as area, country, state, county, etc. It is used when the geographical location is of primary importance in referencing records. The file is arranged in alphabetical sequence first by the name of the main geographical division, such as a "state," then by the next most important subdivision required for reference purpose such as "counties," "cities," or "names of bases." Figure 4 illustrates a geographical filing arrangement by state.

10. Organizational Arrangement

This file arrangement is used when the grouping of documents by the name of the *pertinent* organization is of primary importance in referencing records. Organiza-

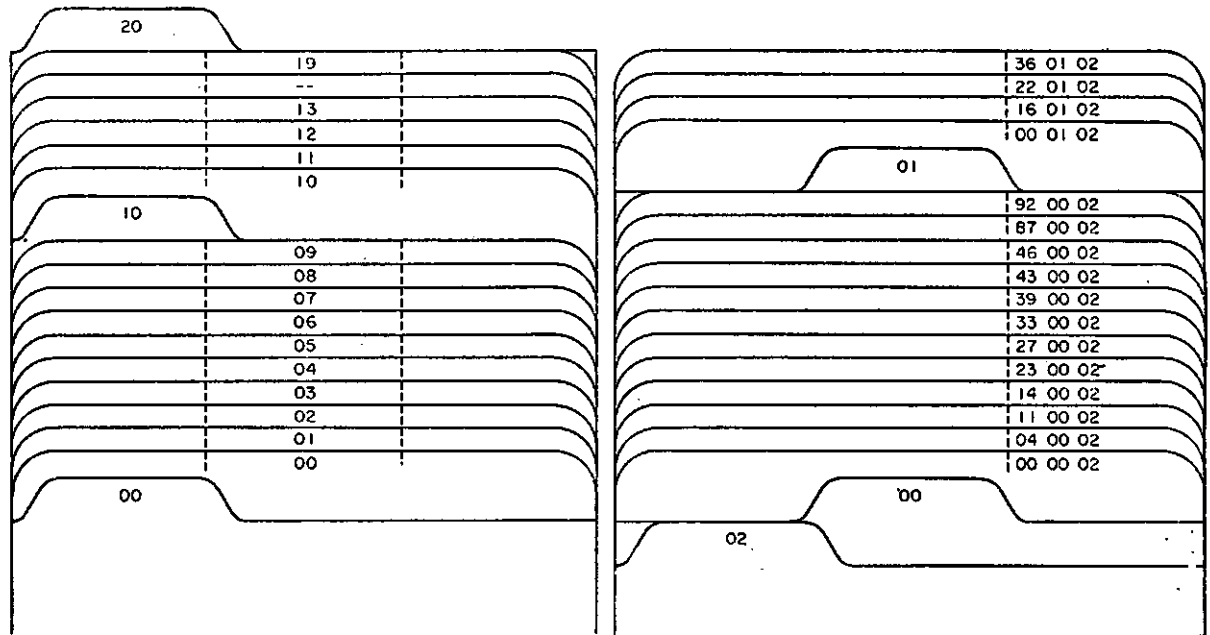


Figure 2. Terminal Digit Numerical Arrangement (Par 7b)
 2a. Using Primary Groups Only 2b. Using Primary and Secondary Groups

tional arrangement is fundamentally an "alphabetical" arrangement of organizations as they relate to each other. They are arranged by particular levels of command and subdivided by subordinate elements arranged alphabetically and numerically by the designations of the organizations. If both name and number organizational des-

ignations are filed in the same group, the names will be filed in front of the numbers. (See Figure 5.)

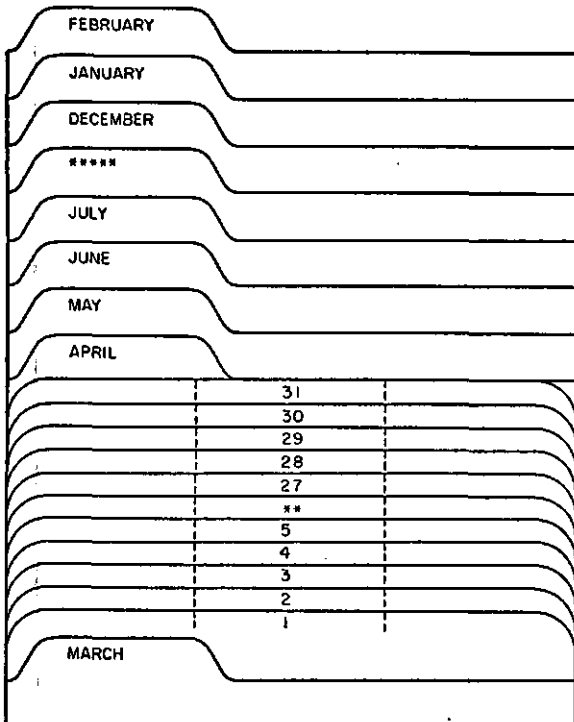


Figure 3. Chronological Arrangement (Par 8)

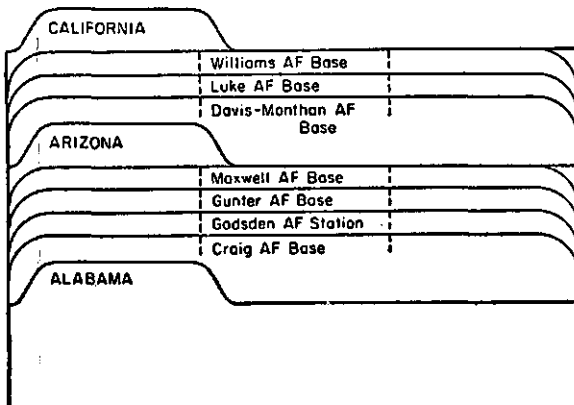


Figure 4. Geographical Arrangement by State (Par 9)

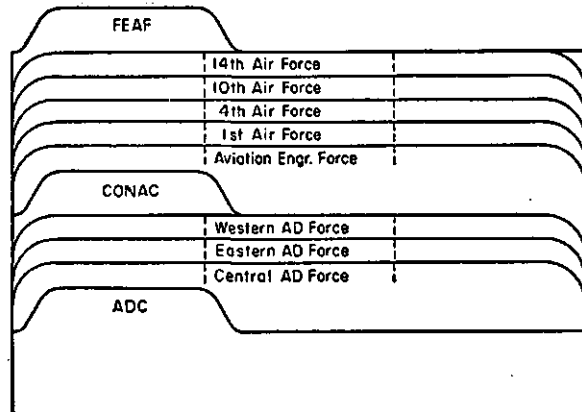


Figure 5. Organizational Arrangement (Par 10)

11. Alphabetical Arrangement

This arrangement is used to file documents by name of persons, companies, agencies, etc., in alphabetical order. It is used when the name is of primary importance in referring to the records. Because names comprise more than one word and frequently include initials and descriptive words, rules for filing them alphabetically will be consistent. Rules for alphabetical filing of names are found in Appendix B. Figure 6 illustrates samples of alphabetical filing arrangements.

12. Case Filing

This method of filing is the grouping of documents that pertain to a particular person, place, or thing. A case file may consist of correspondence and other documents, all of which pertain to the same person, place, or thing. The case file differs from a subject file in that the subject file consists of the documents collected on separate transactions, all of which pertain to a *general* subject; while the individual documents in the case file pertain to a *specific* subject; such as a particular person, place, or thing. Case files are also distinguished from subject files

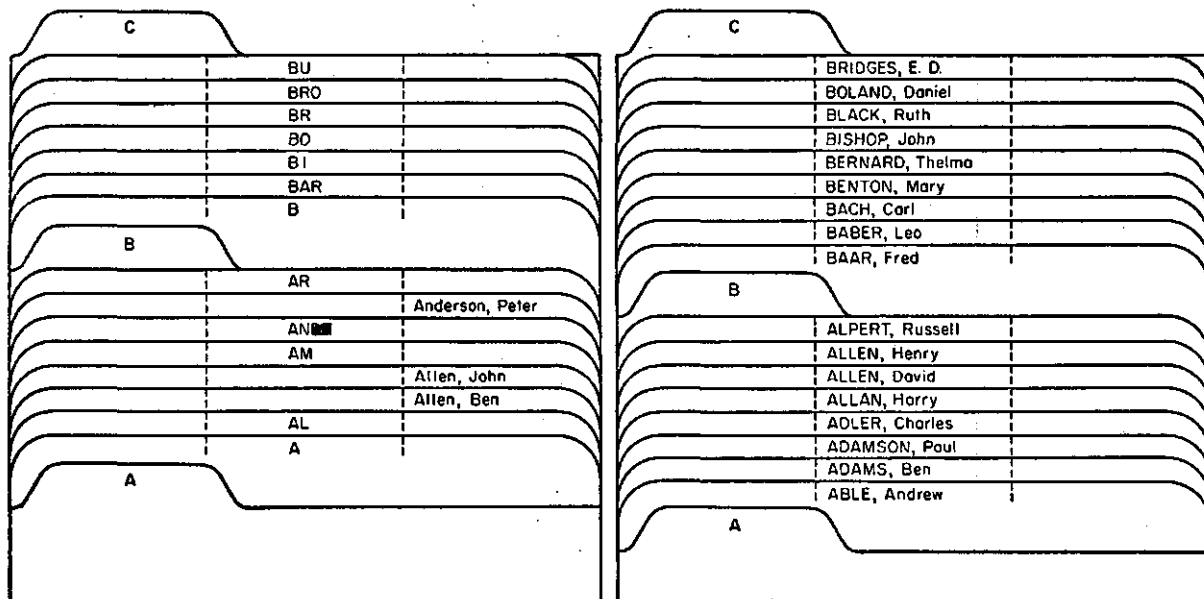


Figure 6. Alphabetical Arrangement (Par 11)

6a. Consolidated and Individual Files

6b. Individual Files

in that subject files are terminated annually while the termination of a case file is contingent upon an event, such as final payment of a contract, completion of a project, termination of employment, etc. For these reasons, case files are generally filed as a separate series of records under any of the arrangements mentioned above as may be appropriate. However, small groups of case files may be maintained in the correspondence file as a subdivision of the general subject. For example, the general subject of microfilming may be subdivided by case files, each file pertaining to a specific microfilming project. In this case, the general subject folder would be cut off annually but the case files would be brought forward to the current year's file until the particular

project was completed. Papers within each case file are generally arranged in chronological order, with the most recent paper placed at the front of the folder.

13. Use of Copyright Indexing and Filing Systems

The use of indexing or filing systems that have been copyrighted by the manufacturer is prohibited, without prior approval of Hq USAF. Approval will be requested from the Director of Administrative Services, Headquarters USAF, ATTENTION: ~~Records Management Group (AG-215-8)~~, giving a description of the system to be used, the name of the manufacturer and the records to be maintained thereby.

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Chapter 3

THE AIR FORCE SYSTEM FOR THE ARRANGEMENT OF RECORDS BY SUBJECT

CORRESPONDENCE

14. What This Chapter Contains

This chapter contains a description of the Air Force Subjective Classification System for the arrangement of correspondence by subject. The classification system, consisting of a master classification outline of Air Force subject matter and a relative index thereto, will be found in Appendix A.

15. The Air Force Subjective Classification System

a. *Introduction.* It has been said that: "the best system ever devised is only as good as the persons that use it." This means, of course, that in order for a "system" to accomplish the purposes for which it is designed, the persons that use it must understand thoroughly what it was designed to do and how to apply it. The Air Force Subjective Classification System has been designed to:

- (1) Arrange and group correspondence and related documents by the Air Force *function* to which their *subject* pertains;
- (2) Provide subject arrangement of correspondence and related documents so that they can be filed and found quickly and easily; and
- (3) Enable Air Force activities to separate, simply and quickly, those portions of the file that must be retained from those that should be disposed of promptly.

Since the system is designed to group the subject matter of documents by the *function* to which they pertain it can be described as a "functional classification system." With that idea in mind, all of the functions per-

formed by Air Force activities have been grouped into twenty-five (25) broad categories which are referred to in the system as "major subjective categories" or "major subjects."

b. *Major Subjective Categories.* The "major subjective categories" are listed in Appendix A, together with a list of the most common specific subjects that comprise each of the major subjective categories. Each of the twenty-five (25) major subjective categories represents a group of specific but related functions and related subject matter. The addition of other major subjective category titles is not authorized. The meaning and scope of each major subjective category is explained in Appendix A.

c. *Subdivisions.* Each of the major subjective categories is subdivided by related subject matter. These subdivisions are referred to as primary, secondary, tertiary, and further subdivisions. When the primary subject is rather broad in scope and includes matters frequently identified as separate functional subjects, a list of such subjects is provided. These subjects are referred to as "secondary subdivisions," or "secondary subjects." Similar lists of related subjects are added to the secondary subdivisions and tertiary subdivisions. The complete list of subjects is referred to as the "master outline" for it is, in fact, an "outline" of the broad functions performed by Air Force activities, a majority of the specific functions of which they are comprised, and how they are related to each other. The "master outline" in this manual is intended only as

a *reference guide* for establishing a "subject file" that will meet the specific requirements of the user and to show the proper relationship of specific subjects to the major subjects and to each other. Subjects not specifically provided for in the master outline may be added. *To permit flexibility and simplification of the filing system, secondary and further subdivisions may be used as primaries when they represent the primary function of the activities served by an office of record.* It must be noted that the titles represented as subdivisions are subjects and do not indicate that the record itself will be filed there. For example, MIL 7, "Military Personnel Records" is used to group correspondence on the subject of Military Personnel Records. The personnel records groups or individual personnel files are filed as a separate series of records and not in the correspondence file.

d. *Rules for Using the Subjects in the Master Outline.* It must be borne in mind that the Air Force Subjective Classification System is designed to meet the many and varied requirements for "subject files" that exist throughout the Air Force. It is not intended that the master outline of subjects be used in its entirety for a single set of files. The master outline will be used only *as the basis for establishing a file*, using only as much of the "master outline" as is necessary to meet the reference requirements of the user and volume of documents that will be placed in the file. If the suggestions below are borne in mind in applying the system and its procedures, a simple and effective subject file will result.

(1) If the volume of records accumulated under a major subjective category is small, use only the major subjective category and, if necessary, certain selected primary subdivisions.

(2) Subdivide subjects only when experience indicates that a specific aspect of the subject is referred to frequently, and the volume warrants a separate subdivision.

(3) When the volume of documents in a subject folder reaches the capacity of the folder (three-quarters of an inch) and it is

not necessary to subdivide it in accordance with (2) above, add another folder on the same subject, identified by the inclusive dates of the documents within each folder.

e. *File Codes.* File codes are a combination of letters and numbers that represent a particular subject.

(1) Subjects are assigned file codes to facilitate identification for classifying, sorting, and filing. In this classification system the coding system consists of a three-letter symbol for each of the 25 major subjective categories and number(s) representing the subdivision, if used. With only a few exceptions, the symbol clearly suggests the subjective title it represents. For example, CIV means Civilian Personnel Administration, and MGT means Administrative Management. A list of the symbols is contained in appendix A.

(2) As indicated in g(2), below, subdivisions are arbitrarily assigned a number in the sequence in which they were established on the initial file outline. Dashes are used to separate the numbers. Examples of file codes representing major subjective categories and primary, secondary, and tertiary subdivisions are illustrated below:

Major Subjective Category	CIV
Primary	CIV 1
Secondary	CIV 1-1
Tertiary	CIV 1-1-1

f. *Relative Index.* The index in appendix A is an alphabetical listing of specific subjects, indicating the related major subjective category or subdivision in the Master Outline, Air Force Subjective Classification System. The relative index shows the proper relationship of specific subjects to the major subjects and to each other. It will assist the user of the system to classify documents properly for filing. For example, MIL 2 indicates that the subject of "Assignment of Military Personnel" is related to the major subjective category, MILITARY PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION. The subject, "Temporary Duty Assignment" is MIL 2-8 which indicates that this subject is related to MIL 2, "Assignment of Military Personnel." Note that the index also in-

cludes titles and terms synonymous with subjects listed in the Master Outline. It is not necessary to compile a separate relative index for the file outline of the files of an office of record (see g, below). However, a notation on the file outline of the inclusion of unusual subjects in a major subjective category or subdivision thereof is frequently very useful. It is again emphasized that the numerous subjects that make up the Master Outline and the Relative Index are to be used only to the extent necessary to establish a file in the most simple form that will meet the requirements of the office of record.

g. *General Correspondence Files Outline.* (Note: The "file outline" (subjective classification outline) for general correspondence files has been made a part of AF Form 80, "Files Maintenance and Disposition Plan," described in paragraph 19c. Do not prepare a separate general correspondence "file outline." Pending a complete revision of this manual, all references to "file outline" will be interpreted to refer to that portion of AF Form 80, which describes the subjectively arranged general correspondence file. Accordingly, the following instructions for maintaining these files will continue to apply.) Use the "master outline" as a basis for establishing a "file outline." Subjects not specifically provided for in the "master outline" may be added to the "file outline" as required. The "file outline" is prepared on AF Form 80. (See paragraph 19c.)

(1) In preparing the file outline, select the major subjective category or categories that represent the subject matter areas dealt with by the offices served by the office of record. Use only the minimum of subdivisions warranted by volume of correspondence. (add)

(2) In numbering the primary, secondary, and further subdivisions, do not use the numbers in the master outline, but assign your own numbers in sequence, under each major subjective category, as illustrated below. In the illustration, a group of subjects from the major subjective category, MILITARY PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION, is used. If subjects are added

after initial compilation of the file outline, merely assign the next number in sequence.

MIL 1 Assignment and Reassignment
2 Discipline-Conduct
3 Pay and Allowance
4 Promotion and Demotion

(added) 5 Identification

Secondary numbers will be assigned in sequence under each primary subdivision as illustrated below:

MIL 1 Assignment and Reassignment
1-1 Attached
1-2 Permanent Change of Station
1-3 Temporary Duty
(added) 1-4 Flying Status

(3) Consecutive numbering is not required in secondary or further subdivisions that are subdivided by a numbering system from another publication. To illustrate: When the supply class numbers listed in AFM 67-1 are used as subdivisions of MTN, the classification numbers will be used as assigned in the supply manual: for example, MTN 4 (14), (15), and (25).

(4) Avoid setting up folders that will contain only one or two papers.

(a) Subdivide major and primary subjects only when experience indicates that a specific subdivision of the major subjective category is needed for reference, ~~or to segregate records that have different retention periods.~~

(b) Do not use a subdivision merely because a few pieces of paper are accumulated on a specific subject, or anticipate the use of subdivisions, unless experience indicates their need.

Example A illustrates further an elaborate subdivision that may be consolidated to provide adequate subject coverage, and yet will result in making and searching fewer folders. (See example B.)

Example A:

MED 4	Hospital and Dispensary Administration
4-1	Capacity and Status
4-2	Clinical Records
4-3	Patient Management
4-3-1	Admission and Disposition
4-3-1-1	Discharge
4-3-1-2	Leave
4-3-1-3	Transfer

Example B:

MED 4	Hospital and Dispensary Administration
4-1	Capacity and Status
4-2	Clinical Records
4-3	Patient Management

In the above example, it was assumed that only a few papers were accumulated on each subdivision of MED 4-3. Therefore, to avoid making four folders that would contain only a few papers each, these papers were consolidated under MED 4-3. It is best to let experience dictate the need for subdividing each subject.

(5) The terms "general" and "miscellaneous" will not be used, since generalization is provided throughout the system. Using example A, above, as an illustration; a letter pertaining to Hospital and Dispensary Administration, but not specifically to subjects 4-1 thru 4-3, would be classified under MED 4. Similarly, a letter pertaining to Patient Management, but not specifically to the subdivisions thereof, would be classified MED 4-3.

(6) ^{Original} ~~copy~~ of AF Form 80, "Files Maintenance and Disposition Plan," ~~including superseded plans~~ will be maintained in front of the ~~current general correspondence~~ files. It is not necessary to retire a copy of the plan with files retired to the records staging area because the AF Form 42, "Records Shipment List," contains sufficient detail to facilitate search. (Note: ~~"File Outlines" superseded by the system described in paragraph 19b will be maintained and retired with the general correspondence accumulated before adoption of this system.~~)

★ 16. Classifying Correspondence

Classifying is the process of determining the subject matter of the document; the major subjective category that represents that subject matter; the specific subdivision to which it pertains, if needed; and the file code that should appear on the paper.

Subject matter is classified in accordance with the file outline prepared for the office of record. In determining the classification of a letter, the classifier should read the body of the letter since the "subject line"

does not always represent the actual subject, or may lack sufficient identifying information. In the process of classifying documents, the classifier must also determine the need for cross-referencing as discussed in paragraph 17 and illustrated in figures 7 and 8. After the appropriate classification is determined, place the file code on correspondence in the upper right corner as illustrated in figure 7. Papers will be coded only after action has been completed and papers have been authorized for file. (See paragraph 21a.) A few general rules to be followed in classifying by the Air Force Subjective Classification System are discussed below:

a. The subject of a document may have a different meaning or significance to the individual activities involved in the exchange of correspondence. Therefore, the subject of the document should be classified on the basis of its pertinence, interest, or significance to the functions and operations of the activity for which the document is maintained. For example, to an Operations Office, the subject "Use of Air Bases" may mean suitability of the base from the standpoint of its use for strategic bombing operations and the document would be classified accordingly, under OPS-1. To an Installations Office, the subject may concern the engineering problems involved in maintaining the airfields, and therefore, it would be properly classified under INS-1. Similarly, documents that refer to an item of supply, or the action of a board or committee, should be classified on the basis of the subject matter they concern and on the basis of their pertinence and significance to the function of the office for which the records are maintained. For example, a letter about an item of supply would be classified under MTN, SUP, or R&D depending upon whether the letter concerned the maintenance of the supply item, the distribution of the item, or the performance of research and development on the item. Likewise, reports, if not filed as a separate series of records, should be filed by the subject of the report. For example, Records Management Reports are filed under MGT-1, Documentation and Records Management, and not under MGT-10.

From AFM 181-4B includes classifying procedure for separate series - 5/27/53-66 19/5/60

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30 August 1961

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON 25, D.C.



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REPLY TO
ATTN OF: AFCSS-CP-4

SUBJECT: Suggestion No. 1234 - Preparation of Correspondence

1 JUN 1961

TO: HQ USAF (AFCAS-8)

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2. XXXXXXXX XXXXXX XX XXX XXXXX XXXXX XXXXXXXX XXXXXX XXXX XXX

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Figure 7. File and Cross-Reference Designation (Par. 16)

DATE ~~15 Dec 57~~ 1 JUN 1961

INDEX: CIV 11-2

TO: AFCAS-8

FROM: Hq Committee on Civilian Awards

SUMMARY: Suggestion No. 1234 - Preparation of Correspondence

FILED: MGT 1-1

INDEXER: amd

REMARKS:

*Illustrate / Major
category into 2*

DD FORM 1 MAR 50 334

CROSS-REFERENCE SHEET

16-61293-1
U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE : 1951-O-971013

Figure 8. DD Form 334, Cross-Reference Sheet (Pars 16 and 17)

b. Correspondence accumulated in the performance of the primary mission or functions of ~~the offices served by~~ the office of record, as opposed to those documents accumulated in the internal administration of the office, will be classified under the major subjective category or subdivision thereof that represents each such subject. (See Figure 9.)

c. Correspondence accumulated in the performance of the internal administration of ~~the offices served by~~ the office of record will be classified under the major subjective category OFFICE ADMINISTRATION, or appropriate subdivision thereof.

d. Correspondence, whether ~~it~~ concerns "mission functions" or "office administration" that are "transitory" in nature will be classified and filed as transitory material as explained in paragraph 19*af*.

17. Cross-Referencing

DD Form 334, illustrated in Figure 8, is placed in the files as a finding aid when reference is made to the actual document in more than one way. A copy or copies are

filed under one or more subjects as required, indicating where the actual document is filed. Judgment based on knowledge of the files and the manner of making references should determine the extent of cross-referencing. Elaborate cross-reference systems should not be established because, in isolated instances, a particular document is hard to find. Instructions for preparing the cross-reference form are contained in paragraph e, below. As a general rule, documents should be arranged in a manner which will preclude the necessity for cross-references, or any other additional "finding" system.

a. *Subject Cross-Referencing.* When two or more separate and distinct subjects are contained in a single document, classify and file the document under the primary subject, and cross-reference the other subject, or subjects, as required. The cross-reference designation will be made by the classifier at the time the initial coding is made. The designations are placed on documents as illustrated in Figure 7.

b. *Name Cross-Referencing.* Air Force

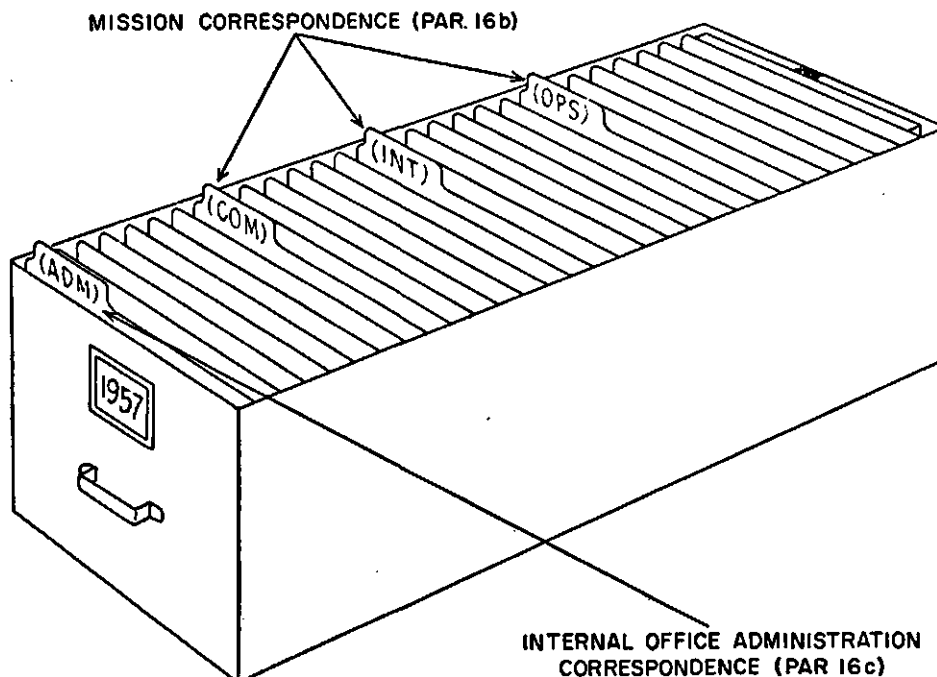


Figure 9. Example of Mission and Office Administration Correspondence File (Pars 16 b and c)

activities, conducting a large volume of correspondence with the general public, the Congress, or other government agencies, may find a "name index" useful in quickly locating correspondence filed by subject. When such an index is warranted, it will be maintained in front of the first drawer of the files to which it relates.

c. Continuity Cross-Referencing. This is the use of a cross-reference sheet describing a document brought forward from one folder to another and consolidated with related papers. The continuity cross-reference sheet is filed, replacing the document brought forward.

For example: a basic letter with 2 indorsements, filed under date of 21 Jun 60, may be brought forward and attached to another basic letter, dated 7 Jan 61, on the same subject and transaction. A cross-reference sheet is prepared and filed in place of the letter dated 21 Jun 60 to show that the letter has been placed in the files of the following year.

d. Cross-Reference Designation. File and cross-reference designations will be placed on the document as illustrated in figure 7. A check mark, drawn through the (x), will indicate that the cross-reference has been prepared. Names to be cross-referenced should be underlined. Place an (x) over the name after cross-reference has been made.

★*e. Preparation of Cross-Reference Sheets.* DD Form 334 (supplied in single sheets is used for this purpose (see figure 8).

(1) *Date.* Type date of correspondence or document being cross-referenced: day, month, and year (e.g., 1 June 1961). If no date is shown, insert "ND" and approximate date, or, date received.

(2) *Index.* List all subject and name cross-references which the classifier has

marked. If more than one reference is required, use additional DD Forms 334 as needed. This form is also used for "continuity cross-referencing."

(3) *To.* Enter name of individual or organization to whom the document is addressed.

(4) *From.* Indicate document originator.

(5) *Summary.* Enter subject line of document being cross-referenced. If further identification is needed, include names, serial numbers, sums of money, or other supplementary information.

(6) *Filed.* Enter file designation of the document. When a continuity cross-reference sheet is being prepared, place the new date (under which the correspondence will be filed) in parentheses after the file designation; e.g., MGT 1-1 (1 Jan 63).

★*f. Substitution of Copies for DD Form 334.* If an extra copy of the document to be cross-referenced is available, use it instead of DD Form 334. Also, use copies made on "fast copy" machines in lieu of DD Form 334 when facilities are conveniently located.

(1) *When Extra Copies Are Used.* Mark extra copy as illustrated in figure 7. Circle file designation to indicate where the extra copy is to be filed as a cross-reference.

(2) *When Fast Copies Are Used.* Mark the record copy (as illustrated in figure 7) before making fast copies of it. Circle file designation, on the copy, to indicate where it will be filed as a cross-reference.

(3) *Continuity Cross-Reference.* When using extra or fast copies for continuity cross-reference, write (in parentheses) the new date under which the document is filed (as described in subparagraph e(6) above).

Chapter 4

FILES PROCEDURES

18. What This Chapter Contains

This chapter contains instructions for:

- a. Filing to facilitate disposition of records.
- b. Maintaining classified records.
- c. Preparing and assembling correspondence for file.
- d. Using guides and folders.
- e. Labeling guides, folders, and cabinets.
- f. Charging out documents from the file.
- g. Fastening papers.
- h. Sorting records.
- i. Cutting off files after prescribed periods of time or upon occurrence of a specific event.

19. Adaptation of Filing Procedures To Facilitate Disposition of Records

★a. *General Policy.* Planning for records maintenance has 2 objectives:

- (1) To arrange records to meet current reference requirements.
- (2) To identify and group series of records to facilitate systematic disposition authorized by AFM 181-5.

Arrange files to make it easier to destroy or retire them. *For example:* arrange files to permit periodic retirement or disposal of each records series in complete blocks (see figure 10). Do not interfile records having different retention periods.

★b. *Consolidated Files Maintenance and Disposition System.* AF Forms 80 and 82,

"Files Maintenance and Disposition Plan," and "Files Disposition Control Label," are the 2 basic elements of this system. These forms (described in c and d below) replace AF Forms 296 and 296a, "Records Control Schedules," and "Continuation Sheet," and the general correspondence files outline. Records control schedules, superseded by this system, will be retained as long as needed.

c. *Files Maintenance and Disposition Plan:*

(1) *Purpose.* AF Form 80, "Files Maintenance and Disposition Plan," will be prepared by each office of record (see figure 10a). It identifies all records for which an office has responsibility—both general correspondence files and other separate series of records. When used with labels (described in d below), this form provides a comprehensive and efficient system for maintaining and disposing of records.

(2) *Preparation.* Both sides of AF Form 80 will be used and prepared (in duplicate) as follows:

(a) *Column 5A.* Start with number 1 and consecutively number each series of records on the "Plan."

(b) *Column 5B.* Enter a brief, precise description of each series of records, using title of the applicable paragraph of AFM 181-5. If necessary for series identification, list various documents in the series. Occasionally, the local title of a series differs from AFM 181-5. In such instances, add the local title immediately after title used in the manual. (NOTE: If a group of records is not identified in AFM 181-5, use a brief title that is descriptive of the file and its function.) When identifying general correspondence files, list the "mis-

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the plan, use
the title of the
series as given
in AFM 181-5
unless the local
title is more
descriptive of
the records.
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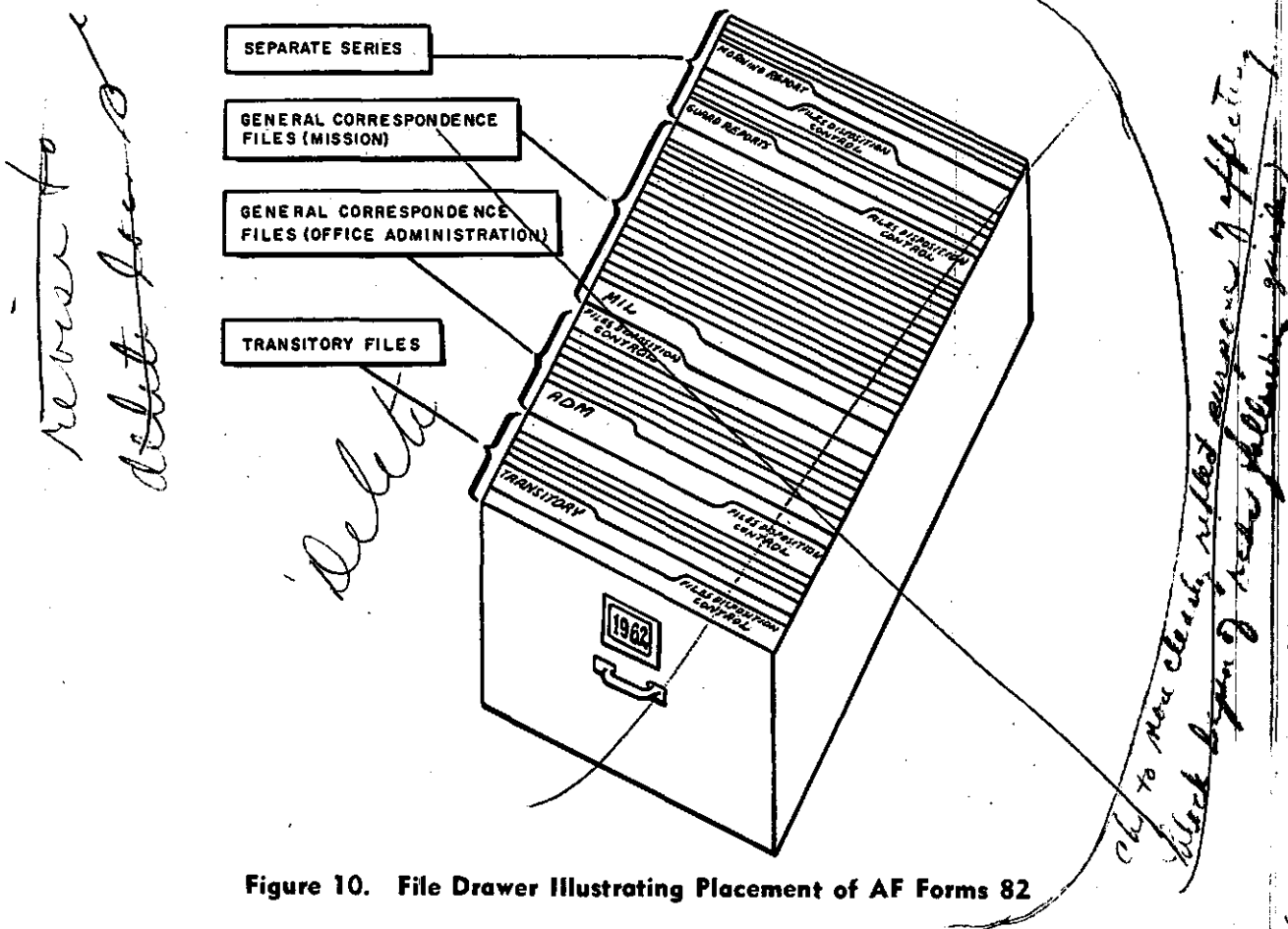


Figure 10. File Drawer Illustrating Placement of AF Forms 82

FILES MAINTENANCE AND DISPOSITION PLAN		DATE PREPARED	
1. OFFICE SYMBOL OF OFFICE OF RECORD OR UNIT DESIGNATION Office of Safety		1 August 1963	
2. TYPED NAME AND POSITION TITLE OF RECORDS CUSTODIAN Richard Roe Assistant Director of Safety		2. PREPARED BY (Name of records clerk) John Jones	
3. TYPED NAME AND POSITION TITLE OF RECORDS CUSTODIAN Richard Roe Assistant Director of Safety		4. SIGNATURE OF CUSTODIAN	
B. FILES PLAN			
ITEM NO.	TITLE OR DESCRIPTION OF RECORDS SERIES	FILED ARRANGEMENT OF EACH SERIES (Subjectively, numerically, alphabetically, etc.)	DEPOSITION (Insert number of paragraph and sub-paragraph in AFM 181-5. If paragraph can not be found, enter "None.")
1	FILES MAINTENANCE AND DISPOSITION PLAN (AF FORM 80)	Front of Files	160303a
2	ROUTINE TRANSITORY RECORDS	Chronological	050102
3	GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE FILES (Office Admin) ADM OFFICE ADMINISTRATION 1 Administration of Office Personnel 2 Budgeting	Subjective	050101a(2)
4	GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE FILES (Mission) INV INVESTIGATIONS AND INSPECTIONS 1 Safety Programs 1-1 Flight Safety 1-2 Ground Safety	Subjective	050101a(1)
5	GROUND ACCIDENT SUMMARIES	Chronological	120310
6	GROUND ACCIDENT REPORTS	Chronological	120312
7	AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT AND/OR INCIDENT REPORTS	Alphabetical	120311

Figure 10a. Files Maintenance and Disposition Plan (Policy Making Office).

sion" and "office administration" portions of the file as separate items (see figure 10a). Then list specific subjects making up each portion of the file (see paragraph 15g and figure 10a). On the form, list records series in the sequence that best suits the needs of the using office.

(c) *Column 5C.* Self-explanatory.

(d) *Column 5D.* Enter paragraph and subparagraph numbers of AFM 181-5 prescribing disposition of the records. If a paragraph covering disposition of the files cannot be found, enter "None," and advise the records officer.

(3) *Distribution.* AF Form 80 original will be retained by the office of record. Forward the copy to the responsible records officer for review and use in monitoring maintenance and disposition of records concerned.

(A) *Review.* Preparation of AF Form 80 is a one-time job. However, periodically review and amend the form to insure that all files are accounted for and that cited disposition authorities are appropriate. Records officers will be notified of any corrections, deletions, or additions. Reaccomplish AF Form 80 only when further corrections or additions cannot be made.

(5) *Standardization of AF Form 80.* Some lower echelon activities (such as base exchange units) accumulate, maintain, and dispose of like records in the same way. In such cases, standardization of AF Form 80 will save time and money. Proposed standard AF Form 80 will be approved by the command records management officer before using activities prepare and distribute them.

d. *Files Disposition Control:*

(1) *Purpose.* AF Form 82, "Files Disposition Control Label" (see figure 10b), is printed on special paper stock which adheres to file guide cards when moistened with water. Affix this form to tabs of guide cards preceding each record series to facilitate block disposition of records. This identifies records filed behind each guide card and prescribes their ultimate disposition (in accordance with authorities from AFM

← Fold line

# GPO : 1961 OF - 810246	
1. TITLE OR DESCRIPTION OF RECORDS, SERIES	
3. GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE FILES (Office Admin- istration)	
2. PARAGRAPH NO. FROM AFM 181-5 050101a(2)	
3. CUT-OFF INSTRUCTIONS 31 December	
4. DISPOSITION INSTRUCTIONS Destroy after 1 year.	
FILES DISPOSITION CONTROL LABEL	
AF FORM Aug 61 82	REPLACES AF FORMS 296, JAN 57 AND 296A, JUL 54 WHICH MAY BE USED UNTIL 1 JAN 63.

Figure 10b. Files Disposition Control Label.

181-5 cited on the related AF Form 80). These guide cards and labels are "disposition guide cards," as distinguished from "locator guide cards" described in paragraph 25. Do not use both "locator" and "disposition" guide cards in front of a records series because the disposition guide card also serves as a locator guide card.

(2) *Use:*

(a) *Placement of Disposition Guide Cards:*

1. Use a first (left) position disposition guide card to identify files to be transferred to the records staging area.

2. Use a second (center) position disposition guide card to identify files to be forwarded directly to a records center by the office of record (such as morning reports, personnel folders, etc.).

3. Use a third (right) position disposition guide card to identify files to be destroyed in the current files area.

It is important that all records following a guide card have the same retention period. These cards will remain with cut-off files

as long as they are retained in the current files area. (See figure 10 for examples.)

(b) Replacement or Reuse of Cards:

1. Make new sets of cards as needed for current accumulations of each records series.

2. When non-current records series are retired or destroyed, reuse the disposition guide cards for current accumulations.

(c) Exceptions:

1. When it isn't feasible to affix AF Form 82 to a guide card and place the guide card in front of a record series, affix the label to the container housing the records. When the series of records is housed in more than one container, affix the label to the first container.

2. Do not prepare AF Forms 82 for records maintained for a period of time but never placed in filing equipment (such as a safe check record or a room security inspection record). Instead, describe the records on AF Form 80 and enter disposition instructions immediately below the description.

(3) Preparation:

★(a) *Item 1 (Title or Description of Record Series)*. Insert appropriate item number from AF Form 80, "Files Maintenance and Disposition Plan," and paragraph title from AFM 181-5 followed by the local title, if any. *NOTE:* When volume justifies, item number from AF Form 80 may be used to code papers for filing in series other than correspondence files. *(See para —)*.

(b) *Item 2 (Paragraph Number from AFM 181-5)*. Enter applicable paragraph number of AFM 181-5. If no paragraph is applicable, enter "None."

★(c) *Item 3 (Cut-off Instructions)*. Indicate day and month (omit year to permit reuse of disposition guide card) or event when records will be cut-off as prescribed in paragraph 29, AFM 181-4.

(d) *Item 4 (Disposition Instructions)*. Enter following information, as appropriate:

1. If series has a short retention

period, and, can be held in available space and equipment in office of record until eligible for destruction, enter the word "Destroy" followed by the retention period (e.g., Destroy 6 months after cut-off).

2. If the series is "permanent," or, subject to a long retention period, enter the words "^{Retire}Transfer to Staging Area" or "Retire to Records Center," (as appropriate) followed by the period of retention in the office of record (e.g., "^{Retire}Transfer to staging area 2 years after cut-off"). Then, if records are temporary, give additional retention period (e.g., "Destroy after 3 additional years."); if records are permanent, so indicate. If disposition instructions are too lengthy for inclusion in this block, enter statement: "See AFM 181-5."

3. If no disposition instructions have been published enter "None." If instructions are published later, cross out "None" and enter applicable instructions.

★e. *General Correspondence Files*. These are subjectively arranged files of letters, messages, memoranda, and related documents accumulated by most offices of record. Maintenance of such files under the Air Force Subjective Classification System provides for segregation of "mission" documentation from "non-mission" (or housekeeping papers) at time of filing. This is accomplished by filing correspondence pertaining to the mission (functions and responsibilities) of the office of record under the appropriate major subjective category chosen from appendix A of this manual. All other correspondence is arranged subjectively in the "Office Administration—ADM" category as "non-mission" to the office accumulating them. Arrange correspondence files as follows to facilitate disposition:

(1) *HQ USAF, Major Air Commands, and Certain Major Subordinate Air Commands Having Policy Making Responsibility*

(a) *Mission "Managerial" Correspondence*. Correspondence files at these levels documenting Air Force or command-wide policy making, program monitoring, and implementation of policies from higher

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authority, are permanent records as provided in paragraph 050101a(1), AFM 181-5. They should be identified as a separate records series on the AF Form 80. (Correspondence accumulated by major command staff offices pertaining to functions for which they have command-wide responsibility is an example of such material.)

(b) *Mission "Operational" Correspondence.* Many offices at these levels also accumulate mission correspondence of temporary value. (Correspondence accumulated by major command staff offices pertaining to local implementation of Air Force and command directives by their immediate headquarters is an example of such correspondence.) It may be destroyed after 1 year as provided in paragraph 050101b, AFM 181-5, and should be identified as a separate item on the AF Form 80.

(c) *Non-mission Correspondence.* This category is also accumulated at these higher headquarters. It should be identified as a separate item on the AF Form 80 and disposed of after 1 year as provided in paragraph 050101a(2), AFM 181-5.

(2) *All Other Organizational Levels.* For records disposal purposes, there is no need to differentiate between "mission" and "non-mission" correspondence at these levels since both groups of correspondence are disposable after 1 year. Accordingly, identify correspondence files at these levels as 1 item on the AF Form 80 and cite paragraph 050101b, AFM 181-5, as the disposal authority.

(3) *Correspondence Filed With Other Records Series.* Correspondence relating to forms or other documents filed as separate.

series of records should be filed with such documents. For example, correspondence that relates to a specific bill of lading should be filed with the bill of lading. If this is done, the correspondence can be disposed of without screening at the same time the bill of lading is disposed of.

f. *Transitory Records:*

(1) Offices will generally accumulate correspondence and other documents that are of transitory value only. They include original and informational copies of documents that do not contain procedural or policy matter applicable to the receiving office, that do not require action by the receiving office, that involve a routine transaction, or that do not contain information of continuing reference value. They may also consist of letters of transmittal, communications correcting reports or other minor corrections to records, and requests for routine information, publications or supplies. The elimination of this material simplifies filing, because there are fewer papers to code, sort, and file subjectively. This also permits faster reference to important papers; and eliminates the need to screen the transitory material when records are disposed of.

(2) Transitory records that have served their purpose should be destroyed immediately rather than filed. However, if it is believed that they will be of reference value for 90 days or less, they will be filed in a folder labeled "Transitory" in date order regardless of subject and maintained as a separate series of records.

g. *Small Collections of Records.* In many instances, an office will accumulate small collections of records that are identified as separate series of records in AFM 181-5. To overcome the problem of different retention periods, it is suggested that the following action be taken unless reference to the records would be impaired:

(1) File in the transitory file those records eligible for disposal within 90 days.

(2) Records that are disposable contingent upon supersession or obsolescence (except publications), for example, records

control schedules, office policy memorandums, etc., can be filed in the correspondence file but "flagged" to indicate that they must be brought forward into the current file each year.

(3) Records with retention periods of 2 years or less may be maintained as a part of correspondence files which are disposable after 2 years and destroyed when the latter files become eligible for destruction.

(4) Records disposable in 1 year or less should be maintained on a calendar or fiscal year basis and destroyed 1 year after annual cut-off.

★19.1 Policy or Precedence Files

These files consist of *extra copies* of selected documents that reflect policies, precedents, procedures, and instructions that govern the performance of the mission and the operation of the office. They are used as a "ready" reference in conducting daily business and as a means of indoctrinating new personnel. They must be maintained on a current basis as a separate series of records. Since the documents in the file are few in number, they can usually be maintained in a single folder or binder. The file is kept current on a continuing basis by replacing superseded documents, removing obsolete documents, and adding new documents.

★20. Filing Security-Classified Records

Handle classified files in accordance with AFR 205-1.

File classified records separately, *except* when it is necessary to maintain the ~~distinction~~ and continuity of a particular transaction or event, or the volume of unclassified material is too small to justify setting up separate files. ~~In such cases,~~ indicate on the folder ~~tab~~ the highest classification of the records filed therein. Otherwise, the label and file designations should be the same in all other respects as the folders containing unclassified material. *Folders containing classified material must be filed in cabinets of the type authorized for each*

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classification. If folders containing classified material are to be filed with unclassified material, place the classified folder directly behind the folder containing unclassified material of the same type. When classified and unclassified material are filed in the same file cabinet and additional filing space is needed, the classified and unclassified folders will be segregated and filed in separate cabinets to avoid having to purchase additional security equipment. When a classified document is to be added to a voluminous file that has been unclassified before, the following action is recommended: substitute a cross-reference sheet for the classified document and file the classified document separately in available security equipment. Do not include any classified information on the cross-reference sheets that are to be filed in an unclassified file.

21. Preparation of Documents for Filing

In preparing documents for filing:

a. Insure that documents have been authorized for filing by the word "file" and initials of the authorizing official have been written on them as illustrated in figure 7. However, certain documents, such as retained copies of outgoing correspondence, are to be filed because there is evidence that they have been signed and dispatched. These copies, therefore, do not require the word "file" and initials.

b. Remove rubber bands, paper clips, pins and other temporary fasteners.

c. Determine that the file is complete and all inclosures are retained, or are accounted for.

d. See that parts of another file are not accidentally attached.

e. Mend, or reinforce with *scotch* tape, all torn or frayed papers.

f. Destroy identical duplicate copies, except the "originals" and "coordination" or file copies of correspondence.

g. Remove all copies of mail control forms and receipts; classified cover sheets; and memo routing slips, except those containing remarks of significant record value.

See note
★22. Assembling Correspondence for Filing

Arrange file copies of correspondence in the sequence described below. This arrangement is identical to the arrangement prescribed for dispatch of correspondence in AFM 10-1.

a. *Letter With No Indorsement (See Figure 11):*

(1) Arrange in numerical sequence with first of two or more pages on top.

(2) Arrange attachments in numerical sequence, following the basic letter.

b. *Letter With Indorsements (See Figure 12).*

(1) Arrange correspondence as follows:

(a) Place the latest indorsement on top of basic letter. All other indorsements follow the basic letter in numerical sequence.

(b) Arrange attachments in numerical sequence and place at the bottom of the file.

(2) Arrange the pages as follows:

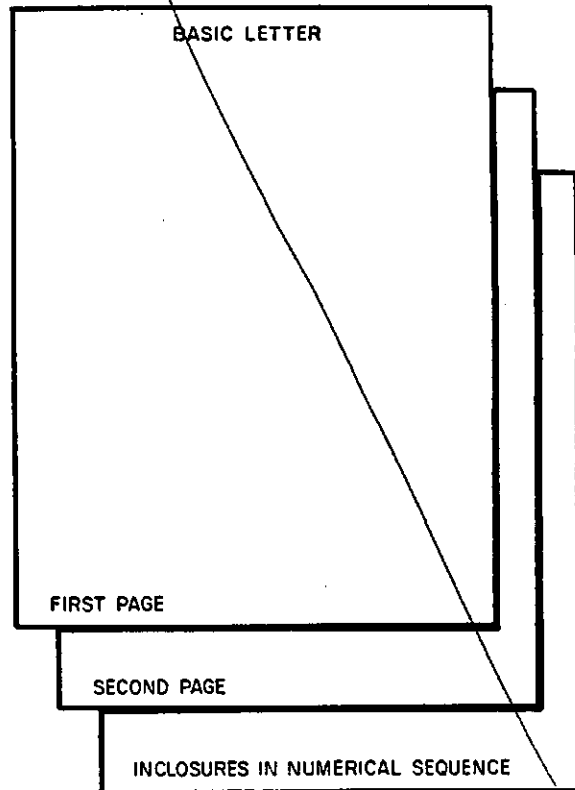


Figure 11. How To Assemble Basic Letter and Attachments with No Indorsements for Filing (Par 22)

Assemble with coms for filing in some manner as specified for dispatch in AFM 10-1. File by date of latest indorsement.

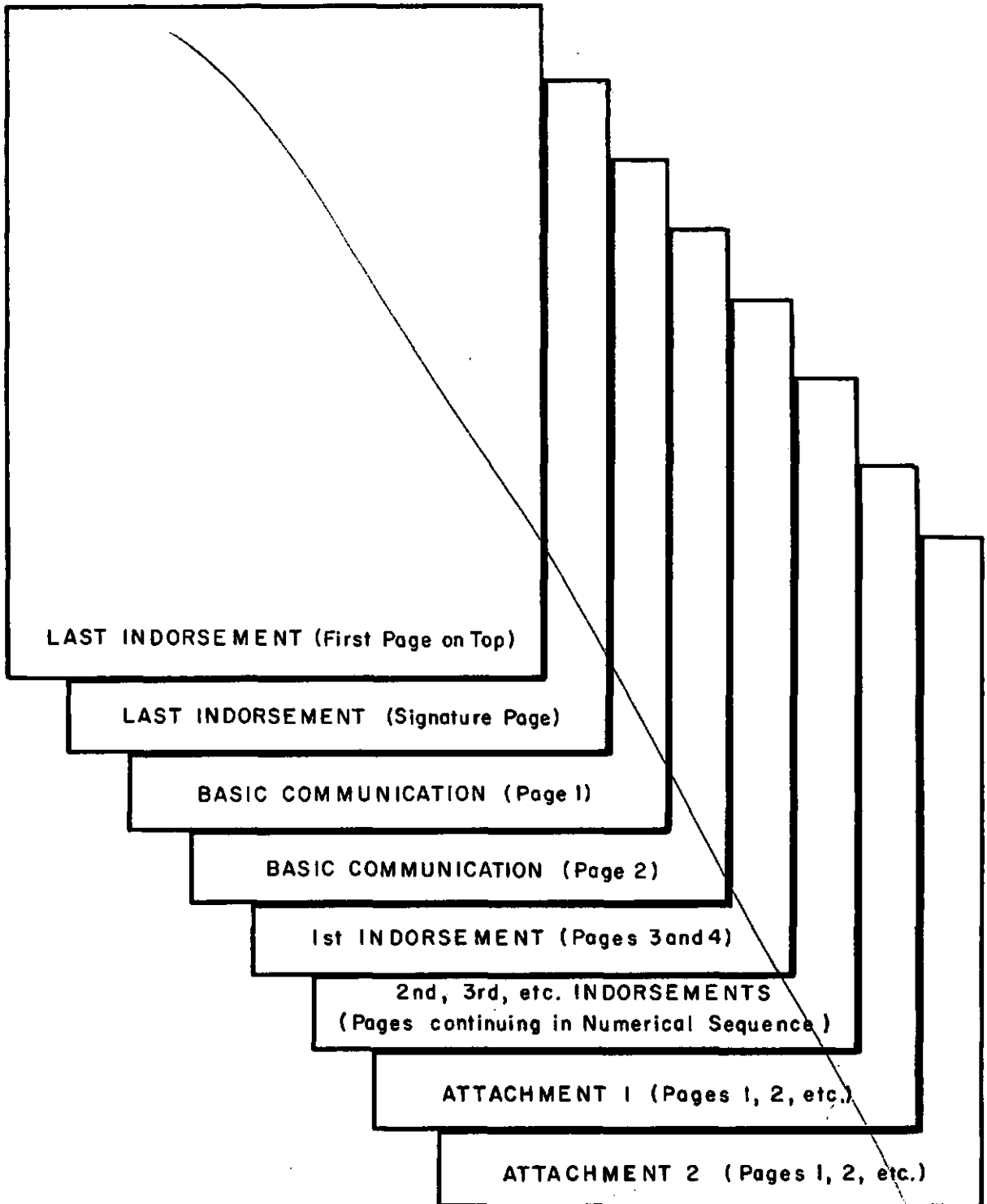


Figure 12. How To Assemble Basic Letter With Attachments, Indorsements, and Related Material for Filing (Par. 22)

(a) Arrange pages of latest indorsement in numerical sequence (on top of basic letter).

(b) Arrange pages of basic letter and all other indorsements in numerical sequence.

c. *Filing Date.* File correspondence arranged as prescribed in a and b above, *by date of latest action.*

23. Connecting Related Papers

When papers to be filed refer to or are concerned with previous documents relating to the same transaction, the previous documents will be brought forward and combined with the papers to be filed, if reference requirements justify such action. (See figure 12.) A cross-reference sheet will be substituted for papers brought forward from one folder to another in the same manner as provided in paragraph 17c, to maintain continuity.

★24. Fastening Practices

Papers relating to the same action, such as the basic letter with indorsements and attachments, will be stapled together in the upper left corner. The stapled documents will then be filed loosely in each folder. Documents in a subject file will not be fastened with prong fasteners. Prong

fasteners may be used for fastening documents that make up a "case" file. For such cases, a short strip of masking tape, pressure sensitive adhesive tape, or other suitable material should be applied on top of the metal fastener and affixed to the outside of the file folder. (See figure 12a.) This technique prevents tearing of folders in the file drawers and materially prolongs the life of the folder. It also insures that the fastener, when open, will not become detached from the folder. Documents to be added to a case file will be merely dropped in the case folder until the case is withdrawn for reference. All accumulated documents can then be punched and fastened at one time.

★25. Preparation and Use of Guides and Folders

Sample file arrangements illustrating the use of guides and folders in a correspondence file are shown in figures 13 and 14. Suggested arrangements of guides and folders for other than subject files are illustrated in chapter 2. Disposition Guide Cards used to identify separate series of records and which tell how the records that make up the series are disposed of are discussed in paragraph 19d. Alphabetical subdivisions listed in appendix B may be utilized for alpha-

*Prohibit use of letter
for subject file and
for subject file
of prep. series*

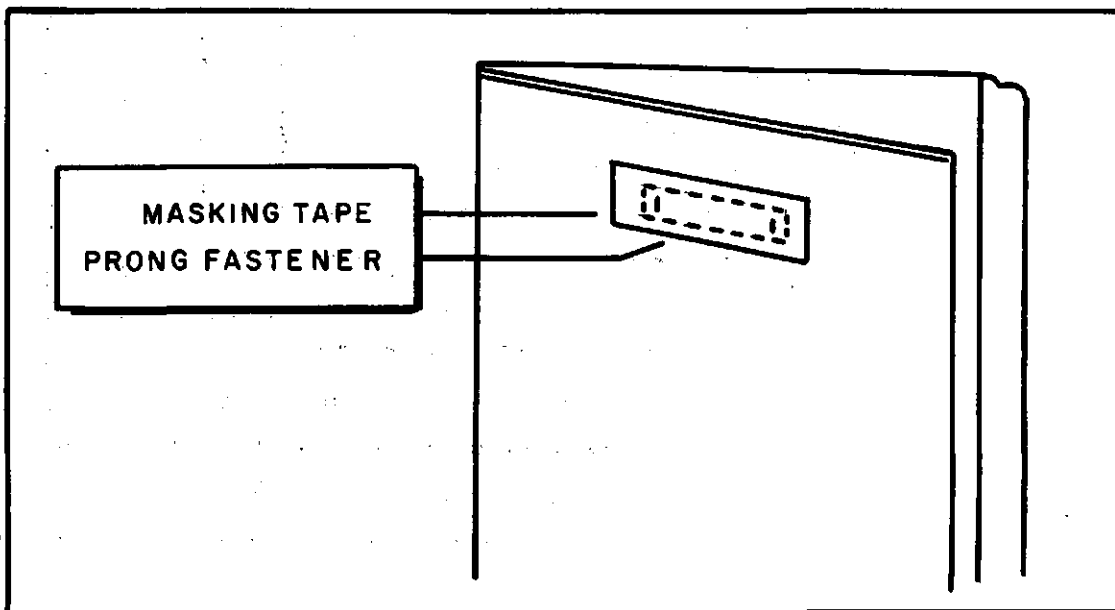


Figure 12a. Use of Masking Tape on Prong Fasteners

betical file guides. The standard guides, folders, and the labels prescribed for Air Force use are listed in chapter 5. Specific instructions for the use of guides and folders in the general correspondence file are prescribed below:

a. Guides:

(1) File guides serve as signposts to lead the searcher to specific portions of the file. They also support the folders.

(a) A first position guide will be prepared to introduce each major subjective category used in establishing a set of files.

(b) Guides in the second position are generally used for the primary subdivisions and in the third position for further subdivision. This guiding procedure and the use of first, second, and third guiding positions are illustrated in figure 13. However, to achieve a better balance of guides to folders, in instances where the tertiary and further subdivisions are numerous, it may be desirable to place both the major and primary categories in the first position, the secondary in the second position, and further subdivisions in the third position. This method of using guides is illustrated in figure 14.

(c) The rules for the use of guides are made flexible intentionally so that the user of the file may "guide" the file to make the best possible reference, considering the complexity of the file. As a general rule, in addition to the guide used to introduce each major subjective category, a guide will precede the first folder of each group of subjective subdivisions, as illustrated by figure 14.

(2) The major subjective code and title, i.e., MGT—ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGEMENT, is to be typed or printed on a standard label. Attach this label to the guide tab. For subdivisions, type the major subjective code and the title of the subdivisions; i.e., MGT 1—DOCUMENTATION AND RECORDS MANAGEMENT.

(3) Place guides in the file drawer from front to back in the alphabetical sequence of the major subjective codes; i.e., CIV, COM, FIN, etc. Arrange subdivision guides in numerical sequence under each category from front to back. Remove those guides in good condition before disposing of the file, and re-use them.

b. Folders:

(1) Use file folders to group related records together. Identify the folders by file symbol, complete subject title, and year; e.g., MGT 1—DOCUMENTATION AND RECORDS MANAGEMENT, 1961, on a standard label. Code words, project numbers, and other information may be added to further identify the file. The position of the label on the folder will correspond to the position of the related guide. Typing the information on the label is preferred.

(2) Place folders behind related guides. File papers within the folder so that the latest date will always be at the front. Do not overload folders. When the volume of records reaches about 3/4 inches, subdivide by placing a folder, labeled identically, in front of the existing folder. Add inclusive dates of the documents on each

Chg to. Make cert. of. not mandatory. Director's guide permanent.

add → (d) Guide as 2 (a), as to use 1 (a) & (b) v2 9 10/1.

*provide that item no., subj, & yr. be on std label affixed to folder, e.g.
3. MGT
2. Budgeting } = "3 2 Budgeting 1965"*

for copies of files: 1 Jan - 30 Jun 1965.
 for can files, enter opening date + leave closing date blank until case file is closed.
 5 Jan 1961 - (active); 5 Jan 1961 - 15 Jul 1965 (closed).

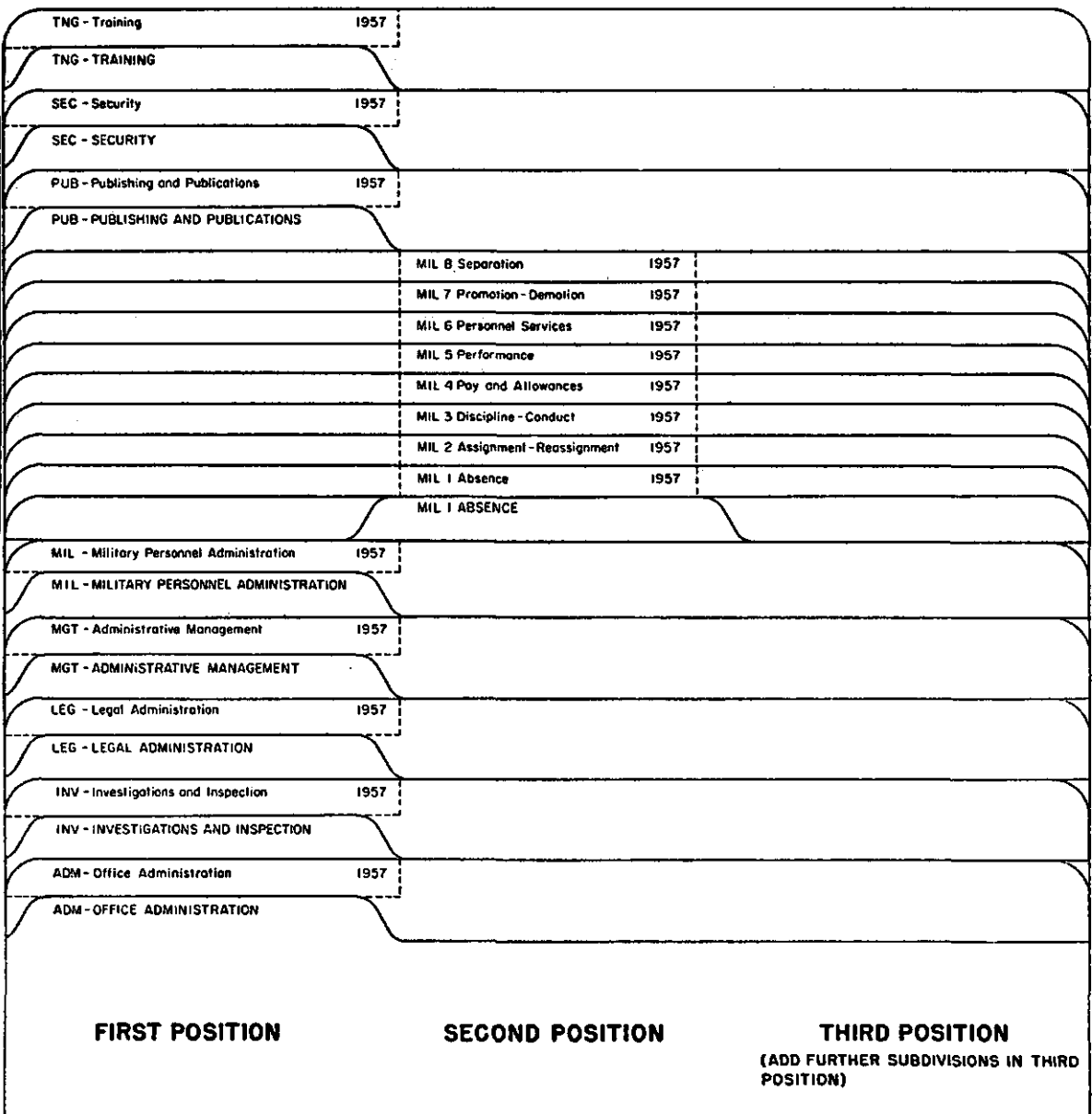


Figure 13. Subject File Arrangement showing Guides and Folders with only major Subjective Categories in the First Position (Par 25)

folder; e.g., 1 Jan - 30 Jun - 1958. These additional folders should contain documents of equal periods of one month, two months, and so forth, if practical. (See also par 15d(3).)

c. *Positions of Guides and Folders.* Positions of guides and folders should be consistent throughout the file. Figures 13 and 14 illustrate consistent arrangement of

guides and folders for major subjective categories, and further subdivisions.

26. Labeling Cabinets

Label each unclassified file drawer to identify the contents adequately. ~~Label cabinets containing classified material in accordance with AFR 205-1, and the implementing security directives applicable to the activity before labeling cabinets containing classified material.~~

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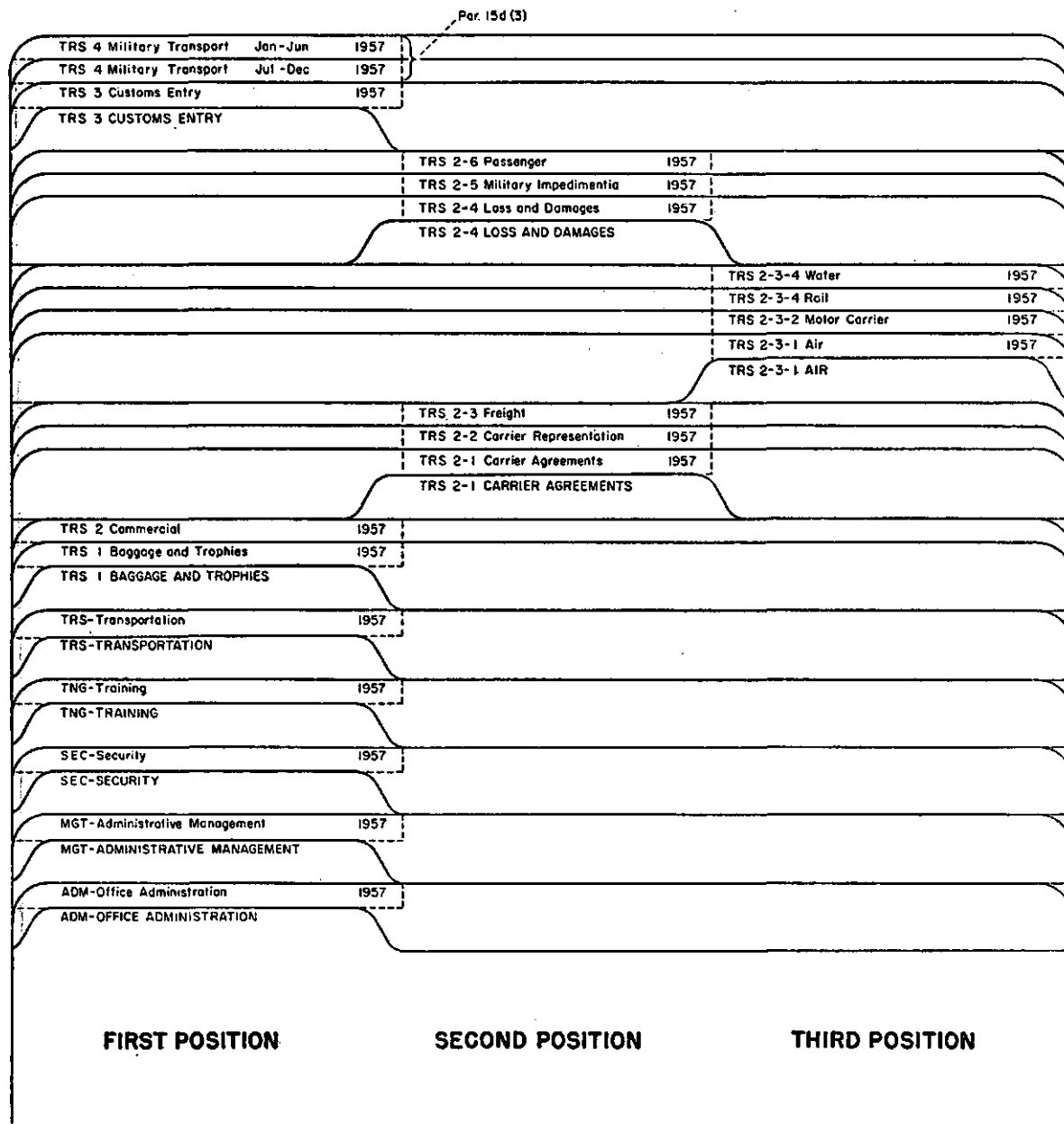


Figure 14. Subject File Arrangement showing Guides and Folders with major Subjective Categories and Primary Subdivisions in the First Position (Par 25)

27. Sorting

Sorting is the procedure for arranging records in proper sequence to facilitate filing. It also provides ready reference to the records in the event they are needed prior to actual filing in the appropriate folders. The extent to which records need be sorted depends upon the volume and filing arrangement. *See para - for sorting equipment*

a. Methods:

(1) Subjective files should be sorted and arranged first by major subjective categories. Then sort each major category into primary and secondary subdivisions as required.

(2) If the volume is small, alphabetical files may be sorted by arranging the papers to the first letter of the surname only. In

larger collections, it may be necessary to sort papers to the first several letters under which the papers are to be filed. When this is necessary, the alphabetical subdivisions contained in ~~Appendix B~~ ^{Appendix A} can be used as a guide or basis for labeling the sorting equipment.

(8) If the volume is small, numerical files may be sorted by the basic numbers 0 thru 9, e.g., in groups 1-999, 1000, 2000, etc. If the volume is large, sort each group into hundreds, then each hundred group into tens, etc. Numerical labels on sorting equipment from 0 through 9 can be used to represent tens, hundreds, thousands, etc. For example, 9 may also represent 90, 900, 9000, etc. Sort documents to be filed by terminal digit into groups from 00 to 99, to make 100 groups. If filing is to be by the primary group only, arrange the subsequent digits of the whole number in conventional numerical sequence within each primary group. However, if further sorting is required, sort each primary group by the first digit of the secondary group and each resulting group by the second digit of

the secondary group. Subsequent digits are filed in conventional numerical order within each group.

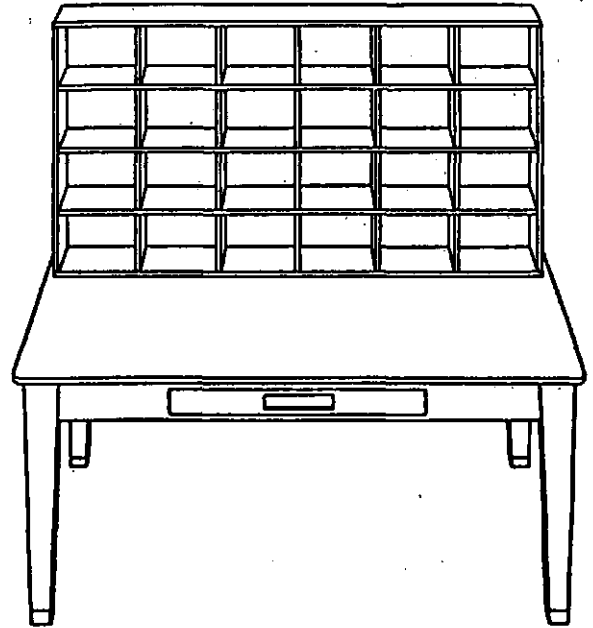


Figure 16. Rack Sorter (Par 27)

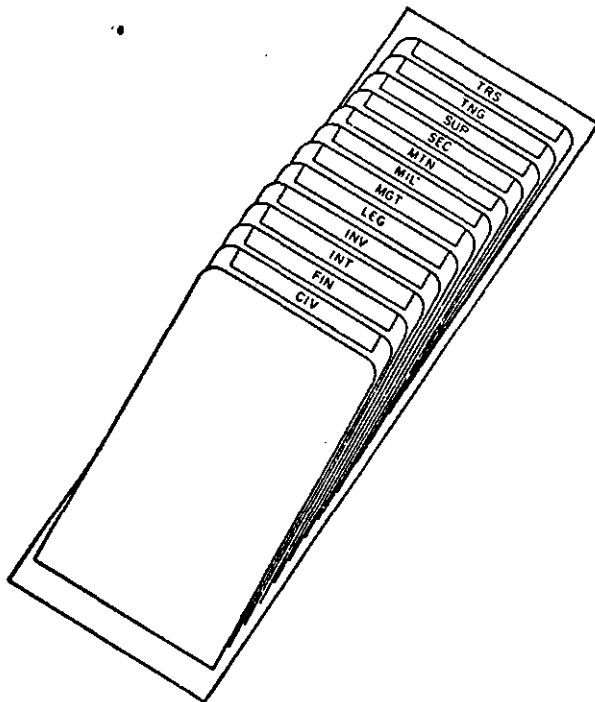


Figure 15. Correspondence Sorter (Par 27)

b. Equipment:

(1) A table or desk top may be used for sorting, when the volume of papers is small. This method is not recommended when the individual has frequent interruptions, as the papers may easily become disarranged.

(2) A correspondence sorter, illustrated in figure 15, is recommended for most ~~sorting~~ ^{sorting} operations. It has a series of dividers, three to four inches wide, each hinged to a flat base. Tabs can be labeled and inserted as required. A 24-division sorter will generally meet the sorting requirements of a small office of record; however, sorters with more divisions are available. Some are equipped with a sliding base mechanism.

(3) Other sorting equipment is available containing horizontal or vertical dividers. Rack sorters illustrated in figure 16 can be constructed to meet most sorting requirements.

also refer to AFM 181-4A that shows guidelines for filing

★28. Use of Charge-Out Forms

AF Form 614 and 614a, Charge Out Record, will be prepared and placed in the files as a substitute for papers or 5" x 8" cards borrowed for use by personnel both outside and within the immediate office of record. The preparation of the forms is self-explanatory. They will be filed **vertically** so that the top ^{OUT} portion of the form is visible. This will facilitate the identification of charged out records and expedite the refiling of them. The consistent use of these forms will eliminate much wasted effort in searching for documents while they are out of file.

29. Files Cut-off Procedures

a. *Purpose.* Files cut-off procedures are designed to control records accumulations, to prevent their growth into cumbersome and unmanageable collections, and to facilitate economical destruction or retirement of records in convenient blocks.

b. *General Policy.* Except as indicated below, all Air Force activities will establish their current records on a calendar year basis, cutting off each series of records on 31 December of each year and establishing

a new file for each series of records the next day.

(1) Records that must be maintained on a fiscal year basis will be cut off on 30 June of each year and a new file established on 1 July of the same year. For example, Fiscal Year 1958 records date from 1 July 1957 to 30 June 1958.

(2) When the retention period for records is ~~less than~~ one (1) year, they may be maintained on a daily, weekly, or monthly basis, if the amount accumulated warrants their disposal after periods of less than one (1) year. For example, records which are disposable after 6 months, could be cut off at the end of each month if the volume warrants it, a new file started the next day, and the cut off files disposed of when their retention period expires.

★(3) Case files are excepted from the annual cut off policy. They are cut off after the occurrence of a certain event, such as separation of personnel, final payment of a contract, or completion of a project. Withdraw completed or closed case files from the active file and place them in an inactive file maintained on an annual basis, or in accordance with specific instructions contained in AFM 181-5 for certain series of records.

Permit recording of Perm. w/ dev volume (Any number stamp, when skinned) or hand skinned warrants) or hand skinned data AF 614 w/ pertinent data

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provide controls
(Par 3 3 & 34) on
supplies above

Chapter 5

FILING SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT

30. Objectives. A continuing objective of the records management program is to provide for the proper, complete, and economical use of filing supplies and equipment. The use of standard supplies and equipment, application of the utilization standard, prescribed in paragraph 33, adequate control over requests for equipment, and periodic inspection of equipment in use, will insure economies in the use of filing supplies and equipment.

31. Standard Filing Cabinets. The following letter and legal size cabinets are standard equipment for maintaining letter and legal size documents, unless otherwise authorized by Table of Allowances 006. Existing stocks of 4-drawer cabinets will be used until the supply is exhausted.

a. *Letter Size.* 5 drawer, 1 drawer wide, 57 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches high, 15 inches wide, 28 inches deep.

b. *Legal Size.* 5 drawer, 1 drawer wide, 57 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches high, 18 inches wide, 28 inches deep. *Use only when . . . (see 33).*

32. Standard Filing Supplies. The following are standard filing supplies for letter and legal size documents. The Kraft folders will meet the majority of filing requirements, since most records are current for a relatively short time before they are retired or destroyed. Pressboard folders are authorized only for case and project files, and then only when the Kraft folder will not withstand the added volume and/or use. They will not be used in maintaining correspondence files. Existing quantities of sim-

ilar supplies will be used until the supply is exhausted.

a. *Folders:*

(1) *Kraft* (see figure 17):

(a) *Letter Size.* Square cut, reinforced top, 11 point, scored for $\frac{3}{4}$ inch expansion.

(b) *Legal Size.* Square cut, reinforced top, 11 point, scored for $\frac{3}{4}$ inch expansion.

(2) *Pressboard:*

(a) *Letter Size.* Square cut, self tab, 1 inch expansion.

(b) *Legal Size.* Square cut, self tab, 1 inch expansion.

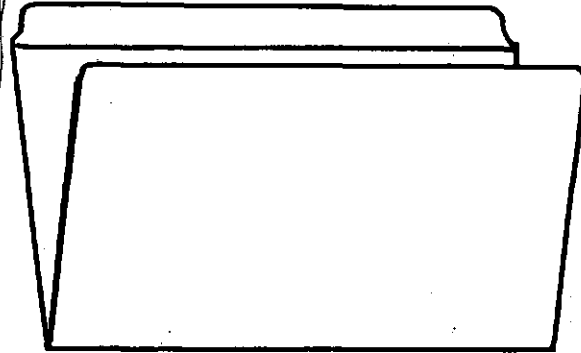


Figure 17. Square Cut, Reinforced Top Folder (Par 32)

b. *Guides* (see figure 18):

(1) *Letter Size.* One-third cut, self tab, pressboard, gray, 25 point, without lower projection.

(2) *Legal Size.* One-third cut, self tab, pressboard, gray, 25 point, without lower projection.

c. *Labels.* Gummed one side, blank, in fanfold strips, 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ " x 1 $\frac{1}{8}$ ".

d. *Forms:*

- (1) DD Form 334, "Cross Reference Sheet."
- (2) AF Form 614, "Charge Out Record."
- (3) AF Form 80, "Files Maintenance and Disposition Plan."
- (4) AF Form 82, "Files Disposition Control Label."

quantities of legal size documents will be folded to fit letter-size cabinets.

c. Classified files must be maintained in filing equipment that meets the requirements of AFR 205-1. A portion of secure filing equipment not needed for classified files may be used for unclassified documents, provided such usage does not result in procuring additional secure equipment.

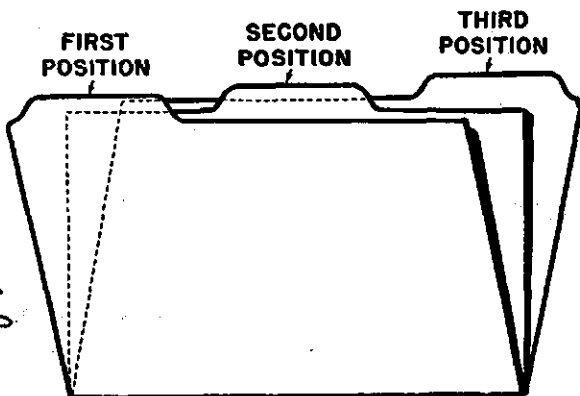


Figure 18. One-Third Cut, Self-Tab Pressboard Guide (Par 32)

★33. Utilization Standards for Filing Equipment. Filing equipment includes all types of equipment designed to hold records. Filing equipment will be utilized in accordance with T/A-006, and the following criteria:

a. Records maintained in filing equipment will be limited to *current* records. The exception to this rule is that unused portions of steel filing cabinets and excess wooden file cabinets may be used for the storage of reference sets of publications, forms, and office supplies providing such usage does not require procurement of additional filing equipment. Such materials will otherwise be maintained in supply cabinets, bookcases, or on shelving, as appropriate. *Store classified materials in filing cabinets authorized for classified documents.*

b. Letter-size cabinets will be used for letter-sized documents. Legal size cabinets will be used *only* when at least one-fourth of the documents are of "legal" size. Small

★33.1 Nonstandard Equipment. The criteria in a and b below are established for the requisitioning of nonstandard filing equipment. Procedures for the control and proper utilization of filing equipment are prescribed in paragraph 34.

a. *Specialized Filing Equipment.* This equipment is authorized to store records of unique size or to meet unique usage requirements when economies can be effected thereby except as indicated in b below.

b. *Powered and Other Mechanized Filing Equipment.* Procurement of powered or other mechanized filing equipment is prohibited unless the justification accompanying the requisition contains specific evidence that it meets one or more of the following criteria and the total savings to be realized *exceeds* the difference between the cost of standard and mechanized filing equipment when prorated over a 3-year period.

(1) *Manpower Savings.* That one or more positions (either existing or budgeted for) will be eliminated.

(2) *Space Savings.* That space saved through the use of the equipment will be used for other essential operating functions.

(3) *Work Production.* That any predicted increase in workload capability is based upon provable and current workload data.

34. Procedures for Control of Filing Equipment. The procedures prescribed below are considered the minimum necessary to effect adequate control and proper utilization of filing equipment. Implementing procedures that will improve equipment controls are

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encouraged. To effect control over filing equipment, the records officers and records management officers, as appropriate, will:

a. Review all requests for filing equipment prior to submission of the requests to the equipment review and authorization activity.

★b. Approve or disapprove each request based on a review of AF Form 80 and inspection of the records of the requesting office, to determine (1) whether present equipment is being utilized in accordance

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~~with standards prescribed in paragraph 33,~~ and (2) whether requests for powered, mechanized, or specialized filing equipment meets the criteria in paragraph 33.1.

★c. Periodically review the utilization of filing equipment to determine whether equipment is being used according to criteria prescribed in paragraphs 33 and 33.1. If equipment is not being properly utilized, recommend to the equipment review and authorization activity, redistribution or return of the equipment.

to supply channels, and a corresponding revision of authorized filing equipment in the Unit Authorization List.

35. Open Shelf Filing

The use of open shelf filing equipment may be more appropriate for filing current records than conventional filing cabinets, under certain conditions, as described in b, below.

a. *What Open Shelf Filing Is.* Open shelf filing is a method of filing records vertically on shelves instead of filing records in conventional filing cabinets. The equipment is metal, generally in three (3) foot sections of single or double face units, and adjustable to provide for 5 to 9 shelves high. Shelves are slotted to accommodate dividers for supporting guides and folders. Shelving is manufactured in any desired depth, but generally has base shelf 12-inches deep, with 9-inch, adjustable shelves above for filing letter size documents; or a base shelf 15-inches deep, with 12-inch, adjustable shelves above for legal size files.

b. *When It Should Be Used.* Open shelf filing equipment is most adaptable to current records that are case-filed under an

alphabetical or numerical arrangement, when these records total, or are expected to total 200 feet or more, and when the following conditions exist:

(1) The filing installation is in a relatively permanent location.

(2) The purchase of new filing equipment is contemplated.

(3) Additional space for filing operations is required and only a limited amount of space is available.

(4) The area is relatively free from excessive dust, and is not subject to infestation by rodents, and vermin.

(When these conditions prevail and shelf files are needed, doors are available as optional equipment.)

c. *General Comparisons with Filing Cabinets.* Open shelf filing equipment costs less than conventional filing cabinets, requires less office space, and permits ease of filing operations under the conditions specified in b, above.

d. *Guide for Comparison.* The table below shows comparisons between open shelf filing and conventional filing to serve as a guide in determining whether open shelf filing is adaptable to various filing operations.

Factor	Open Shelf Equipment	5-Drawer Cabinets
1. Equipment (for 200 linear feet of records):	2 single-faced sections 4 double-faced sections 7 shelves high	19
2. Cost (Approximate):	\$320. Accessory items such as finished end panels, label-holders, top dust plates, and pull-out shelves must be obtained at extra cost.	\$1155
3. Space (less aisle space):	30 square feet	68.5 square feet
4. Aisle Space required:	30-inch minimum	36-inch minimum
5. Mobility	Shelving may require dismantling and reassembly. Records will have to be packed and refiled.	Can be moved intact.
6. Adaptability to Methods of Filing:	Best suited for case files arranged by name or number.	All types of letter and legal size files.

See TAB AG 1 on any filing

Factor	Open Shelf Equipment	5-Drawer Cabinets
7. Filing Operations: a. Removing and replacing folders: b. Inserting and removing papers fastened to folders: c. Inserting and removing papers filed loosely in folders: d. Folder searching: e. Indexing and charge out: f. Height: g. Distance: h. Classified records:	20 to 35% faster. 10 to 20% faster. Slower, because folders must be withdrawn from shelves to insert or remove papers. 20 to 35% faster. Same as used for records stored in in cabinets. Records stored in top and bottom shelves results in reaching and stooping for records. Top and bottom shelves should be used for inactive records. Compactness of records results in less distance to files, reducing unproductive walking time. In secure storage area, eliminates opening, closing, locking, and checking file cabinets.	Faster, for opposite reasons. Requires bending for bottom drawers. Bottom drawers used for relatively inactive records. Cabinets are spread over larger area.
8. Filing Accessories: a. Guides: b. Folders: c. Dividers:	Special hook-type, pressboard guides with side tabs readable from either side. Cost is approximately \$21 per hundred. Standard square cut kraft folders may be used. For easier visibility, folders in upper shelves may be marked at the bottom front flap. Metal dividers supplied with equipment are required to support folders and guides.	Standard file guides cost about \$4 per hundred. Same. Compressors or metal dividers are used.
9. Appearance: a. Neatness: b. Dust problem:	Untidiness of records is noticeable. Dust is not considered a problem if records are fairly active.	Records are hidden. Dust is no problem.
10. Hazards: a. Fire: b. Water Sprinkler Systems:	Normal fire precautions should suffice. Metal covers over top shelf minimize water damage.	Better protection. Better protection.

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Appendix A

AIR FORCE SUBJECTIVE CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM

1. This Appendix contains:

- a. A brief resume of the key points to be remembered in applying the Air Force Subjective Classification System;
- b. A brief description of the scope of each major subjective category;
- c. The "Master Outline" which lists the major subjective categories and their subdivisions; and
- d. The "Relative Index" to the Master Outline.

2. In setting up the files and in applying the filing system, as provided in Chapter 3, keep the following instructions in mind:

- a. Become familiar with the functions and operations of the offices using the records, so that the records will be classified and arranged to properly document their functions and operations.

- b. Prepare a file outline, as prescribed in paragraph 15g, using only the major subjective categories, and a minimum of subdivisions under each, as required.

- c. Classify subject matter on the basis of pertinence, interest, or significance to the primary functions and responsibilities of the offices for which the records are maintained. Be sure to classify documents that fall in "Office Administration" properly, as described in paragraph 3a of this Appendix.

3. A brief description of the "scope" of each major subjective category is provided below. When considered necessary, examples of the application of the system are also provided. The subdivisions of the major subjective categories are in themselves a definition of the major subject and its scope.

- a. ADM—OFFICE ADMINISTRATION. This file category is established for the pur-

pose of classifying and grouping all documents that are accumulated in carrying out the *internal* administration or "housekeeping" activities of the office, as distinguished from those documents that are incident to the primary mission. For example; this category will consist of:

- a. The local budget of the immediate office;
- b. Correspondence pertaining to the administration of personnel assigned to the office;
- c. Records pertaining to charity campaigns;
- d. Requests for office services, supplies, and equipment;
- e. Local mail handling and control;
- f. Local security operating procedures;
- g. Those subjects which are inherently "office services" in nature, such as space control, graphic presentation, etc.

Thus, this category serves as a convenient means for segregating all non-mission correspondence and related papers which can be destroyed after two (2) years for all levels of the organization, under the provisions of AFM 181-5.

- b. CIV—CIVILIAN PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION. This file category includes subjects relating to the functions affecting civilian personnel including classification, pay administration; recruitment, employment, placement, and separation of civilian employees; employee-management relations and necessary employee services; career development of civilian employees; participation in the programs of the Boards of US Civil Service Examiners; and promotion and administration of the Air Force

employee incentive programs. All subjects pertaining to civilian pay operations are correlated under FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT. Travel by civilians incident to official business, fundamentally a "Transportation" subject is correlated under CIV since it is administered by Civilian Personnel Officers.

c. COM—COMMUNICATIONS. The subjects in this category relate to the establishment, maintenance and operation of facilities for the electrical transmission of communications.

d. FIN—FINANCIAL ^{ADMINISTRATION} MANAGEMENT. This category includes subjects relating to the disbursement, collection, and accounting for public funds; the operation of the appropriation, expenses, cost, monetary property, and international accounting systems; auditing for Air Force and industrial accounts; budgeting; civilian payroll operations (for military payroll, see MIL 8); and subjects relating to nonappropriated funds, surety bonds and reports of survey.

e. INS—INSTALLATION MANAGEMENT. This category relates to the construction, maintenance, and operation of facilities including land, buildings, other fixed structures and their appurtenances; family housing; and the related engineering planning programs.

f. INT—INTELLIGENCE. The subjects in this category concern the collection, analysis, exploitation, and dissemination of intelligence information of military value.

g. INV—INVESTIGATIONS AND INSPECTIONS. This category primarily concerns formal inspections, and investigations performed by representatives of the Inspector General's office. The reports of such inspections and investigations are usually maintained as a separate series of records and are filed by numbered unit or by the nature or object of inspection. Reports of activities performing informal inspections and staff visits should classify them according to the subject of the report.

h. LEG—LEGAL ADMINISTRATION. This category includes subjects relating to administration of military justice, process-

ing claims, legal assistance for military personnel and dependents; legal opinions and interpretations; patents; and taxation. The subdivisions under LEG-4 are taken from "the Digest of Opinions—the Judge Advocates General of the Armed Forces" and are intended for use by legal offices as required. Documents involving the rendering of an opinion, if accumulated by other than legal offices, should be classified according to the subject matter of the opinion.

i. MAP—MAPPING AND CHARTING. This category relates to the development, compilation, production, and distribution of aeronautical maps and charts. The subject of aerial mapping and charting photography is correlated under the major subjective category "PHO—PHOTOGRAPHY," as it is fundamentally a photographic technique.

j. MED—MEDICINE AND DENTISTRY. This category includes subjects concerning the veterinary services, aeromedical evacuation; general medical and health status of Air Force personnel; hospital and dispensary administration; and professional services and clinics.

k. MGT — ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGEMENT. This category is used to group functions, techniques and activities relating to the general field of management; as distinguished from specific management functions. Specific management functions are covered by other major subjective categories. Some of these subjects are: documentation and records management; management planning and improvement; histories; ground safety; postal operations; reports management; and organization of Air Force units.

l. MIL—MILITARY PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION. This category relates to the administration of military personnel; their pay, welfare, recreation, and morale. It also includes chaplain functions. Subjects dealing with the training of military personnel are found under the major subjective category of "Training." Correspondence and other documents pertaining to the service career of an individual should be filed in the individual's Field Personnel Records Group or the Command Personnel Records

Group, as appropriate, rather than in a subject file.

m. MTN—MATERIEL MAINTENANCE ENGINEERING. This category involves preventive maintenance; servicing; repair; modification; and related subjects involving the maintenance of materiel.

n. OPS—OPERATIONS. This category refers to military air operations which involve the preparation for, and conduct of, air warfare. Flight operations during peace and war are included. Peacetime operations also include subjects relating to maneuvers, flights, exercises, war games, and related activities. Be sure to distinguish between the type of operations above, and the subject matter of other unrelated activities which are designated as "operations" in a general sense. Such subjects should be classified under the appropriate major subjective category.

o. PHO—PHOTOGRAPHY. This category includes subjects relating to aerial mapping and charting, motion picture and still photography, sound recordings and related photographic activities.

p. POL—POLICE OPERATIONS. This category relates to the enforcement of law and order; the confinement, retraining and restoration of prisoners; and related activities of provost marshals; except "military security," which is established as a separate major subjective category.

q. PRO—PROCUREMENT. This category covers the procurement of materiel and services from sources outside the Air Force by contract, purchase, and other negotiations. It includes such related matters as industrial resources, production planning, and quality control.

r. PUB—PUBLISHING AND PUBLICATIONS. This category covers subjects concerning the preparation, printing, and distribution of publications and forms. Record and reference sets of publications

are not to be filed in this category. They are filed as separate series of records.

s. R&D—RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT. This category includes subjects representing areas and objectives of research and development. The subdivisions of this category are grouped to meet research and development requirements and are based on technical groupings.

t. REL—RELATIONS AND LIAISON. This category includes subjects involved in the internal and public information program. It also includes subjects relating to external relations, such as international affairs and legislative relations.

u. SEC—SECURITY. This category is intended to cover the responsibilities and activities of maintaining the National security, and particularly the safeguarding of classified information.

v. SUP—SUPPLY AND SERVICES. This category involves subjects dealing with the storage, distribution, handling, and cataloging supplies; and furnishing laundry, commissary, and other services.

w. TNG—TRAINING. This category concerns the training of military and civilian personnel. Subjects concerning the training of civilians as part of the career development program may be subdivided under CIV 2—CAREER DEVELOPMENT. It includes subjects involved in the various types of training that are conducted, as well as those concerning the Air Academy, reserve activities, foreign trainees, and colleges and universities.

x. TRS—TRANSPORTATION. This category concerns the movement of cargo and passengers by commercial and military land, air, and water transportation.

y. WEA—WEATHER. This category includes subjects concerning weather forecasting, observation, and related meteorological activities and services.

MAJOR SUBJECTIVE CATEGORIES AND SYMBOLS

Symbol	Category
ADM	OFFICE ADMINISTRATION
CIV	CIVILIAN PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION
COM	COMMUNICATIONS
FIN	FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT ADMINISTRATION
INS	INSTALLATIONS MANAGEMENT
INT	INTELLIGENCE
INV	INVESTIGATIONS AND INSPECTION
LEG	LEGAL ADMINISTRATION
MAP	MAPPING AND CHARTING
MED	MEDICINE AND DENTISTRY
MGT	ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGEMENT
MIL	MILITARY PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION
MTN	MATERIEL MAINTENANCE ENGINEERING
OPS	OPERATIONS
PHO	PHOTOGRAPHY
POL	POLICE OPERATIONS
PRO	PROCUREMENT
PUB	PUBLISHING AND PUBLICATIONS
R&D	RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT
REL	RELATIONS AND LIAISON
SEC	SECURITY
SUP	SUPPLY AND SERVICES
TNG	TRAINING
TRS	TRANSPORTATION
WEA	WEATHER

Office Administration—ADM

1	Administration of Office Personnel
2	Budgeting
3	Charity and Public Interest Campaigns
4	Graphic Presentation
5	Mail and Messenger Services (Local)
6	Office Supplies and Equipment
7	Security Procedures for Local Office
8	Space Control
8-1	Conference Rooms
8-2	Moving

7-1	Employee Groups
7-2	Fair Employment Practices
7-3	Grievances
7-4	Housing—Transportation—Food Services
7-5	Insurance
	Government Life
	Hospitalization
7-6	Recreation, Morale, and Welfare
8	Employment Records
8-1	Official Personnel Folder
9	Hours of Work
9-1	Tours of Duty
10	Leave
10-1	Annual
10-2	Sick
10-3	Without Pay (LWOP)
11	Pay Administration (Payroll Operations—See FIN 11)
11-1	Employee Claims
11-2	Indebtedness
11-3	Overtime
11-4	Pay Rate Determination
12	Performance
12-1	Awards—Commendations
12-2	Incentive Programs (Suggestions)

Civilian Personnel Administration—CIV

1	Accessions
2	Career Development
3	Compensation for Injury or Death
4	Conduct
4-1	Disciplinary Actions
4-2	Gratuities and Favors
4-3	Political Activity
5	Death and Burial
6	Detailing Employees
7	Employee Relations

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14 Promotion and Demotion
15 Recruitment and Placement
15-1 Applications
15-2 Boards of Civil Examiners
15-3 Oversea Employment
15-4 Qualifications (Training, Experience, and Physical) Examinations (Mental and Physical)
15-5 Selection
16 Restoration after Military Service
17 Separation
18 Travel
18-1 Passports—Visas
18-2 Per Diem

Communications—COM

1 Communications Center Operations
1-1 Communications Accounts
1-2 Message Transmission (Distribution and Control)
1-3 Relay Centers
2 Communications Security
2-1 Cryptosecurity Accounts
2-2 Physical Security (of communications facilities and cryptomateriel) (see also SEC 2)
2-3 Transmission Security
3 Communications Systems
3-1 Airborne Communications
3-2 Amateur Radio (MARS)
4 Fixed Radio and Wire Facilities
4-1 Commercial Facilities
4-2 Control Stations
4-3 Flight Checks
4-4 Frequency Authorizations
4-5 Plant in Place
Maintenance

Financial Management—FIN

1 Appropriation Accounting
1-1 Advance Payments and Recoupments
1-2 Allocation, Sub-Allocation and Allotment of Funds
Administrative Control
Advice of Records
Adjustments and Corrections
Allocation, Sub-Allocation Ledgers
Allotment Ledgers
Subsidiary Allotment Ledgers

1-3 Annual Budget Authorization
1-4 Claims
1-5 Collections
Appropriation Receipts
Appropriation Refunds
Appropriation Reimbursements
General Fund Miscellaneous Receipts
Deposit Fund Accounts
Records
Control Ledgers
Subsidiary Collection Ledgers
Reporting Instructions and Requirements
1-6 Commitments
1-7 Disbursements, Expenditures
1-8 Inter-Intradepartmental Transactions
1-9 Obligations
1-10 Special Activities and Tenants
2 Auditing
2-1 Administration and Control
2-2 Auditor's Records
2-3 Contract Audits
2-4 Intra-Air Force Audits
3 Banking—Currency
4 Budgeting
4-1 Budget Program Management
Annual Financial Plan
Apportionments
Appropriation Law
Funds Administration
Special Transfers
4-2 Budget Structure
AF Budget Code (Fiscal Code)
4-3 Estimates
Call for Estimates
Program Guides and Assumptions
Justification
Review
Special (Flash)
Supplemental
4-4 Federal Budget
5 Cost Accounting
5-1 Air Installations Maintenance
5-2 Depot Maintenance
5-3 Field Maintenance
5-4 Motor Vehicles Maintenance
6 Expense Accounting
6-1 Accounting Procedures
Chart of Accounts
Contractual Services
Materiel
Medical Services
Personnel Services
Special Activities and Tenants
Travel and Transportation
6-2 Records
Expense Ledger—Accounts
Subsidiary Ledgers and Files

6-3	Reporting Instructions and Requirements
7	General Ledger Accounting
7-1	Accounting Procedures Chart of Accounts Special Activities and Tenants
7-2	Records General Ledger Control Accounts Subsidiary Ledgers and Files
7-3	Reporting Instructions and Requirements
8	International Accounting
8-1	Agreements, Bilateral Canada Korea South Africa United Kingdom
8-2	ANZUS
8-3	MAP (formerly MDAP)
8-4	NATO
8-5	SHAPE
9	Monetary Property Accounting
9-1	Equipment
9-2	Inventory Accounting, Monetary
9-3	Real Property
10	Nonappropriated Funds
10-1	Revenue Producing Activities and Funds Book Department Funds Exchange Service Funds Motion Picture Service Funds Post Restaurants Funds Vocational Training Activities Funds
10-2	Sundry Association Activities and Funds Central Mess Funds Chaplains Funds Installation and Organizational Religious Funds Officers', Non-Commissioned Officers', and Cadets' Open Messes
10-3	Welfare Activities and Funds Base Trust Funds Central Base Funds Central Welfare Funds Civilian Welfare Funds Command Welfare Funds Unit Funds
11	Payroll Operations (Civilian Pay) (Also See MIL 10)
12	Revolving Funds
12-1	Industrial Funds Laundry and Dry Cleaning Services Printing Services
12-2	Management Funds
12-3	Stock Funds Air Force Academy Division Aviation Fuels Division Clothing Division Monetary Allowance System Commissary Division General Supplies Division Medical-Dental Division
12-4	Working Capital Funds

13	Salvage and Surplus Materiel Accounting
14	Statement of Charges
15	Surety Bonds
16	Survey, Reports of

Installations Management—INS

1	Facilities (Construction, Maintenance and Operation)
1-1	Airfields, Pavements, Aprons, etc.
1-2	Building Equipment
1-3	Buildings and Structures (Subdivide by type as required)
1-4	Custodial Services
1-5	Fire Protection and Aircraft Crash Rescue
1-6	Grounds
1-7	Insects, Rodent and Vermin Control
1-8	Liquid Fuel Storage and Dispensing Systems
1-9	Railroads
1-10	Refuse Collection and Disposal
1-11	Roads and Other Surfaced Areas (Except Airfields, Pavements, etc.)
1-12	Training Aids
1-13	Utilities Air Conditioning Systems Electric Plants and Systems Gas Plants and Systems Heating Plants and Systems Sewage Plants and Systems Water Plants and Systems
2	Family Housing
2-1	FHA Housing
2-2	Title VIII Housing (Wherry Housing)
3	Planning Engineering
3-1	Construction Planning (Program and Projects)
3-2	Design Criteria
3-3	Master Planning (Programs)
4	Real Estate
4-1	Acquisition
4-2	Disposal
4-3	Utilization

Intelligence—INT

1	Collection—Dissemination
1-1	Attaches, Air
1-2	Briefing
1-3	Captured Materiel
1-4	Clandestine Source
1-5	Communications—Electronics Communications Collection—Dissemination Interception Electronics Collection—Dissemination Interception

4-12	Charges and Specifications	4-67	New Trial
4-13	Citizenship and Naturalization	4-68	Non-Judicial Punishment
4-14	Civilian Officers and Employees	4-69	Oaths and Affirmation
4-15	Claims	4-70	Officers
4-16	Coast Guard	4-71	Patents and Copyrights
4-17	Coast Guard Academy	4-72	Pay and Allowances
4-18	Commissaries, Post Exchanges and Related Services	4-73	Perjury and False Swearing
4-19	Communications and Correspondence	4-74	Pleas and Motions
4-20	Conduct Improper Under Uniform Code of Military Justice	4-75	Posts, Bases, and Other Installations
4-21	Conspiracy	4-76	Prisoners
4-22	Contracts	4-77	Prisoners of War
4-23	Courts-Martial	4-78	Publications
4-24	Courts of Inquiry	4-79	Rape and Carnal Knowledge
4-25	Decorations, Medals, Badges, etc.	4-80	Records and Reports
4-26	Defenses	4-81	Rehearing
4-27	Depositions	4-82	Reserve Forces
4-28	Desertion	4-83	Retirement
4-29	Disobedience to Orders and Regulations	4-84	Review
4-30	Disrespect Toward Superior or Noncommissioned Officers	4-85	Riot
4-31	Drunk on Duty	4-86	Robbery
4-32	Enlisted Men	4-87	Schools and Education
4-33	Evidence	4-88	Search and Seizure
4-34	Extortion	4-89	Self-Incrimination
4-35	False Claims	4-90	Sentence and Punishment
4-36	False Official Statements	4-91	Sodomy
4-37	Finance	4-92	Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Acts
4-38	Forgery	4-93	Supplies, Service, and Equipment
4-39	Frauds Against The Government	4-94	Theaters and Motion Pictures
4-40	Fraudulent Enlistment, Appointment, and Separation	4-95	Transportation
4-41	Government Life Insurance	4-96	Treaties
4-42	Graves and Cemeteries	4-97	Trial
4-43	Homicide	4-98	Uniform
4-44	Hospitals, Medical and Dental Treatment	4-99	Unit, Welfare, and Similar Funds
4-45	Housebreaking	4-100	Vessels
4-46	Insignia	4-101	Veterans
4-47	International Law	4-102	War and Defense
4-48	Investigations	4-103	Warrant and Flight Officers
4-49	Lands and Buildings	4-104	Waste and Destruction of Property
4-50	Larceny and Wrongful Appropriation	4-105	Witness
4-51	Line of Duty	4-106	Worthless Checks
4-52	Loss, Damage, or Wrongful Disposition of Military Property	5	Patents
4-53	Maiming	5-1	Copyrights
4-54	Malingering	6	Taxation
4-55	Marine Corps		
4-56	Military Academy		
4-57	Military Personnel		
4-58	Military Security		
4-59	Misbehavior of Sentinel		
4-60	Missing Movement		
4-61	Motor Vehicles		
4-62	Mutiny and Sedition		
4-63	National Guard		
4-64	Naval Academy		
4-65	Naval Militia		
4-66	Navy		

Mapping and Charting ~~MAP~~

1	Aeronautical Information Publications
1-1	Aeronautical Overprints
1-2	Foreign Clearance Guides
1-3	Jet Flight Information Manuals
1-4	Pilot's Handbooks
1-5	Radio Facility Charts
2	Air Target Materials
2-1	Geodetic Data Sheets
2-2	Radar Return Codes
2-3	Reliability Data Sheets
2-4	Target Charts
2-5	Target Mosaics
3	Chart Quantities and Stocks

- 4 Development
 - 4-1 Experimental Items
 - 4-2 Portrayal
 - 4-3 Test and Evaluation
- 5 Distribution
- 6 Exchange Agreements
- 7 Hydrographic Charts
- 8 Maps
- 9 Production
- 10 Requirements
- 11 Source Materials
 - 11-1 Evaluation of
 - 11-2 Dissemination
 - 11-3 Procurement
 - 11-4 Utilization
- 12 Special Charting Items
 - 12-1 Aeronautical Video Plate
 - 12-2 Special Charts
 - 12-3 Special Mosaics
 - 12-4 Terrain Models
- 13 Standard Series Aeronautical Charts
 - 13-1 Aeronautical Approach Charts
 - 13-2 Aeronautical Planning Charts
 - 13-3 Cloth Charts
 - 13-4 Crash Grid Charts
 - 13-5 Equidistant Charts
 - 13-6 Evasion Charts
 - 13-7 Navigation Charts
 - 13-8 Radar Tracking Charts
 - 13-9 Strategic Charts
 - 13-10 Weather Charts
 - 13-11 World Aeronautical Charts

Medicine and Dentistry—MED

- 1 Aeromedical Evacuation
 - 1-1 Forward Evacuation
 - 1-2 Inter-Theater Evacuation
 - 1-3 Intra-Theater Evacuation
- 2 Dentistry
 - 2-1 Dental Clinic Administration
 - 2-2 Dental Health Records (Forms, Content and Procedures)
 - 2-3 Dental X-Ray
 - 2-4 Preventive Dentistry
 - Oral Hygiene
 - Prophylaxis
 - 2-5 Prosthetics
 - Laboratory Activities
 - 2-6 Special Dental Materials
 - Accountability
 - 2-7 Treatment
 - Policies and Standards
- 3 General Medical and Health Status
 - 3-1 Air Crew Effectiveness
 - 3-2 Battle Casualties
 - 3-3 Diseases

(Further subdivision of this subject will correspond to the classification of DD Form 442, Morbidity Report)

- 3-4 Injuries
- 4 Hospital and Dispensary Administration
 - 4-1 Capacity and Status
 - 4-2 Clinical Records
 - 4-3 Patient Management
 - Admission and Disposition
 - Discharge
 - Leave
 - Transfers
- 5 Physical Examinations
- 6 Preventive Medicine
 - 6-1 Biological Defense
 - 6-2 Environmental Sanitation
 - 6-3 Immunization
- 7 Professional Services and Clinics
 - 7-1 Aviation Medicine
 - 7-2 Dietary
 - 7-3 Laboratory
 - 7-4 Medical
 - Cardiovascular
 - Dermatology
 - Gastroenterology
 - Internal Medicine
 - Pediatrics
 - Physical Medicine
 - Psychiatry and Neurology
 - 7-5 Nursing
 - 7-6 Pharmacy
 - 7-7 Roentgenology
 - 7-8 Surgical
- 8 Veterinary Service
 - 8-1 Base Veterinary Service
 - 8-2 Food Examination
 - Point-of-Origin Inspection

Administrative Management—MGT

- 1 Documentation Control and Records Management
 - 1-1 Communications (written)
 - Control
 - Preparation
 - Referral
 - 1-2 Disposition of Records
 - Disposal
 - Retirement (Packing and Shipping Procedures)
 - Records Centers
 - Staging Areas
 - Schedules (Preparation of)
 - Transfer
 - 1-3 Maintenance of Current Records
 - 1-4 Microfilming
- 2 Functions (Missions and Responsibilities)
 - 2-1 Air Doctrine
 - 2-2 Charts (Organization)
 - 2-3 Command Jurisdiction and Prerogatives
 - 2-4 Delegation and Designation of Authority
 - (See also PRO 8-2)

3	Ground Safety
3-1	Education and Training Safety Awards Safety Educational & Promotional Materials Training and Career Development Visual Aids
3-2	Engineering & Research Facilities Materiel and Equipment Safety Engineering & Research Planning
3-3	Motor Vehicle Transportation Government Vehicles (General Purpose) Government Vehicles (Special Purpose) Private Vehicles
3-4	Reports and Analysis Accident Analysis Studies Ground Accident Experience Data Standard Statistical Tabulation USAF Ground Accident Reports USAF Ground Accident Summaries
4	Historical Documentation and Properties
4-1	Historical Properties
4-2	Monographs
4-3	Unit Histories
5	Interservice Relations (Joint Activities)
6	Management Planning and Improvement (Surveys and Studies)
6-1	Office Methods and Procedures
6-2	Organizational Analysis
6-3	Program Planning and Analysis
6-4	Work Measurement—Production Layout and Materiel Flow Production Control and Scheduling Survey and Audit Work Measurement Work Simplification
7	Manpower
7-1	Tables of Distribution (Unit Manning Documents) Position Authorization (Spaces) Civilian Military
7-2	Tables of Organization and Equipment
7-3	Utilization
8	Organization (Including, generally, the organization of boards and committees. Classify documents pertaining to the organization and work of specific boards and committees by subject, using the name of the board or committee as the subdivision of subject, as required.)
8-1	Activation
8-2	Assignment of Organizational Units Unit Movements
8-3	Constitution

8-4	Designation Insignia—Flags Nomenclature
8-5	Disbandment
8-6	Discontinuance
8-7	Inactivation
8-8	Reorganization
9	Postal and Courier Service
9-1	Courier System Courier Transfer Stations (CTS)
9-2	Distribution
9-3	Money Orders
9-4	Penalty Matter
9-5	Post Offices (APO's)
9-6	Postage
9-7	Postal and Courier Equipment
10	Statistics and Reports Management
10-1	Machine Records Machine Procedures Punch Card Accounting Equipment
10-2	Reports Control System
10-3	Statistical Data Repository
Forms Management	
Military Personnel Administration—MIL	

1	Absence
1-1	AWOL
1-2	Desertion
1-3	Leave Emergency
2	Assignment and Reassignment
2-1	Air Force with the Armed Services of US and other Countries Armed Services with the Air Force
2-2	Attached
2-3	Flying Status
2-4	Permanent Change of Assignment
2-5	Permanent Change of Station
2-6	Release
2-7	Temporary Duty
2-8	Career Development
3	Classification
3-1	Qualification Records (Such as AF Form 11, etc.)
3-2	Chaplaincy
4	Cultural Activities
4-1	Ecclesiastical Indorsing Agencies
4-2	Humanitarian Services
4-3	Personal Counseling
4-4	Preaching Missions Jewish Protestant Roman Catholic
4-5	Religion Jewish Protestant Roman Catholic
4-6	Religious Education
4-7	Retreats
4-8	Jewish

	Protestant
	Roman Catholic
4-9	Worship
5	Discipline and Conduct
5-1	Misconduct
	Administrative Reprimand
6	Identification
6-1	Change of Name
6-2	Foreign Nationals
6-3	Identification Cards
6-4	Passports and Visas
6-5	Serial Numbers
6-6	Tags
7	Military Personnel Records
7-1	Command Personnel Records Group
7-2	Field Personnel Records Group
7-3	Master Personnel Records Group
8	Pay and Allowances
8-1	Allotments
	Dependents
	Income Tax
	Pension
	Savings
8-2	Aviation Cadets
8-3	Benefits—Gratuities—Compensation
8-4	Clothing Allowances
8-5	Enlistment Bonus
8-6	Flying Pay
8-7	Inactive Duty Training Pay
8-8	Pay Withheld or Delayed
8-9	Quarters
8-10	Subsistence
8-11	Travel
9	Performance
9-1	Commendations
9-2	Decorations and Awards
9-3	Effectiveness Evaluation
10	Personnel Services (Welfare, Recreation, Morale)
10-1	Air Force Aid Society
10-2	American Red Cross
10-3	Bands and Music
10-4	Casualty Assistance
10-5	Casualty Reporting and Notification
10-6	Education
10-7	Entertainment and Recreation
10-8	Funerals and Burials
10-9	Library Services
	Library Property
	Operating Systems
	Technical Libraries
10-10	Personal Affairs
	Dependents Assistance
	Insurance
	Marriage
	Soldiers' and Sailors' Relief Act
10-11	Sports
11	Personnel Statistics
11-1	Morning Reports
11-2	Rosters

11-3	Strength
12	Political Activities
12-1	Voting
13	Prisoners of War
13-1	Allied
13-2	American
13-3	Enemy
14	Procurement
14-1	Appointment and Enlistment
	Examinations (Mental and Physical)
	Qualifications (Education and Physical)
	Waivers
14-2	Induction and Recall
	Draft Deferment
14-3	Recruiting
15	Promotion and Demotion
16	Rank and Precedence
17	Separation
17-1	Death
17-2	Discharge
17-3	Inactive Duty
17-4	Retirement
18	Uniforms (Regulations of Apparel)

Materiel Maintenance Engineering—MTN

1	Conservation Practices
2	Contractor Technical Assistance
3	Equipment Histories
4	Materiel Items
	(Further subdivide as required in accordance with standard classes of supply (AFM 67-1) using class numbers in parentheses as secondary subject designations, viz: MTN 4 (01).)
5	Modification
6	Performance Data
7	Preventive Maintenance
8	Repairs
9	Technical Order, Compliance
10	Unsatisfactory Reports

Operations—OPS

1	Air Bases, Use of
1-1	Domestic
1-2	Foreign
1-3	Site Surveys
2	Air Traffic Control
2-1	Aircraft Dispatch and Clearance
	Identification
2-2	Air Routes
2-3	Control Tower
2-4	Flight Rules and Regulations
2-5	Flight Safety
	Accidents
	Individual Flight Recording

- 3 Atomic Warfare
- 3-1 Liaison (Atomic Energy Commission, Military Liaison Committee, Armed Forces Special Weapons Project) (See also REL).
- 3-2 Maneuvers
- 3-3 Tests
- 4 Clandestine Operations
- 5 Electronics Systems
- 5-1 Airborne Radar
- 5-2 Aircraft Control and Warning Radar Calibration
- 5-3 Combat Electronics
- 6 Flight Operations
- 6-1 Airlifts
- 6-2 Air Ground Rescue
- 6-3 Air Sea Rescue
- 6-4 Bombardment
- 6-5 Evacuation
 - Disaster Wounded (See Aeromedical Evacuation—MED)
- 6-6 Fighter
- 6-7 Ground Support
- 6-8 Reconnaissance
- 6-9 Transport
 - Inflight Refueling
- 6-10 Troop Carrier
- 6-11 Special Missions
- 7 Joint Operations
- 8 Navigation
- 8-1 Navigation Aids
- 9 Operations Analysis
- 10 War Plans
- 10-1 Combined War Plans
 - Foreign Military Assistance
- 10-2 Defense
 - Civil Defense
 - Mobilization
 - Civil Aviation
- 10-3 Joint War Plans
- 10-4 Logistics
- 10-5 Offense
 - Biological and Chemical
 - Psychological
 - Strategic
 - Tactical
 - Ground Support

Photography—PHO

- 1 Aerial Mapping and Charting Photography
- 1-1 Cross Servicing Agreements (Inter-Agency)
- 1-2 Identifications and Titling
- 1-3 Mapping and Charting Projects
- 1-4 Print Libraries
- 2 Motion Picture Photography
- 2-1 Distribution and Control of Projection Prints (Training and Information and other Education Films).

- 2-2 Gun Sight Aiming Point (GSAP)
- 2-3 Motion Picture Production Project
- 3 Radar Scope Photography
- 4 Sound Recording
- 5 Still Photography
- 5-1 Print Libraries
- 5-2 Transparencies
 - Film Strips
- 6 Use Requirements Review
- 6-1 Air Force Film Review Board
- 6-2 Intelligence Collection
- 6-3 Research Instrumentation and Documentation
 - Training
- 6-4 Utilization Control
- 7 Color Policy
- 7-1 Loan, Sales and Exchange
- 7-2 Terminology—Nomenclature

Police Operations—POL

- 1 Police Administration
- 1-1 Authority and Jurisdiction
- 1-2 Civil Police Liaison
- 1-3 Complaints
 - Individual Case Files
- 1-4 Disposition of Offender Reports
- 1-5 Gate Guarding
- 1-6 Offenses or Incidents
 - (Including Arrests and Routine Investigations of Delinquency and Complaints)
- 1-7 Patrolling
- 1-8 Permits (Hunting, Fishing, Firearms, etc.)
- 1-9 Property
- 1-10 Records of Events (Desk Journal)
- 1-11 Relief Schedules
- 1-12 Reports of PM Activities
- 1-13 State of Discipline
- 1-14 Traffic Control
- 1-15 Vehicle Registration
- 2 Corrections
 - 2-1 Casual Prisoners
 - 2-2 Confinement Administration
 - 2-3 Confinement Operations
 - 2-4 Prison Administration
 - 2-5 Prisoners Complaints
 - 2-6 Prisoner's Individual Records
 - 2-7 Restoration and Clemency
 - 2-8 Retraining of Prisoners

Procurement—PRO

- 1 Contract Administration
- 1-1 Contractor's Records
- 1-2 Cost Reimbursement (Approval of Cost)
- 1-3 Price Redetermination (Renegotiation)
- 1-4 Subcontracting
- 1-5 Tax Exemption

- 2 Contract Financing
 - 2-1 Advance Payment
 - 2-2 Guaranteed Loans
 - 2-3 Partial Payments
- 3 Contract Placement
 - 3-1 Bonds
 - 3-2 Coordinated Procurement
 - 3-3 Execution (Awards)
 - Approval
 - Distribution
 - Numbering
 - 3-4 Formal Advertising
 - 3-5 Interdepartmental Procurement
 - Federal Supply Service
 - 3-6 Negotiation
 - Finding and Determinations
 - 3-7 Sources
 - Bidders List
 - Small Business
 - 3-8 Specifications
- 4 Contractual Instruments
 - 4-1 Changes
 - 4-2 Types
 - Cost-Plus-Fixed-Fee
 - Fixed Price
 - Time and Materials
- 5 Foreign Procurement
- 6 Government Property
 - 6-1 Bailment
 - 6-2 Government-Furnished Materials
 - Government-Furnished Aeronautical Equipment
 - 6-3 Industrial Property Control
- 7 Industrial Resources
 - 7-1 Facilities
 - Industrial Equipment
 - Plant Expansion
 - Special Tooling
 - 7-2 Labor and Technicians
 - 7-3 Materials
 - Controlled Materials
 - Customs Entry
 - Priorities
 - Stockpiling
- 8 Initiation of Purchase and Procurement Authority
 - 8-1 Assignment of Procurement Responsibility
 - 8-2 Delegation of Authority
 - 8-3 Procurement Directives
 - 8-4 Purchase Requests
- 9 Production
 - 9-1 Delivery Schedules
 - 9-2 Engineering Changes
 - 9-3 Expediting
- 10 Programming
 - 10-1 Requirements Computation
- 11 Procurement Case Files
- 12 Quality Control
 - 12-1 Inspection and Acceptance

- 13 Readjustment
 - 13-1 Claims
 - 13-2 Property Disposal
 - 13-3 Settlement
 - 13-4 Termination
 - Convenience
 - Default

Publishing and Publications—PUB

- 1 Orders
 - 1-1 AF Reserve Orders
 - 1-2 Courts-Martial Orders
 - 1-3 Flight Orders
 - 1-4 General Orders
 - 1-5 Movement Orders
 - 1-6 Operations Orders
 - 1-7 Personnel Action Memoranda
 - 1-8 Special Orders
 - 1-9 Technical Orders
- 2 Printing, Binding and Reproduction (Including Ditto, Photostat, etc.)
 - 2-1 Requirements
- 3 Publishing
 - 3-1 Distribution and Procurement
 - 3-2 Format and Editorial Policy
 - Bulletins
 - Digests
 - Directories
 - Indexes
 - Letters
 - Manuals
 - Memoranda
 - Periodicals
 - Regulations
- ~~2-3 Forms Standardization and Control~~
- 4 Review and Coordination

Research and Development—R&D

- 1 Aircraft
 - (Subdivide as required: amphibian; bomber; cargo and transport; convertiplane; fighter; glider; liaison; lighter-than-air; parasite; reconnaissance; rotary wing; and trainer).
 - 1-1 Aerodynamics (Exclusive of propellers and rotors)
 - Airfoils
 - Boundary Layer Control
 - Design Criteria
 - External and Internal Flow
 - Fluid Mechanics
 - Turbulence
 - Wind Tunnel Studies
 - 1-2 Alighting Gear
 - Antiskid Devices
 - Brakes
 - Cross-wind Landing Devices
 - Floats
 - Skis

	Steering		Deicing and Anti-icing Devices
	Tires		Fire Prevention Equipment
	Wheels		Heating Equipment
1-3	Components		Hydraulics
	Fuel Cells		Inflight Cargo Handling Equipment
	Fuselages		Oxygen Equipment
	Tail Assemblies		Pneumatic
	Wings	1-10	Propellers and Rotors
1-4	Design		Aerodynamics of
	Comfortization		Components
	Design Parameters		Control
	Escape and Recovery		Drive Mechanism
	Fabrication	1-11	Servicing and Handling
	Layout and Arrangement		Fueling and Fuel Storage
	Load, Weight and Balance		Gas Generators and Gas Servicing
	Passive Defense		Handling
	Performance		Heating and Air Conditioning
	Pressurization		Launchers and Arresters
	Structural Testing		Lubrication Equipment
1-5	Electrical Accessories		Mobile Compressed Air Supply
	Actuators		Starting
	Auxiliary Power Plants and Generators	1-12	Towing
	Circuit Breakers		Stability and Control
	Convertors		Control Mechanisms
	Lighting		Control Surfaces
	Motors		Criteria
	Regulators		Dynamic Load
	Storage Batteries		Flutter
	Wiring		Vibration
1-6	Flight Instruments	2	Armament
	Accelerometers	2-1	Aircraft Armor (Plates, Bullet Proof Glass, etc)
	Airspeed	2-2	Ammunition and Guns (Exclusive of Fire Control System)
	Altitude		Accessory Equipment
	Free Air Temperature		Destructive Effects
	Pitch and Yaw		Drives
1-7	Flight Operation Techniques and Equipment		Feed and Storage (Aboard Aircraft)
	Aircraft Climatization		Mounts
	All Weather Operation	2-3	Analysis and Evaluation
	Cruise Control		Ballistics
	Floating Wings		Computation
	Piloting		Control Theory
	Range		Dynamics of Systems
	Extension		Performance Evaluation
	Inflight Refueling		Systems Synthesis
	Towing	2-4	Bombs (Exclusive of Special Weapons)
	Unconventional Landing and Take-off		Cluster
1-8	Maintenance and Test		Controlled
	Engine Test Cells		Damage Assessment
	Engine Test Stands		Fragmentation
	Repair Equipment		General Purpose
	Shelters and Maintenance Stands		Incendiary
	Structure Testing Equipment		Leaflet
1-9	Mechanical Accessories		Photoflash
	Actuators		Target Marker
	Aerial Delivery Equipment	2-5	Bomb Accessories
	Aerial Dispensers		Anti-ricochet Devices
	Cooling and Air Conditioning		Fins

	Launchers		Screening
	Racks		Signal Search and Analysis
	Release Systems		Simulation
	Shackles	5-2	Components, Techniques and Tests
2-6	Computers		Amplification
	Bombing		Antennas and Antenna Shelters
	Ground Defense		Detection
2-7	Demolitions		Interference Reduction
	Application		Meters
	Techniques		Modulation
2-8	Fire Control Systems		Moving Target Identification
	(Position reference—radar; optics;		Remoting Devices
	gyros; computers; servo-transmit-		Signal Analysis
	ters; all equipment applicable to an		Signal Generators
	integrated fire control system)	5-3	Electromagnetics
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2-10	Mines and Torpedoes		Wave Propagation
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Move to Alpha arrangement under Basic Filing Arrangements Appendix B

RULES FOR ALPHABETICAL ARRANGEMENT

1. Sequence of Surnames

Names of individuals shall be arranged in alphabetical sequence, surname first, considering the alphabetical sequence of each letter of the surname in relation to the letters of other surnames with which it is filed:

- Able
- Adams
- Adamson
- Adler
- Allen

2. Identical Surnames

Identical surnames shall be arranged, first, by the first initial of the first given name, then the initial of the second given name, considering both initials, but disregarding the spelling of either the first or second given names except for the purpose of arranging names with identical initials:

- Allen, A
- Allen, Alice
- Allen, A. B.
- Allen, A. Bert
- Allen, B.
- Allen, Ben
- Allen, B. A.
- Allen, B. C.
- Allen, Ben D.
- Allen, B. John

3. Hyphenated Names

a. Hyphenated surnames of individuals shall be filed as one word:

- Page, D. A.
- Page-Lewis, S. M.
- Pagella, T. M.

b. If other than surnames of individuals, they shall be treated as separate words:

- Hall-Scott Motor Co.
- Halt Technical Laboratories

c. Names that are sometimes hyphenated and sometimes not, shall be filed as one word:

- Cooperative Market
- Co-operative Marketing Ass'n.
- Inter-State Canning Co.
- Interstate Shippers Ass'n.

4. Prepositions, Articles, and Conjunctions

Prepositions, articles, and conjunctions shall be disregarded in the arrangement of the name.

5. Abbreviations

File all abbreviations as though spelled in full:

- Assn Association
- Co Company
- Jas James
- Mt Mount
- Natl National
- St Saint

6. Names that Contain Numerals

Numerals that form part of a name shall be considered for filing as though spelled out:

- 19th Century Literary Club—Nineteenth Century Literary Club
- 10th Avenue Provision Co.—Tenth Avenue Provision Company

7. Names that Consist Entirely of Initials

Names that consist in part or entirely of initials (except when initials are part of an individual's name) shall be filed in front of all other names beginning with the same letter:

- OAX Radio Station
- OK Serum Company

Oaks, T. A.
 Ober, F. W.
 PDQ Messenger Service
 Parks, D. A.

8. Institutions and Schools

Institutions or colleges, as such, having as part of their names the name of an individual, shall be filed by the first letter of the individual's *given* or Christian name; companies and other business organizations excepted:

George Washington University
 Georgetown Hospital
 Johns Hopkins University
 Johnson, V. V.
 Theodore Roosevelt Hospital

9. Companies, Corporations, Other Business Firm Names

a. Companies, corporations, and other business firm names containing the name of an individual shall be filed by the first letter of the surname, after individuals of like name:

Smith, John E.
 Smith and Company
 Smith and Company, A. D.
 Smith Fish Company, C. R.

b. Identical business firm names shall be filed according to city and state in which they are located:

Brown and Company, Chicago, Illinois
 Brown and Company, San Francisco, California
 Smith and Sons, Springfield, Illinois
 Smith and Sons, Springfield, Massachusetts

10. Cities, Towns, Counties, States, Countries

Names of cities, towns, counties, states, and countries shall be filed after individuals, business firms, and institutions of like name:

Lyons, W. A.
 Lyons Warehouse Co.
 Lyons, Colorado—Board of Health
 Lyons County, Maryland—Police Department

11. Titles

Titles such as Captain, Doctor, Junior, Senior, Mrs, and so forth, shall be disregarded except where the names and initials

are identical, whereupon they shall be filed alphabetically by titles:

Jones, John F.
 Jones, John F. (Captain)
 Jones, John F. (Doctor)
 Jones, John F. (Jr)
 Jones, John F. (Mrs)

12. Prefixes

a. All names having a prefix as a part thereof shall be considered as one word whether the prefix is capitalized or not and shall be arranged in sequence with other names, considering the letters of the prefix in relation to the letters of other names:

Dalton
 D'Arcy
 Dawes
 De Armond
 Devon
 Van Burgund
 Van Courtland
 Van Dyke

b. Names having the prefixes M, Mc, and Mac shall be filed together in front of all names beginning with the letter "M," without regard to the spelling of the prefix:

McGinty, A. B.
 M'Ginty, B. A.
 Mac Ginty, C. D.
 M'Ginty, D. E.
 MacGinty, D. F.
 McGinty, F. G.

13. Estates

Estates shall be filed with companies:

Wilson & Co.
 Wilson & Co., T. E.
 Wilson, Estate, George C.
 Wilson Provision Co.
 Wilson & Young Co.

14. Words Denoting Direction

Names containing words denoting directions such as northwest, southeast, and so forth, sometimes written as one word and sometimes as two, shall be considered as one word when filed:

Southeast Producers Assn.
 South East Producers Assn.
 Westside Grocery
 West Side Meat Co.

15. Geographic or Location Words

Compound geographic or location words comprising a name are filed as separate words:

New Jersey Meat Co.
New York Packing Co.
Newark Provision Co.
West Virginia Grocery Co.
West Wellington Motor Corp.

16. Indexing the Alphabetical File

Indexing an alphabetical file of names is accomplished by the placement of guides indicating the various divisions and subdivisions of the alphabet under which each group of names fall. The number of alphabetical subdivisions used in a file depends

upon the number of names in the file, and whether the materials to be filed by name are individual papers, cards, case files, etc. As a general rule, an alphabetical subdivision guide should be provided for each 10 to 20 name folders, or for each 25 to 50 name cards. Standard sets of alphabetical subdivision guides are available from commercial sources in a wide variety of numbers of subdivisions. However, if such guides are procured it is recommended that "non-terminal" alphabetical subdivisions such as illustrated in the tables below, be specified. Use the number of guides that makes searching the file easiest, but remember that the use of too many guides will defeat their purpose.

Divisions of the Alphabet

15 Division		20 Division			60 Division						
A	M	A	J	Q	A	Co	Gi	Ki	Mu	Ro	U
B	N	B	K	R	Am	Cr	Gr	L	N	S	V
C	P	C	L	S	B	D	H	Le	O	Sch	W
D	R	D	Mc	T	Be	De	He	Li	P	Si	We
F	S	E	M	U	Bi	Do	Ho	Mo	Pe	St	Wi
H	T	F	N	V	Br	E	Hu	M	Pi	Su	XYZ
I	W	G	O	W	Bu	F	I	Mar	Q	T	
K		H	P	XYZ	C	Fi	J	Me	R	To	
		I			Ch	G	K	Mo	Ri		

100 Division

A	Bo	Cor	Et	H	J	McA	P	Se	Tr
Al	Br	Cr	F	Ham	John	M	Pe	Sh	U
Am	Bro	Cu	Fi	Har	K	Man	Pi	Si	V
Ander	Bu	D	Fo	Hat	Ke	Me	Pr	Smith	W
Ar	C	De	Fr	He	Ki	Mi	Q-R	Sp	War
B	Car	Di	G	Hi	Kn	Mo	Ri	St	We
Bar	Ch	Do	Ge	Ho	L	Mu	Ro	Sto	Wh
Be	Cl	Dow	Go	Hon	Le	N	Ros	T	Wi
Ber	Co	E	Gr	Hu	Li	Ni	S	Tho	Wo
Bi	Con	El	Gro	I	Lo	O	Sch	Ti	XYZ

150 Division

A	Br	Cu	Fl	Har	Jones	McD	P	Se	V
Al	Bro	D	Fo	Harr	K	McK	Pe	Ch	Ve
Am	Bu	Davis	Fr	Hat	Ke	M	Pet	Si	W
Ander	C	De	Fri	He	Kel	Man	Pl	Smith	Wall
Ar	Car	Del	G	Hen	Kl	Mas	Pr	Sn	War
At	Cas	Di	Gar	Her	Kn	Me	Pu	Sp	We
B	Ch	Do	Ge	Hi	Kr	Mi	Q-R	St	Wei
Baker	Che	Dow	Gi	Ho	L	Miller	Re	Sto	Wh
Bar	Cl	Du	Go	Hol	Lar	Mo	Ri	Su	Wi
Be	Co	E	Gr	Hon	Le	Mor	Ro	T	Williams
Ber	Con	El	Gre	Hu	Lei	Mu	Ros	Te	Wilson
Bi	Coo	Et	Gro	Hun	Li	N	Ru	Tho	Wo
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RECORDS MANAGEMENT**Maintenance of Current Records**

AFM 181-4, 20 February 1958, is changed as follows:

1. Make the following changes by pen and ink:

<i>Page</i>	<i>Paragraph</i>	<i>Action to be taken</i>
v		Change heading "Paragraph" to read "Figure".
7		In figure 6, change folder labeled "ANDR" to read "AN"
33		Align "CIV 17. Separation" and "CIV 18 Travel" as primary subdivisions.
33		Align "FIN 1-5 Reporting Instructions and Requirements" as a secondary subdivision.
38		Add new primary subdivision "11 Forms Management" to major subjective category "ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGEMENT—MGT".
41		Delete the subdivision "3-3 Forms Standardization and Control".
49		Change the symbol for Accident, Ground Safety "MIL 3" to read "MGT 3".
54		Delete the entry "Forms PUB 3-3" appearing under "Control".
57		Substitute "Forms Management MGT 11" for the entries "Forms: Control PUB 3-3" and "Forms: Standardization PUB 3-3".
67		Delete the entry "Forms PUB 3-3" appearing under "Standardization".

2. Change references on pages 30, 32, 33, and 56 to the major subjective category "FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT" to read "FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION". The symbol for this category remains "FIN".

3. The symbol ★ is used to indicate new or revised material in the text.

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4	6		Change "(1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6)," to "a, b, c, d, e, f."
7	13	5 & 6	Delete "Records Management Group."
8	Title	2	Change "Records" to "Correspondence."
13	Figure 8		Change date to "1 Jun 61."
14	16d	1	Change "they" to "it." Add "s" to "concern."
46	Appendix A		Under "SUPPLY & SERVICES—SUP," change as follows: 1-1 Basis of Issue Accountability Equipment Authorization Allowance Documents Foreign Government Loan, Donation and Exchanges Rations

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20.1	20	4-5	Delete "distinction and."
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26	34b	3	Substitute "AF Form 80" for "records control schedule."

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**AIR FORCE MANUAL
NO. 181-4D**

✓ **DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE**
Washington, 14 May 1965

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IMMEDIATE ACTION

AFL 181-4

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON DC 20330

AIR FORCE LETTER
NO. 181-4

11 March 1965

SUBJECT: Conservation of Equipment and Space Occupied by Records

TO: (Distribution: S)

Expires 31 August 1966 unless sooner rescinded or superseded.

1. Purpose. This letter implements a Presidential directive and General Services Administration (GSA) regulation, imposing on all Federal agencies, a moratorium on the purchase of filing cabinets. It applies to all activities Air Force-wide.

2. Background. The President's moratorium is intended to attain the more effective use of office space and equipment used for maintaining records through procedures which will insure the prompt retirement or destruction of records no longer required for conducting current business. To this end, prerequisite actions are required as justification for the procurement of filing cabinets.

3. Security Filing Cabinets. While the President's moratorium does not apply to GSA tested and approved security filing cabinets required for the safeguarding of classified information by AFR 205-1, the requirements of paragraphs 4 and 5 apply to requisitions for such equipment.

4. Action Required:

a. Commanders will require that all requisitions for letter- and legal-size filing cabinets be reviewed by a records officer (appointed in accordance with AFR 181-1) to insure that the office requesting the filing cabinets has taken the following actions:

(1) All records are identified on AF Forms 80, "Files Maintenance and Disposition Plan," and 82, "Files Disposition Control Label," and maintained in accordance with AFM 181-4.

(2) All temporary records eligible for destruction in accordance with disposal criteria in AFM 181-5 have been destroyed.

(3) All noncurrent records not eligible for destruction have been retired to the records staging area or records center in accordance with the instructions on AF Forms 80 and 82.

(4) Filing cabinets are being fully used for current records, including top and bottom drawers.

(5) The contents of filing cabinets have been re-housed in more economical equipment such as shelf files in accordance with guidelines prescribed by chapter 5, AFM 181-4.

This letter supersedes AFL 181-4, 5 February 1965.

OPR: AFDASB

(6) All security filing cabinets not being used for classified material have been exchanged for nonsecurity type of filing cabinets.

b. If the office requesting the filing cabinet has complied with all of the prerequisites prescribed in a above and the additional filing cabinet is needed, the records officer will so certify on the requisition. He will then forward the requisition to the supply activity for necessary action.

5. Collateral Policies and Actions:

a. Requests for filing cabinets normally will be limited to essential requirements arising from new or materially expanded offices.

b. Filing ^{supply & equipment} cabinets will not be requested solely for the purpose of improvement in appearance, office decor, status elevation, or desire for the latest design or more expensive types.

c. The requisition and use of power files or other unconventional filing equipment solely as a basis for circumventing this moratorium is prohibited.

~~d. All filing cabinets turned-in as a result of actions required by paragraph 4 and the office space released by such actions will be reported as cost reduction items according to AFM 400-12 if they meet the applicable criteria. See section 3, chapter 3, AFM 181-5, 1 July 1963, as amended, for calculation guidelines.~~

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activities, conducting a large volume of correspondence with the general public, the Congress, or other government agencies, may find a "name index" useful in quickly locating correspondence filed by subject. When such an index is warranted, it will be maintained in front of the first drawer of the files to which it relates.

c. *Continuity Cross-Referencing.* This is the use of a cross-reference sheet describing a document brought forward from one folder to another and consolidated with related papers. The continuity cross-reference sheet is filed, replacing the document brought forward.

For example: a basic letter with 2 indorsements, filed under date of 21 Jun 60, may be brought forward and attached to another basic letter, dated 7 Jan 61, on the same subject and transaction. A cross-reference sheet is prepared and filed in place of the letter dated 21 Jun 60 to show that the letter has been placed in the files of the following year.

d. *Cross-Reference Designation.* File and cross-reference designations will be placed on the document as illustrated in figure 7. A check mark, drawn through the (x), will indicate that the cross-reference has been prepared. Names to be cross-referenced should be underlined. Place an (x) over the name after cross-reference has been made.

★e. *Preparation of Cross-Reference Sheets.* DD Form 334 (supplied in single sheets is used for this purpose (see figure 8).

(1) *Date.* Type date of correspondence or document being cross-referenced: day, month, and year (e.g., 1 June 1961). If no date is shown, insert "ND" and approximate date, or, date received.

(2) *Index.* List all subject and name cross-references which the classifier has

marked. If more than one reference is required, use additional DD Forms 334 as needed. This form is also used for "continuity cross-referencing."

(3) *To.* Enter name of individual or organization to whom the document is addressed.

(4) *From.* Indicate document originator.

(5) *Summary.* Enter subject line of document being cross-referenced. If further identification is needed, include names, serial numbers, sums of money, or other supplementary information.

(6) *Filed.* Enter file designation of the document. When a continuity cross-reference sheet is being prepared, place the new date (under which the correspondence will be filed) in parentheses after the file designation; e.g., MGT 1-1 (1 Jan 63).

★f. *Substitution of Copies for DD Form 334.* If an extra copy of the document to be cross-referenced is available, use it instead of DD Form 334. Also, use copies made on "fast copy" machines in lieu of DD Form 334 when facilities are conveniently located.

(1) *When Extra Copies Are Used.* Mark extra copy as illustrated in figure 7. Circle file designation to indicate where the extra copy is to be filed as a cross-reference.

(2) *When Fast Copies Are Used.* Mark the record copy (as illustrated in figure 7) before making fast copies of it. Circle file designation, on the copy, to indicate where it will be filed as a cross-reference.

(3) *Continuity Cross-Reference.* When using extra or fast copies for continuity cross-reference, write (in parentheses) the new date under which the document is filed (as described in subparagraph e(6) above).

Chapter 4

FILES PROCEDURES

18. What This Chapter Contains

This chapter contains instructions for:

- a. Filing to facilitate disposition of records.
- b. Maintaining classified records.
- c. Preparing and assembling correspondence for file.
- d. Using guides and folders.
- e. Labeling guides, folders, and cabinets.
- f. Charging out documents from the file.
- g. Fastening papers.
- h. Sorting records.
- i. Cutting off files after prescribed periods of time or upon occurrence of a specific event.

19. Adaptation of Filing Procedures To Facilitate Disposition of Records

★a. *General Policy.* Planning for records maintenance has 2 objectives:

- (1) To arrange records to meet current reference requirements.
- (2) To identify and group series of records to facilitate systematic disposition authorized by AFM 181-5.

Arrange files to make it easier to destroy or retire them. *For example:* arrange files to permit periodic retirement or disposal of each records series in complete blocks (see figure 10). Do not interfile records having different retention periods.

★b. *Consolidated Files Maintenance and Disposition System.* AF Forms 80 and 82,

"Files Maintenance and Disposition Plan," and "Files Disposition Control Label," are the 2 basic elements of this system. These forms (described in c and d below) replace AF Forms 296 and 296a, "Records Control Schedules," and "Continuation Sheet," and the general correspondence files outline. Records control schedules, superseded by this system, will be retained as long as needed.

c. *Files Maintenance and Disposition Plan:*

(1) *Purpose.* AF Form 80, "Files Maintenance and Disposition Plan," will be prepared by each office of record (see figure 10a). It identifies all records for which an office has responsibility—both general correspondence files and other separate series of records. When used with labels (described in d below), this form provides a comprehensive and efficient system for maintaining and disposing of records.

(2) *Preparation.* Both sides of AF Form 80 will be used and prepared (in duplicate) as follows:

(a) *Column 5A.* Start with number 1 and consecutively number each series of records on the "Plan."

(b) *Column 5B.* Enter a brief, precise description of each series of records, using title of the applicable paragraph of AFM 181-5. If necessary for series identification, list various documents in the series. Occasionally, the local title of a series differs from AFM 181-5. In such instances, add the local title immediately after title used in the manual. (*NOTE:* If a group of records is not identified in AFM 181-5, use a brief title that is descriptive of the file and its function.) When identifying general correspondence files, list the "mis-

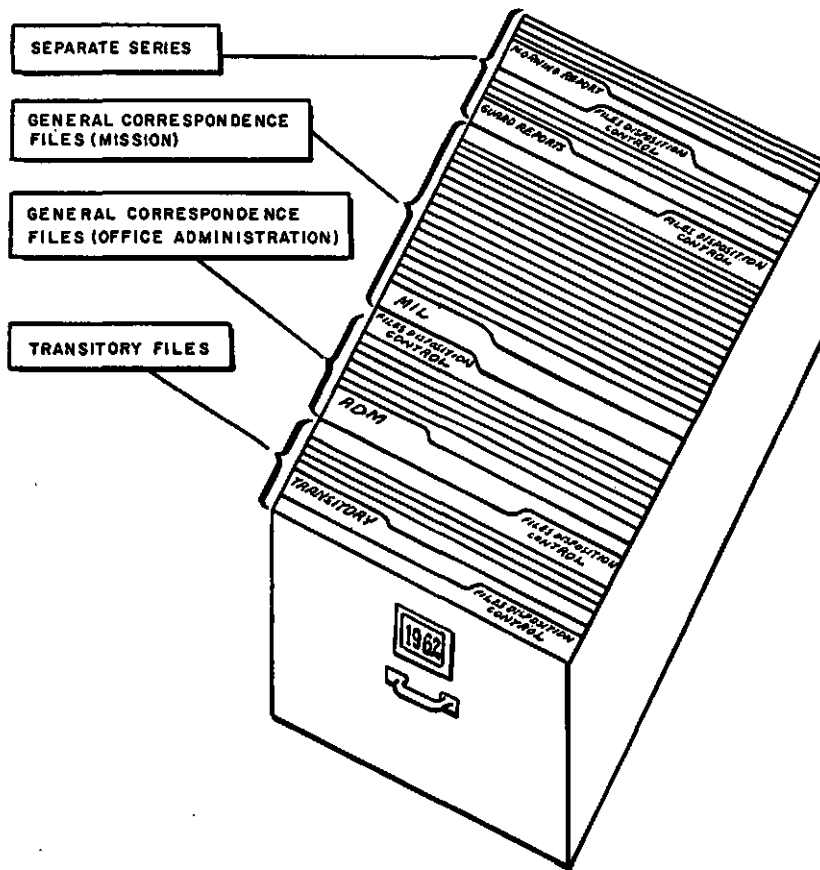


Figure 10. File Drawer Illustrating Placement of AF Forms 82

FILES MAINTENANCE AND DISPOSITION PLAN		DATE PREPARED 1 August 1963	
1. OFFICE SYMBOL OF OFFICE OF RECORD OR UNIT DESIGNATION Office of Safety		2. PREPARED BY (Name of records clerk) John Jones	
3. TYPED NAME AND POSITION TITLE OF RECORDS CUSTODIAN Richard Roe Assistant Director of Safety		4. SIGNATURE OF CUSTODIAN	
5. FILES PLAN			
ITEM NO.	TITLE OR DESCRIPTION OF RECORDS SERIES	FILED ARRANGEMENT OF EACH SERIES (Subjective, numerically, alphabetically, etc.)	DISPOSITION (Insert number of paragraph and sub-paragraph in AFM 181-4C. If paragraph cannot be found, enter "None.")
1	FILES MAINTENANCE AND DISPOSITION PLAN (AF FORM 80)	Front of Files	160303a
2	ROUTINE TRANSITORY RECORDS	Chronological	050102
3	GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE FILES (Office Admin) ADM OFFICE ADMINISTRATION 1 Administration of Office Personnel 2 Budgeting	Subjective	050101a(2)
4	GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE FILES (Mission) INV INVESTIGATIONS AND INSPECTIONS 1 Safety Programs 1-1 Flight Safety 1-2 Ground Safety	Subjective	050101a(1)
5	GROUND ACCIDENT SUMMARIES	Chronological	120310
6	GROUND ACCIDENT REPORTS	Chronological	120312
7	AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT AND/OR INCIDENT REPORTS	Alphabetical	120311

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Aug 61

Figure 10a. Files Maintenance and Disposition Plan (Policy Making Office).

sion" and "office administration" portions of the file as separate items (see figure 10a). Then list specific subjects making up each portion of the file (see paragraph 15g and figure 10a). On the form, list records series in the sequence that best suits the needs of the using office.

(c) *Column 5C.* Self-explanatory.

(d) *Column 5D.* Enter paragraph and subparagraph numbers of AFM 181-5 prescribing disposition of the records. If a paragraph covering disposition of the files cannot be found, enter "None," and advise the records officer.

(3) *Distribution.* AF Form 80 original will be retained by the office of record. Forward the copy to the responsible records officer for review and use in monitoring maintenance and disposition of records concerned.

(4) *Review.* Preparation of AF Form 80 is a one-time job. However, periodically review and amend the form to insure that all files are accounted for and that cited disposition authorities are appropriate. Records officers will be notified of any corrections, deletions, or additions. Reaccomplish AF Form 80 only when further corrections or additions cannot be made.

★(5) *Standardization of AF Form 80.* Some lower echelon activities (such as base exchange units) accumulate, maintain, and dispose of like records in the same way. In such cases, standardization of AF Form 80 will save time and money. Proposed standard AF Form 80 will be approved by the command records management officer before using activities prepare and distribute them.

d. *Files Disposition Control:*

★(1) *Purpose.* AF Form 82, "Files Disposition Control Label" (see figure 10b), is printed on special paper stock which adheres to file guide cards when moistened with water. Affix this form to tabs of guide cards preceding *each* record series to facilitate block disposition of records. This identifies records filed behind each guide card and prescribes their ultimate disposition (in accordance with authorities from AFM

<small>GPO : 1961 OF-610244</small>	
1. TITLE OR DESCRIPTION OF RECORDS SERIES	
3. GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE FILES (Office Admin- istration)	
2. PARAGRAPH NO. FROM AFM 181-5 050101a(2)	
3. CUT-OFF INSTRUCTIONS 31 December	
4. DISPOSITION INSTRUCTIONS Destroy after 1 year.	
FILES DISPOSITION CONTROL LABEL	
AF FORM Aug 61 82	REPLACES AF FORMS 296, JAN 57 AND 296A, JUL 54 WHICH MAY BE USED UNTIL 1 JAN 63.

Figure 10b. Files Disposition Control Label.

181-5 cited on the related AF Form 80). These guide cards and labels are "disposition guide cards," as distinguished from "locator guide cards" described in paragraph 25. Do not use both "locator" and "disposition" guide cards in front of a records series because the disposition guide card also serves as a locator guide card.

★(2) *Use:*

(a) *Placement of Disposition Guide Cards:*

1. Use a first (left) position disposition guide card to identify files to be transferred to the records staging area.

2. Use a second (center) position disposition guide card to identify files to be forwarded directly to a records center by the office of record (such as morning reports, personnel folders, etc.).

3. Use a third (right) position disposition guide card to identify files to be destroyed in the current files area.

It is important that *all* records following a guide card have the same retention period. These cards will remain with cut-off files

as long as they are retained in the current files area. (See figure 10 for examples.)

(b) *Replacement or Reuse of Cards:*

1. Make new sets of cards as needed for current accumulations of each records series.

2. When non-current records series are retired or destroyed, reuse the disposition guide cards for current accumulations.

(c) *Exceptions:*

1. When it isn't feasible to affix AF Form 82 to a guide card and place the guide card in front of a record series, affix the label to the container housing the records. When the series of records is housed in more than one container, affix the label to the first container.

2. Do not prepare AF Forms 82 for records maintained for a period of time but never placed in filing equipment (such as a safe check record or a room security inspection record). Instead, describe the records on AF Form 80 and enter disposition instructions immediately below the description.

(3) *Preparation:*

★(a) *Item 1 (Title or Description of Record Series).* Insert appropriate item number from AF Form 80, "Files Maintenance and Disposition Plan," and paragraph title from AFM 181-5 followed by the local title, if any. *NOTE:* When volume justifies, item number from AF Form 80 may be used to code papers for filing in series other than correspondence files.

(b) *Item 2 (Paragraph Number from AFM 181-5).* Enter applicable paragraph number of AFM 181-5. If no paragraph is applicable, enter "None."

★(c) *Item 3 (Cut-off Instructions).* Indicate day and month (omit year to permit reuse of disposition guide card) or event when records will be cut-off as prescribed in paragraph 29, AFM 181-4.

(d) *Item 4 (Disposition Instructions).* Enter following information, as appropriate:

1. If series has a short retention

period, and, can be held in available space and equipment in office of record until eligible for destruction, enter the word "Destroy" followed by the retention period (e.g., Destroy 6 months after cut-off).

2. If the series is "permanent," or, subject to a long retention period, enter the words "Transfer to Staging Area" or "Retire to Records Center," (as appropriate) followed by the period of retention in the office of record (e.g., "Transfer to staging area 2 years after cut-off"). Then, if records are temporary, give additional retention period (e.g., "Destroy after 3 additional years."); if records are permanent, so indicate. If disposition instructions are too lengthy for inclusion in this block, enter statement: "See AFM 181-5."

3. If no disposition instructions have been published enter "None." If instructions are published later, cross out "None" and enter applicable instructions.

★e. *General Correspondence Files.* These are subjectively arranged files of letters, messages, memoranda, and related documents accumulated by most offices of record. Maintenance of such files under the Air Force Subjective Classification System provides for segregation of "mission" documentation from "non-mission" (or housekeeping papers) at time of filing. This is accomplished by filing correspondence pertaining to the mission (functions and responsibilities) of the office of record under the appropriate major subjective category chosen from appendix A of this manual. All other correspondence is arranged subjectively in the "Office Administration—ADM" category as "non-mission" to the office accumulating them. Arrange correspondence files as follows to facilitate disposition:

(1) *HQ USAF, Major Air Commands, and Certain Major Subordinate Air Commands:*

(a) *Mission "Managerial" Correspondence.* Correspondence files at these levels documenting Air Force or command-wide policy making, program monitoring, and implementation of policies from higher

authority, are permanent records as provided in paragraph 050101a(1), AFM 181-5. They should be identified as a separate records series on the AF Form 80. (Correspondence accumulated by major command staff offices pertaining to functions for which they have command-wide responsibility is an example of such material.)

(b) *Mission "Operational" Correspondence.* Many offices at these levels also accumulate mission correspondence of temporary value. (Correspondence accumulated by major command staff offices pertaining to local implementation of Air Force and command directives by their immediate headquarters is an example of such correspondence.) It may be destroyed after 1 year as provided in paragraph 050101b, AFM 181-5, and should be identified as a separate item on the AF Form 80.

(c) *Non-mission Correspondence.* This category is also accumulated at these higher headquarters. It should be identified as a separate item on the AF Form 80 and disposed of after 1 year as provided in paragraph 050101a(2), AFM 181-5.

(2) *All Other Organizational Levels.* For records disposal purposes, there is no need to differentiate between "mission" and "non-mission" correspondence at these levels since both groups of correspondence are disposable after 1 year. Accordingly, identify correspondence files at these levels as 1 item on the AF Form 80 and cite paragraph 050101b, AF 181-5, as the disposal authority.

(3) *Correspondence Filed With Other Records Series.* Correspondence relating to forms or other documents filed as separate.

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20405

April 12, 1965

FEDERAL PROPERTY MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS
AMENDMENT NO. E-6

TO : Heads of Federal Agencies

SUBJECT: Revision of Subchapter E - Supply and Procurement

1. Purpose. This amendment transmits a revision of Subchapter E - Supply and Procurement.
2. Background. Federal Property Management Regulations, Temporary Regulation No. A-2, dated January 15, 1965, provided for a reduction in expenditures for office furniture and typewriters and a moratorium on the purchase of new correspondence filing cabinets. That Regulation was promulgated to give immediate effect to the letter of January 9, 1965, from the President and as stated therein expires 90 days from date of issue.
3. Explanation of changes. This revision continues in effect the provisions of FPMR Temporary Regulation No. A-2; restricts procurement of personal convenience type items; clarifies the instructions covering use standards for executive type office furniture and furnishings and provides for the use of other than executive type where such items are adequate; and requires that agencies procure items from Federal Supply Schedule contracts in lieu of procuring similar items from other sources.
 - a. Section 101-25.104 is added to provide for clarification of the restrictions intended by FPMR (T) A-2 in connection with the purchase of furniture and typewriters.
 - b. Section 101-25.105 is added to restrict procurement of personal convenience type items, unless such procurement is authorized by law.
 - c. Section 101-25.302 is revised to provide in paragraph (a), a cross-reference to § 101-25.104 pertaining to the moratorium on the purchase of new filing cabinets and reduction in the purchase of office furniture, furnishings, and equipment.
 - d. Section 101-25.302-1 is revised to clarify instructions relative to use standards for executive type office furniture and furnishings and to provide for the use of other than executive type when such items are adequate.

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e. Section 101-25.404-1 is added to provide that agencies limit acquisition of new furniture, typewriters, and filing cabinets to essential requirements as provided in § 101-25.104.

f. Section 101-26.308 is added to establish procedures for obtaining new filing cabinets from GSA.

g. Section 101-26.401 is revised as follows:


(1) A preamble is added to § 101-26.401 to provide coverage for the entire section (formerly included in § 101-26.401-1).

(2) Section 101-26.401-1 is redesignated "Mandatory use of schedules" and § 101-26.401-2 is redesignated "Primary source of supply concept."

(3) Section 101-26.401-3 is redesignated "Similar items" and requires that agencies procure items from Federal Supply Schedule contracts in lieu of procuring similar items from other sources when the Schedule items will adequately serve the required functional purpose.

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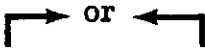
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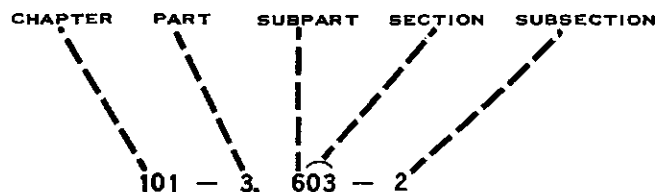
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§ 101-25.000 Scope of subchapter.

This subchapter provides policies and guidelines pertaining to the general area of supply management designed to support the logistical programs of the Federal Government. It consists of Parts 101-25 through 101-34 and provides for applicability of coverage within each of these several parts.

§ 101-25.001 Scope of part.

This part provides policies and guidelines pertaining to subject matter in the general area of supply management which is not appropriate for coverage in other parts of this Subchapter E.

Subpart 101-25.1—General Policies**§ 101-25.101 Criteria for determining method of supply.****§ 101-25.101-1 General.**

(a) This § 101-25.101 prescribes general criteria governing selection of the appropriate methods of supply to be utilized in meeting the planned requirements of the Government. It is directly applicable to executive agencies, and other Federal agencies are requested to observe these criteria in conducting their supply operations.

(b) As used in this § 101-25.101, the term "use point" means a storeroom or other redistribution point where supplies, materials, or equipment representing more than a 30-day supply are maintained primarily for issue directly to consumers within the local area, as distinguished from storage points where supplies and equipment are issued to redistribution points.

§ 101-25.101-2 Supply through storage and issue.

The following criteria shall govern in determining whether an item can be most advantageously supplied through storage and issue to use points:

(a) The item shall be physically adaptable to storage and issue and of such a character that it is feasible to forecast overall requirements of the use points served with reasonable accuracy;

(b) Rate of use and frequency of ordering at use points shall be sufficient to warrant storage and issue;

(c) The rate of deterioration or obsolescence shall be sufficiently low to avoid unnecessary loss; and

(d) Conditions exist where any of the following factors require supply through storage and issue (except that dangerous commodities of high weight and density, or commodities highly susceptible to damage normally should not be considered for supply through storage and issue unless one or more of such factors are determined to be of overriding importance)—

(1) Where price advantage through bulk buying is sufficient to render storage and issue more economical, all costs, both direct and indirect, considered.

(2) Where close inspection or testing is necessary to secure quality, or where repetitive inspection and test of small lots are prohibitive from the standpoint of cost or potential urgency of need.

(3) Where advance purchase and storage are necessitated by long procurement leadtime.

(4) Where an item is of special manufacture or design and is not readily available from commercial sources.

(5) Where an adequate industry distribution system does not exist to assure availability at use point.

(6) Where volume purchases are necessary to secure timely deliveries and advantageous prices.

(7) Where market conditions are such that supply through storage and issue is required to assure adequate supply.

(8) Where stocking of supplies and equipment necessary for implementation of emergency plans is required for an indefinite period.

§ 101-25.101-3 Supply through consolidated purchase for direct delivery to use points.

The following criteria shall govern in determining whether an item can be most advantageously supplied through consolidated purchase for direct delivery to use points:

(a) The items shall be equipment or supply items of such a character that it is feasible to forecast requirements for delivery to specific use points; and

(b) Conditions exist where any of the following factors requires consolidated purchasing of such items for direct delivery to use points—

(1) Where greatest price advantage, both direct and indirect costs considered, is obtainable through large definite quantity purchasing.

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(2) Where an item is of special manufacture or design and is not readily available from commercial sources.

(3) Where market conditions are such that central procurement is required to assure adequate supply.

(4) Where contracts for production quantities are necessary to secure timely deliveries and advantageous prices.

(5) Where the quantity is large enough to assure lowest transportation costs or, conversely, where transportation costs for small quantity redistribution are so excessive that it is not feasible to store and issue the items.

§ 101-25.101-4 Supply through indefinite quantity requirement contracts.

The following criteria shall govern in determining whether an item can be most advantageously supplied through the medium of indefinite quantity requirement contracts covering specific periods and providing for delivery to use points as needs arise:

(a) The item shall be such a character that—

(1) Handling on a storage and issue basis is not economically sound, under the criteria prescribed in § 101-25.101-2;

(2) Rate of use and frequency of ordering at use points is estimated to be sufficient to warrant the making of indefinite quantity requirement contracts;

(3) It is either not feasible to forecast definite requirements for delivery to specific use points (as in the case of new items initially being introduced into a supply system), or no advantage accrues from doing so; and

(b) Industry distribution facilities are adequate properly to serve the use points involved; and

(c) Conditions exist where any of the following factors requires the maintaining of indefinite quantity requirement contracts—

(1) Advantage to the Government is greater than would be secured by definite quantity procurements by individual offices or agencies (the determining consideration being one of overall economy to the Government, rather than one of direct comparison of unit prices of individual items obtainable through other methods of supply); or no known procurement economies would be effected but the requirements

of offices or agencies can best be served by indefinite quantity requirements contracts.

(2) Acute competitive bidding problems exist because of highly technical matters which can best be met on a centralized contracting basis.

(3) The item is proprietary or so complex in design, function, or operation as to be noncompetitive and procurement can best be performed on a centralized contracting basis.

§ 101-25.101-5 Supply through local purchase.

The following criteria shall govern in determining whether an item should be supplied through local purchase:

(a) Urgency of need requires local purchase to assure prompt delivery;

(b) The items are perishable or subject to rapid deterioration which will not permit delay incident to shipment from distant points;

(c) The local purchase is within applicable limitation established by the agency head; or

(d) Local purchase will produce the greatest economy to the Government.

§ 101-25.102 Exchange or sale of personal property for replacement purposes.

Policies and methods governing executive agencies in exercising the authority granted under section 201(c) of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949, as amended (40 U.S.C. 481(c)), are prescribed in Part 101-43.

§ 101-25.103 Trading stamps.

Policy relative to trading stamps received in connection with Government purchases is prescribed in Part 101-43.

§ 101-25.104 Acquisition of office furniture and typewriters.

Each executive agency shall make a determination as to whether the requirements of the agency can be met through the utilization of already owned items prior to the acquisition of new furniture or typewriters. The acquisition of new items shall be limited to those requirements which are considered absolutely essential and shall not include upgrading to improve appearance, office decor, status, or to satisfy the desire for the latest design or more expensive lines.

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(a) Generally, acquisition of additional furniture or typewriters from any source will be authorized only under the following circumstances, limited to the least expensive lines which will meet the requirement (see § 101-26.409 with respect to typewriters) and the justification for the action fully documented in the agency file:

(1) For essential requirements arising from quantitative increases in onboard employment which constitute the total requirement of any agency or major component thereof (e.g. bureau, service, office).

(2) For essential requirements arising from a need not related to onboard employment increases but which are determined necessary to avoid impairment of program efficiency.

(b) Restrict replacement of furniture or typewriters either to usable excess, rehabilitated, or the least expensive lines of new furniture determined to meet the requirement under the following circumstances, authority for which shall be fully documented in the agency file:

(1) Where the agency determines that the item is not economically repairable.

(2) Where reductions in office space occupancy are accomplished through use of more convenient or smaller size furniture and the space economies thus achieved offset the cost of the furniture to be acquired.

§ 101-25.104-1 Redistribution, repair, or rehabilitation.

Prior to the purchase of new office furniture and typewriters, agencies shall

fulfill needs insofar as practicable through redistribution, repair, or rehabilitation of already owned furniture and typewriters. In furtherance of the use of rehabilitated furniture and typewriters, agencies shall review inventories on a continuing basis to ascertain those items which can be economically rehabilitated and institute programs for their orderly repair and rehabilitation. All such items which are not required for immediate needs shall be reported as excess.

§ 101-25.104-2 Purchase of new filing cabinets.

On the basis of the moratorium declared by the President, executive agencies shall not purchase new correspondence filing cabinets for use in the 50 States and the District of Columbia. Where agency needs for filing cabinets have been established and approved by GSA, acquisition may be accomplished through GSA (see § 101-26.308). This restriction does not apply to fire resistant insulated file cabinets and those required for storage of classified records designated as security file cabinets by GSA.

§ 101-25.105 Restriction on personal convenience items.

Government funds shall not be expended for pictures, objects of art, plants or flowers (both artificial and real) or any other similar type items intended for the personal convenience or to satisfy personal desire of the official or employee, unless authorized by law.

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SUBPART 101-25.3 USE STANDARDS

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Subpart 101-25.3—Use Standards § 101-25.301 General.

(a) This subpart prescribes minimum use standards for certain Government-owned personal property which shall be applied by all executive agencies. Additional criteria above these minimum standards should be established by each executive agency, limiting its property to the minimum requirements necessary for the efficient functioning of the particular office concerned.

(b) Additional use standards should be established by all executive agencies for other Government-owned property under their control whenever use standards will effect economy and efficiency in the use of such property.

(c) All items of property, determined to be excess to the needs of an agency as a result of the application of use standards, shall be promptly reported in accordance with Part 101-43.

§ 101-25.302 Office furniture, furnishings, and equipment.

(a) Each executive agency shall establish criteria for the use of office furniture, furnishings, and equipment. Such criteria shall be in consonance with the provisions of § 101-25.104 pertaining to office furniture and typewriters and shall be limited to the minimum essential requirements as established by the agency head for authorized functions and programs which will, beyond a reasonable doubt, be in operation within the following six months.

(b) In developing such criteria, a distinction shall be made between the requirements of organizational elements concerned with purely administrative functions, and those of a technical, scientific, or specialized nature.

(c) Items of office equipment, used only occasionally, should be pooled within an agency and made available to activities of the agency when and as necessary.

§ 101-25.302-1 Executive type office furniture and furnishings.

The use of executive type office furniture and furnishings shall be limited to personnel in Grade GS-15 and above, or the equivalent thereto. Executive type office furniture and furnishings includes all items utilized to equip and furnish

offices and suites which are of the quality included in the Federal Supply Schedule, "Executive Type Office Furniture" or Federal Specifications and Standards which have "executive type" in their title. However, each agency shall utilize other than executive type office furniture and furnishings available from GSA Stores Stock or Federal Supply Schedules where items obtainable from such sources will adequately serve the required functional purpose.

(a) In cases where executive type furniture actually in use cannot be readily replaced by other types within an agency, exceptions to this limitation on the use of executive type furniture and furnishings may be granted.

(b) The standard prescribed by this § 101-25.302-1 shall not apply to unitized or built-in furniture in an installation. In instances where lack of space is a problem, the use of unitized furniture, including conference desks, is more economical and is recommended as a substitute for executive type office furniture.

§ 101-25.302-2 Filing cabinets.

Executive agencies shall make every effort to effect maximum use of filing cabinets and to limit the purchase of new equipment. Filing cabinets should be replaced only in accordance with the standards in Subpart 101-25.4. Maximum utilization of equipment should be obtained by:

(a) Disposing of all records that have been authorized for disposition by the Congress or, where such authorization has not been obtained, through the preparation and obtaining of authorized disposal schedules with the assistance of the National Archives and Records Service of GSA.

(b) Removing office supplies, publications, and other nonrecord material from filing cabinets to more suitable storage equipment, except where the quantity of such material is small (as a rule, less than half a cabinet).

(c) Transferring to Federal Records Centers or approved agency records centers (to the extent that facilities are made available) inactive records not needed in daily business but not yet ready for disposal, when filing equipment can be released by such action.

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(d) Shifting less active files, not transferable to approved records centers, to wood cabinets or transfer cases when available, using steel filing cabinets only when files are constantly used.

(e) Using filing cabinets with locks only when required by special needs that cannot be satisfied less expensively.

(f) Using letter-size filing cabinets instead of legal-size whenever possible.

(g) Using 5-drawer filing cabinets whenever available in lieu of 4-drawer cabinets.

§ 101-25.302-3 Electric typewriters.

(a) Each agency shall restrict the use of each electric typewriter to a typing station, which is an assigned post filled by an experienced operator for the purpose of preparing typewritten material, where one or more of the following standards are met:

(1) The typing time averages four hours or more of routine typing per machine daily.

(2) The typing time averages two hours or more per machine daily in the preparation of one or more of the following:

(i) Forms requiring an original and five or more carbons, or correspondence requiring an original and seven or more carbons.

(ii) Reproduction copy, such as photo masters and stencils.

(iii) Statistics and reports requiring decimal tabulation.

(3) The machine is used in the preparation of copy for printing. The assignment of proportional spacing machines shall be limited to this use, unless otherwise specifically justified under paragraph (b) of this section.

(4) The machine is used by the physically handicapped.

(b) Exceptions to the above criteria may be granted upon written justification approved by the head of the agency or his authorized representative and made a part of the purchase file.

§ 101-25.302-4 Portable computing machines.

Standards for the use of portable computing machines shall be established by

each agency, using as a base the minimum standards prescribed in this § 101-25.302-4. Portable computing machines include adding machines, calculators, and comptometers, manually or electrically operated, listing or nonlisting, but do not include posting or accounting machines.

(a) When the need for a machine has been determined, the following standards shall be used in determining the type of machine to be acquired:

(1) Manual machines should be used where electric current is not conveniently available or portability is required, where reasonable protection is desired against emergency shutdown (for example, in the event of continued power failures or civil defense dispersal), or where limited requirement does not warrant electric machines. Electric machines should be used in all other instances.

(2) Listing machines should be used where it is definitely determined that a printed result is necessary to the operation.

(3) Calculators or comptometers shall be used where the operation to be performed contains a volume of work which is impractical of accomplishment by the use of slide rules, computation tables, or adding and subtracting machines.

(b) Features required in a machine for a particular operation should be determined in advance and makes and models of machines having such features should be evaluated carefully with a view to the selection of the machine which will result in the lowest overall cost to the Government.

§ 101-25.303 Gasoline for use in motor vehicles.

(a) Each agency shall, except as provided in § 101-25.303(b), use regular grade gasoline in the operation of its motor vehicles, the majority of which have engines designed to render unimpaired performance with use of regular grade gasoline.

(b) The use of premium grade gasoline shall be restricted to:

(1) Vehicles whose engines are specifically designed for and require a higher octane fuel than regular grade

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Subpart 101-25.4—Replacement Standards

§ 101-25.401 General.

This subpart prescribes minimum replacement standards to be used by executive agencies desiring to replace specified types of items indicated in this subpart. Executive agencies shall retain items which are in usable and workable condition even though the standard permits replacement, provided the item can continue to be used or operated without excessive maintenance cost or substantial reduction in trade-in value.

§ 101-25.402 Motor vehicles.

If a motor vehicle has been wrecked or damaged (including wear caused by abnormal operating conditions) beyond economical repair, such unit may be replaced without regard to the standards in this § 101-25.402 after certification to that effect by the head of the agency or his designee. The standards prescribed in this § 101-25.402 are not applicable to the Department of Defense.

(a) Passenger cars and station wagons may be replaced when they have been operated for six years or 60,000 miles, whichever occurs first.

(b) Ambulances may be replaced when they have been operated for seven years or 60,000 miles, whichever occurs first.

(c) Buses for 11 or more passengers may be replaced when they have been operated for eight years. Without regard to years of use, such buses may be replaced when they have been operated the following number of miles:

	Miles
Intercity-type bus.....	280,000
City-type bus.....	150,000
School-type bus.....	80,000

(d) Multiple-drive (4- or 6-wheel drive) truck-chassis combination personnel and property carrying motor vehicles may be replaced when they have been operated for six years or 40,000 miles, whichever occurs first.

(e) Motor trucks provided with pickup or express, panel or sedan-delivery, carryall, van, open van, platform, stake, rack, dump, truck-tractor, or tank bodies may be replaced in accordance with the

following table of years or mileage operation, whichever occurs first:

Maximum GVW pounds	Total years	Total miles	Pay load rating
Less than 12,500.....	6	50,000	1 ton and less.
12,500 through 16,999.....	7	60,000	1½ through 2½ tons.
17,000 and over.....	9	80,000	3 tons and over.

(f) Where a bureau or comparable organizational unit owns eight or more vehicles in any one of the following classes, not more than 25 percent of the vehicles in such class may be replaced in any one fiscal year. Where the total number of vehicles in any one class is less than eight, not more than two of such vehicles may be replaced in any fiscal year. However, all vehicles to be replaced shall meet the age or mileage replacement standards contained in this § 101-25.402.

- (1) Automobiles (sedans, coupes, etc.).
- (2) All other passenger-carrying vehicles (station wagons, ambulances, buses).
- (3) All trucks and truck tractors.

§ 101-25.403 Typewriters.

(a) Replacement of a typewriter shall not be made unless the estimated cost of necessary repairs or reconditioning of each typewriter being replaced equals or exceeds, at lowest available rates, the percentage of replacement cost in lieu of repair or reconditioning, based on the year after year of manufacture as shown by the manufacturer's serial number. This is shown in the following percentage scale.

Year:		Percentage of replacement cost
Second	-----	80
Third	-----	80
Fourth	-----	80
Fifth	-----	70
Sixth	-----	70
Seventh	-----	60
Eighth	-----	50
Ninth	-----	40
Tenth	-----	30
Eleventh	-----	20
Twelfth	-----	10

(b) An example of the application of the "Standard Replacement Cost Percentage Scale" to a typewriter costing \$109 is as follows:

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Year	Assumed trade-in or sale value	Replacement cost	Estimated repair cost justifying replacement
Second.....	\$50.00	\$59.00	\$47.20
Third.....	50.00	59.00	47.20
Fourth.....	50.00	59.00	47.20
Fifth.....	45.00	64.00	44.80
Sixth.....	45.00	64.00	44.80
Seventh.....	45.00	64.00	38.40
Eighth.....	45.00	64.00	32.00
Ninth.....	40.00	69.00	27.60
Tenth.....	37.50	71.50	21.45
Eleventh.....	37.50	71.50	14.30
Twelfth.....	30.00	79.00	7.90

(c) When unusual circumstances justify replacement of a typewriter at a date earlier than would be permitted by application of the "Standard Replacement Cost Percentage Scale," a written justification for such replacement shall be prepared by the head of the executive agency or his designated representative, and the replacement of the typewriter may be made. The justification shall be retained as a part of the requisitioning file of the agency.

§ 101-25.404 Furniture.

(a) Items of office furniture, household and quarters furniture, and hospital and institutional type furniture, whether made of metal, wood, or other material, may be replaced by new items only when:

(1) It is determined that replacement is essential for the efficient and economical performance of the functions of the agency in accordance with the criteria established by the head of the agency concerned which may include such factors as extreme obsolescence, or use of built-in or unitized furniture to meet space problems.

(2) The estimated cost of necessary rehabilitation thereof at lowest available rates, including any transportation expense, equals or exceeds 55 percent of the current GSA Stores Stock Catalog price, the Federal Supply Schedule price, or current market price of new items of the same type and class.

(b) The 55 percent criterion prescribed in § 101-25.404(a)(2) is the minimum standard and may be exceeded when it is to the advantage of the Government to do so. Executive agencies may rehabilitate items of furniture subject to replacement under the standard when the rehabilitation improves the appearance and operation of the item and the life expectancy is extended for an additional period of time.

§ 101-25.404-1 Limitations.

Notwithstanding the provisions in § 101-25.404 agencies shall limit acquisition of new office furniture and typewriters to essential requirements as provided in § 101-25.104. Replacement of correspondence filing cabinets will be governed by the provisions of § 101-26-308.

§ 101-25.405 Materials handling equipment.

(a) Except as provided in § 101-25.405 (b) and (c), materials handling equipment shall not be replaced unless the estimated cost of necessary one-time repair or reconditioning of each piece of equipment equals or exceeds, at lowest available rates, the percentage of replacement cost shown in column 3 of the following table. It is imperative that equipment which has exceeded its years of expected economical use be continued in service as long as it is in usable and workable condition and the one-time repair costs do not exceed the last percentages in column 3 of the table. When, due to extenuating circumstances, it is necessary to expend for repair a larger amount than allowable by the table, and if such major repair job increases the life expectancy of the equipment, the repair limits shown in the table need not be strictly adhered to for subsequent repairs of such equipment.

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(6) Even though a standard form is not to be stocked by GSA the same procedures as set forth in this paragraph (a) will be followed except that 100 copies of the new or revised form shall be delivered to GSA Region 3 as soon as copies of the form are published.

(b) *Agency forms and miscellaneous items.* When an agency desires to utilize the storage and distribution facilities of GSA for the Government-wide distribution of its forms or publications, its request shall be submitted on Standard Form 84 to GSA Region 3. The request should include a description or sample copy of the item, recommended distribution points, estimated annual usage, and any other pertinent factors. Upon approval by GSA, the procedure established in paragraph (a) of this section shall be followed.

§ 101-26.302-7 Information concerning changes.

(a) Agencies will be notified of additions, revisions, and deletions of standard and optional forms through changes to the Standard and Optional Forms Facsimile Handbook. Such notifications will include information as to the official availability schedule for latest editions, identification of usable editions, disposal of existing stocks, and other pertinent information for use by agencies' forms management personnel.

(b) Notifications of the availability date for new or revised standard or optional forms will be released by GSA as soon as a firm commitment for delivery has been received from the Government Printing Office. Where a revision does not obsolete previous editions, which are to be used until exhausted, supplies of the revised editions may not be available for a considerable time after announcement of the revision. In such cases, all agency requisitions will be filled with the earliest usable edition stocked by the GSA supply depots, with later editions being issued as stocks of previous editions become depleted.

§ 101-26.302-8 Disposition of excess or obsolete standard forms.

(a) Standard forms which are excess to the needs of an agency shall be reported to GSA in the same manner as other excess personal property pursuant to Part 101-43 of this chapter.

(b) Reports by the military services of excess standard forms may be made to GSA Region 3, by consolidated letter report or submission of Standard Form 120, Report of Excess Personal Property.

(c) Obsolete forms should not be reported but should be determined to be surplus and disposed of under the provisions of Part 101-45 of this chapter. Obsolete accountable forms must be mutilated in the process of disposition and the accountability record closed by noting the action taken.

§ 101-26.302-9 Employee suggestions.

Employee suggestions affecting any of the items included in this § 101-26.302 shall be evaluated first within the agency where the suggestion originates, then submitted to the agency shown on the form as the promulgating agency. Where the physical characteristics of the item or its stocking or distribution are involved, the promulgating agency shall consult with GSA Region 3, before taking final approval action on the suggested change.

§ 101-26.303 Out-of-stock items at GSA regional offices.

§ 101-26.303-1 General.

Generally, back-ordering by GSA of out-of-stock items is more advantageous to requisitioning agencies than canceling the items, as an order priority is established which assures shipment within a reasonable time. Further, reordering by the requisitioning agency from another source of supply is eliminated. However, out-of-stock items will not be back-ordered when they are urgently needed and the agency prefers to procure them from local sources, or when the overall cost to the Government can be reduced by purchase of such items from local sources.

§ 101-26.303-2 Notice to GSA.

(a) When submitting orders for stock items, agencies may request GSA regional offices to cancel any or all items not available by indicating on the order, "Cancel Out-of-Stock Items" or "Cancel the Following Lines if Out-of-Stock * * *". The requests shall be based upon a determination by the agency that the item or items are urgently needed and are available from local sources, or that the overall cost

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to the Government will be reduced. In such cases, out-of-stock items will be canceled and may be purchased without further clearance from GSA.

(b) Unless otherwise notified, a back-order will be established for each out-of-stock item and the agency notified of the approximate date when shipment will be made. Upon receipt of such notification, the ordering agency will (1) determine if the shipping date will meet its needs, considering the practicality of local purchase of interim requirements, and accept the back-order, (2) request a suitable substitute item, or (3) request cancellation of the back-order if the item or items are urgently needed, or if local procurement would be in the best interest of the Government. GSA regional offices will approve the cancellation or advise the requisitioning office of any other action taken. The requisitioning office shall await reply from the regional office before procuring its requirement elsewhere.

§ 101-26.303-3 Exceptions.

Standard forms, office furniture, and blind and prison-made items which are temporarily out-of-stock will be back-ordered in all cases and notification furnished as to the expected delivery date. However, blind or prison-made items may be procured from commercial sources by requisitioning agencies to the extent indicated in § 101-26.301(D). If such action is taken, the requisitioning agency shall request cancellation of pertinent back-orders established by the GSA regional office.

§ 101-26.304 Substitution policy.

In supplying items requisitioned from GSA depot stock, GSA regional offices will substitute both regular and excess property without prior notification, unless the proposed substitute is used, reconditioned, or differs in some substantial characteristic from the item requisitioned. Notice of intent to substitute will be given in all cases and, if desired, an opportunity will be provided to inspect the substitute prior to shipment.

§ 101-26.305 Orders for stock items.

(a) Orders for items of stock to be shipped to users within the continental United States shall be submitted in original only. Orders for items for export shipment (including shipments to Alaska

and Hawaii) shall be submitted in duplicate. Orders in FEDSTRIP format shall be submitted as prescribed in Subpart 101-26.2.

(b) The information shown on agency orders will be used by GSA to prepare invoice-shipping documents mechanically. Copies of these documents will be used to inform requisitioning agencies of the supply action taken on each item ordered, as packing lists to assist consignee points in checking incoming shipments, and for subsequent billing for merchandise shipped.

§ 101-26.306 Planned requisitioning for GSA stock items.

In placing requisitions for GSA stores stock items with GSA regional offices, agencies shall follow schedules or cyclical plans, for replenishment of stocks, which will adjust the number of transactions to the most economical level consistent with ordering frequencies which are required to comply with the economic order quantity principle (see § 101-27.102).

§ 101-26.307 Processing overages, shortages, and damages.

§ 101-26.307-1 Reporting requirements.

(a) When overages, shortages, or damages are incurred in shipments of stores stock items made by GSA, agencies shall document such discrepancies with sufficient information to enable initiation and processing of claims against carriers for shortages and damages and the disposition of any overages and shortages in shipment.

(b) GSA Form 1052, Over, Short, and/or Damage Report (illustrated at § 101-26.4902-1052), shall be used to report discrepancies in accordance with instructions contained in this § 101-26.307 and the GSA Handbook, "Over, Short, or Damaged Shipments from GSA Supply Depots", promulgated by the Commissioner, Federal Supply Service. GSA Form 1052 is stocked in GSA Supply Depots under Stock Number 7540-965-2403. Agency requirements should be ordered in the same manner as standard and optional forms.

(c) Delay in submission of over, short, and damage reports, including those cov-

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ering shipper discrepancies, will delay GSA adjustment action and may complicate claims action against carriers. Accordingly, reports shall be prepared promptly and mailed in sufficient time to be received by the GSA regional office no later than 15 days after receipt of shipment.

§ 101-26.307-2 Adjustments.

GSA will adjust any damage or other discrepancy resulting from over or under deliveries or from over or under charges. When the difference involved represents an amount of \$5 or less on any one invoice, no adjustment in billing or payment is required. (GAO Manual, Title 7, Paragraph 4220.30). However, agencies are not relieved from the requirement to report discrepancies on GSA Form 1052 when the value involved is less than \$5.

§ 101-26.307-3 Inquiries relating to GSA shipments.

Inquiries relating to GSA shipments should be directed to the appropriate addressee of the GSA regional office shown in the current edition of the GSA Stores Stock Catalog.

§ 101-26.308 Obtaining filing cabinets.

Agency requirements for correspondence filing cabinets for use in the 50 States and the District of Columbia will be made the subject of a letter to the appropriate GSA Regional Administrator specifying the stock numbers and quantities required by consignee point(s) and stating that the actions prescribed in § 101-26.308-1 have been taken but have not produced the needed filing cabinets.

§ 101-26.308-1 Actions prerequisite to ordering filing cabinets.

Prior to initiating letter requests to GSA for filing cabinets, agencies shall assure that the following actions have been taken.

(a) Agency records have been disposed of in accordance with authorized schedules.

(b) Retention periods of records no longer required have been reduced to the absolute minimum.

(c) Inactive records have been retired to Federal Records Centers. (These centers will accept records which are not immediately disposable and which

are not referred to more than once per file drawer per month, provided transportation charges are not in excess of space and equipment savings.)

(d) Records have been retired in accordance with agency procedures to agency records centers, agency staging or holding areas, and other agency center-type space where records can be stored economically in cartons on shelves or in other low-cost equipment.

(e) Contents of filing cabinets have been rehoused in more economical equipment where appropriate. (For example, shelf filing should be considered for records, and shelving, storage cabinets, and similar equipment should be used for stocks of forms, publications, and office supplies.)

(f) Filing cabinets are being fully utilized, including top and bottom drawers. (Fill cabinet drawers to the optimum extent to still permit ready filing and finding (usually $\frac{3}{4}$ full). Consolidate contents of cabinets that are less than half full.)

(g) Filing cabinets have been redistributed within the agency to meet needs for special types and sizes of cabinets.

(h) Stocks of filing cabinets have been reduced to immediate needs and any unneeded cabinets have been reassigned to points of shortage within the agency or reported as excess to GSA for redistribution to other Federal agencies.

(i) Advice and assistance as needed have been requested from agency records officers and from records management specialists in GSA regional offices and Federal Records Centers.

The criteria established in this § 101-26.308-1 will assist agencies to attain the goal of reducing the quantity of records in agency office space to no more than half the total quantity of agency records, including those in center-type space.

§ 101-26.308-2 GSA review and approval.

GSA will review the agency requests for conformance with records management objectives particularly as pertains to accelerated disposal of records and the use of less expensive substitutes for filing cabinets by the requesting agency.

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If the need for the filing cabinets is approved, excess items of the type requested will be furnished, if available. Serviceable substitutions irrespective of composition (wood or metal), number of drawers, or finish will be issued. Approved requests which cannot be filled from excess will be returned to the originator with GSA Form 2084, Clearance to Acquire Correspondence Filing Cabinets, reflecting a FC (file cabinet) clearance number authorizing submission of a requisition to the GSA regional office.

(a) When the clearance document is received from GSA, the document number shall be incorporated in the remarks field of the FEDSTRIP-MILSTRIP requisition and the designator E entered in the third position of the document identifier. Requisitions in non-FEDSTRIP-MILSTRIP format shall also include the clearance document number.

(b) A copy of the clearance document shall be mailed with the requisition.

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Subpart 101-26.4—Purchase of Items From Federal Supply Schedule Contracts

§ 101-26.401 Applicability.

All executive agencies shall procure needed articles and services from Federal Supply Schedule contracts in accordance with the provisions of the appropriate Federal Supply Schedule.

(a) The general principles and methods prescribed in this Subpart 101-26.4 apply to all such procurement. Consequently, prior to initiating procurement directly from commercial sources, agency activities shall determine whether the required item or a similar item serving the required functional purpose is available from a Federal Supply Schedule.

(b) The Federal Supply Schedule Checklist and Guide (see § 101-26.402-4) is a ready reference for information on the availability of items from a Federal Supply Schedule.

§ 101-26.401-1 Mandatory use of schedules.

Except for the Schedule covering Motor Vehicle Parts and Accessories (FSC Groups 25, 28, 29, 38, and 39) which is completely optional, Federal Supply Schedules are mandatory, in whole or in part, on at least one element of the executive branch of the Government. For the delivery areas specified, this mandatory coverage may be generally applicable to all executive agencies as in the case of Schedules covering common-use administrative and maintenance type items or, as in the case of newly developed Schedules, may be applicable to only one or a small number of agencies. The Federal Supply Schedule Checklist and Guide provides summary information as to mandatory coverage of each Schedule. However, the particular Schedule involved should be reviewed for complete information concerning any exceptions. In the event of any conflict between the provisions of the Checklist and those of the Schedule, those of the Schedule shall govern. The mandatory use of Schedules is applicable as and to the extent provided in § 101-26.401-2 through § 101-26.401-4.

§ 101-26.401-2 Primary source of supply concept.

Schedules issued prior to fiscal year 1963 list the agencies subject to manda-

tory use provisions under the caption "Mandatory Use." That caption is being progressively omitted as new Schedules are issued. Each such Schedule contains a "Scope of Contract" statement identifying specific agencies in designated geographic areas required to use the established contracts as "primary sources of supply." Agencies so identified will, except as provided in § 101-26.401-4, use the Schedule on a mandatory basis and the established contracts will be primary sources of supply for the items involved.

§ 101-26.401-3 Similar items.

Agencies required to use Federal Supply Schedule contracts shall obtain needed items from this source in lieu of procuring similar items from other sources when the Federal Supply Schedule item will adequately serve the required functional purpose.

(a) Where an agency determines that items available from Federal Supply Schedule contracts will not serve the required functional end use requirements, requests to waive the requirement for procuring the Federal Supply Schedule items shall be submitted to GSA for consideration. Requests for waivers shall (1) describe the pertinent differences between the Federal Supply Schedule item and the item required; (2) specify the quantity required; and (3) state the reasons why the Federal Supply Schedule item will not meet the requirement.

(b) Requests for waivers shall be submitted to the contracting office at the address shown on the front cover of the Federal Supply Schedule.

§ 101-26.401-4 Exceptions to mandatory use.

(a) *Delivery requirements.* (1) When the delivery period offered in the Federal Supply Schedule does not meet the delivery requirements of the purchasing activity, use of the Federal Supply Schedule is not mandatory. However, delivery dates shown in Federal Supply Schedules are based upon the average capability of the contractor and are usually conservative. Contractors, in most instances, are able to make delivery within a shorter period of time than the maximum provided in the Schedule. Therefore, when the delivery requirements of the purchasing activity are less than the maximum shown in the Sched-

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ule, the contractor should be queried as to whether the delivery requirements can be met. This procedure shall be followed except in those cases where transportation time from the contractor's shipping point or time required for inquiry and reply makes conformance impracticable.

(2) Most Federal Supply Schedule contracts include a provision requiring contractors to reply to agency requests for earlier delivery within three working days, such replies to be made by the same method of communication used by the ordering agency. This contract provision also provides that earlier deliveries offered by contractors and accepted by ordering agencies will be binding on the contractors. Failure to meet maximum Federal Supply Schedule delivery dates (or dates for faster delivery as agreed to by contractors under contracts containing the above-mentioned provision) will constitute a breach of contract and will be treated in accordance with § 101-26.403.

(3) In applying the procedure covered in § 101-26.401-4(a)(1) where contracts do not include the provision referred to in § 101-26.401-4(a)(2) (generally those contracts entered into prior to fiscal year 1963) and the contractor has affirmed his inability to provide earlier delivery, procurement from other sources for delivery within earlier periods than the maximum specified in the Schedule may be made under the "Emergency and Special Requirements" provision of the Schedule. In such cases, an appropriate record justifying the action should be retained.

(b) *Small requirements.* Federal Supply Schedules stipulate dollar amounts or quantitative values below which agencies are not obligated to submit orders and contractors are not obligated to accept orders. In determining applicability of this exception, all requirements which would normally be included in a single order to a contractor must be considered.

(c) *Abnormal requirements.* Federal Supply Schedules stipulate maximum dollar limitations above which agencies may not submit orders and contractors may not accept orders. The maximum limitation varies between Schedules. The value of a single purchase order, or a series of orders placed within a

short time, may not exceed this maximum. Each Schedule also contains instructions with respect to methods of procuring abnormal requirements from sources other than the Federal Supply Schedule contract involved.

(d) *Legislative and judicial agencies.* Except as may be provided by law or by authorized agreement with responsible officials of any agency in the legislative or judicial branches of the Federal Government, no Federal Supply Schedule will include any such agency as subject to its mandatory use provisions.

(e) *Geographic location.* Federal Supply Schedules delineate geographic coverage on a national, zone, regional, or other area basis. In determining exceptions on this basis, the location of the activity to which delivery of the articles will be made or the location at which service will be performed governs, and not the location of the agency office which places the order with the contractor.

(f) *Public exigency.* Federal Supply Schedule contracts permit purchase elsewhere, where necessary, in cases of public exigency. Justification in these cases are subject to review by the General Accounting Office. There is no requirement to contact the applicable Federal Supply Schedule contractor in cases of true public exigency prior to purchase elsewhere; however, agency ordering personnel should be alert to situations where proximity of the contractor's production and distribution facilities to agency point of use result in the contractor's facility being an immediate source of supply to meet the exigency.

(g) [Deleted]

§ 101-26.401-5 Optional use provisions.

(a) Each Federal Supply Schedule contains provisions whereby, in addition to the agencies included under the mandatory use provisions, all agencies and activities of the Federal Government, including the legislative and judicial branches, and other activities for which GSA is authorized by law to procure, may place orders under the Schedule and contractors may accept such orders. This includes those contractors who have been properly authorized, pursuant to Subpart

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1-5.9, to use the Federal Supply Schedules. (Also see § 101-26.407.) When a contractor accepts an order tendered under the optional use provision either by written notice, constructive delivery or performance, or failure to return the order within the specified time (usually 3 days after receipt), all provisions of the contract apply with respect to such order.

(b) Agencies not subject to the mandatory use provisions of Federal Supply Schedules are encouraged to use the Schedule contracts as primary sources of supply except in cases where purchasing activities of such agencies have actual knowledge that the purchase can be made more advantageously to the Government from a source other than the Federal Supply Schedule, after allowing for the burdens and cost of a new procurement under applicable prescribed procedures. Purchasing activities should not solicit bids, proposals, quotations, or otherwise test the market solely for the purpose of a comparison of the Federal Supply Schedule prices. Where a procurement from a source of supply other than a Federal Supply Schedule available for optional use indicates that such source might be more advantageous to the Government, as a general source, the name and address of the supplier together with other details of the procurement action should be forwarded to the GSA office issuing the Schedule.

(c) When an executive agency determines that one or more optional use Schedules are suitable for use by the agency as primary sources of supply, the following action should be taken:

(1) Issue administrative regulations instructing its purchasing activities to use the designated Schedules as primary sources of supply subject to any appropriate exceptions that the agency may prescribe in consonance with § 101-26.401-3 and § 101-26.401-4. Copies of such regulations should be furnished to GSA.

(2) Notify the GSA office issuing the Schedule in order that coordinated arrangements may be developed for inclusion of the agency under the mandatory coverage of future reissuances of the Schedule; thus broadening the area of assured agency participation that can be offered prospective contractors to the end that lower prices, earlier deliveries,

and better continuity of supply will result.

§ 101-26.402 General.

§ 101-26.402-1 Schedule method of contracting.

(a) The Schedule method of contracting is used, in the best interest of the Government, to simplify the purchase processes for commonly used items which are readily available through the distribution systems of the respective industries without the necessity of definite quantity consolidated buying or handling through a Government warehouse system. Federal Supply Schedule contracts are entered into and Schedules thereof are prepared and issued by, or under assignment from, GSA on a national, zone, regional, or other area basis, and are supervised by or under the general direction of GSA.

(b) When a Federal Supply Schedule is assigned to another executive agency for preparation and issue, appropriate notification of the assignment will be given to all agencies. Accordingly, the term "GSA office issuing the Schedule" or similar terminology as used in this Subpart 101-26.4 shall be deemed to include the office of another executive agency identified in the Schedule involved as the preparing office.

§ 101-26.402-2 Service features.

(a) Federal Supply Schedules are published in catalog style and list under major commodity classifications the articles or services available from the contractors named therein. Some Schedules involve the use of the contractors' catalogs and pricelists and specify the extent to which such catalogs and pricelists are applicable. Notices of changes in Schedules and in the applicability of catalogs and pricelists are furnished all agency offices receiving the Schedule.

(b) Federal Supply Schedules specify that agencies of the Federal Government must or may, as applicable, issue purchase orders direct to contractors listed in the Schedule; receive and inspect the shipment; and make payment direct to such contractors without referring the transaction to GSA. The contracts provide for appropriate action in the event of delinquency or default on the part of any contractor.

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§ 101-26.402-3 Distribution.

(a) Agency offices desiring to receive current copies and to be placed on distribution lists for receiving Federal Supply Schedules and contractors' catalogs should execute and submit GSA Form 457, Request for Federal Supply Schedules and Contractors' Catalogs (Including Pricelists) (see § 101-26.4902-457). Copies of GSA Form 457 may be obtained from GSA regional offices and are included annually in issues of the Federal Supply Schedule Checklist and Guide.

(b) From time to time, GSA regional offices will request information from agency offices in their respective areas for use in maintaining up-to-date distribution lists.

§ 101-26.402-4 Checklist and Guide.

The Federal Supply Schedule Checklist and Guide, issued quarterly, contains a listing of all current Schedules and information pertinent thereto, together with the distribution code number for each Schedule and catalog. Accordingly, agency offices should consult the latest edition of the Checklist and Guide before submitting requests for Schedules and catalogs as provided in § 101-26.402-3.

§ 101-26.402-5 Contract provisions.

(a) Each Federal Supply Schedule provides information as to the contractual provisions with which agencies should be familiar in order to properly administer orders placed with contractors.

(b) Standard Form 32, General Provisions (Supply Contract) (§ 1-16.901-32), is progressively being incorporated in Federal Supply Schedule contracts thus promoting uniformity of understanding and ease of reference on the part of agency procurement personnel. Additional general provisions that have been standardized by GSA for use in all Federal Supply Schedule contracts are incorporated in the Federal Supply Schedule Checklist and Guide. A "Scope of Contract" statement (see § 101-26.401-3), special provisions pertinent to a particular Schedule, and any necessary exceptions to the general provisions are printed in the Schedule.

§ 101-26.403 Performance and default under Federal Supply Schedule contracts.

§ 101-26.403-1 Responsibilities.

While GSA awards Federal Supply Schedule contracts and exercises general supervision over such contracts, it is the responsibility of agencies whose requirements are included in the contracts to place orders with contractors, make payment, and, in the first instance, determine whether performance meets the contract terms. Agencies whose orders are accepted by the contractor pursuant to the optional use provision have like responsibilities. Subject to the provisions of the contracts and the conditions stated in this Subpart 101-26.4, ordering offices should deal directly with contractors concerning their performance of the contract terms, and should accept or reject the supplies or services, make price adjustments for nonconforming supplies or services, or seek replacements, and, in case of default, terminate purchase orders, purchase from other sources, and charge contractors with resulting excess costs. In certain instances, Federal Supply Schedule contracts will provide for inspection at source, prior to shipment, by GSA. When the Federal Supply Schedule states that source inspection will be provided by GSA, ordering offices are relieved of dealing directly with contractors concerning specification compliance and acceptance or rejection of the supplies or services.

§ 101-26.403-2 Inspection.

(a) *Acceptance inspection.* (1) Acceptance inspection of supplies and services is necessary to assure compliance with the applicable specifications and other contractual requirements. Unless a particular Federal Supply Schedule specifically provides for source inspection by GSA, arrangements for inspection shall be the responsibility of the ordering agency. When assistance in inspection is desired, or the Federal Supply Schedule provides for source inspection by GSA, the ordering agency shall furnish two copies of the purchase order to the Chief, Quality Control Division, Federal Supply Service, at the GSA regional office serving the area where the plant is located or from which shipments are made. The purchase order shall indicate that inspection shall be performed at source, prior to shipment, by the Quality Control Division of the appro-

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appropriate GSA regional office. In determining the need for assistance in inspection, when a Federal Supply Schedule does not provide for source inspection, the ordering agency shall consider the volume of the procurement, complexity of the items, and the past performance of the supplier.

(2) A copy of the GSA Form 308, Notice of Inspection, executed by the GSA Quality Control representative, will inform other than military consignees of acceptance and/or rejection determination. DD Form 250, Department of Defense Materiel Inspection and Receiving Report, will be used to inform military consignees of acceptance determination, and GSA Form 308, Notice of Inspection, will be used to inform the military consignees of rejection determination.

(3) Material which has been inspected by GSA and determined to be in compliance with specifications and technical contract requirements (quality inspection) shall not be reinspected by another agency for that purpose. Examination of delivery shall be limited to determination of quantity and condition upon receipt by consignee.

(b) *Nonconforming supplies or services.* (1) The ordering agency shall report to the GSA office executing the contract all significant instances where nonconforming supplies and services are received. Ordering officers have the right either to reject supplies defective in material or workmanship, or otherwise not in conformity with contract requirements, or to require their removal for correction or correction in place, by and at the expense of the contractor. Ordering offices may accept nonconforming supplies and services, and pay therefor at a proper reduction in price in accordance with the contract provisions, or may terminate the right of the contractor to proceed further under the purchase order. Unless the contractor corrects or replaces supplies within the delivery schedule, the ordering office may declare the contractor in default and purchase the supplies elsewhere against the contractor's account.

(2) When supplies have been inspected and rejected at source by GSA and replacement or correction will not be made by the contractor, the notice of rejection will so inform the ordering agency.

The notice will contain appropriate recommendations regarding acceptance at a proper reduction in price or termination of the contractor's right to proceed and purchase elsewhere in accordance with § 101-26.403-5.

§ 101-26.403-3 Delinquent performance.

Where the contractor fails to perform in accordance with the provisions of the contract, ordering offices may afford a further opportunity to perform or terminate the right of the contractor to proceed further under the purchase order, declare the contractor in default on the order, and purchase elsewhere against his account. Should the contractor allege that the failure in performance was due to an excusable cause precluding assessment of excess costs under the provisions of the contract, the GSA office executing the Schedule contract shall be notified promptly. In the absence of a decision by the contracting officer executing the contract, or by the Administrator, or his duly authorized representative, on appeal, pursuant to such notice that the failure is excusable, the ordering office is free to charge against the contractor any excess cost resulting from the default. When the ordering office is aware that the defaulting contractor has alleged the failure to be excusable, it may elect to postpone the assessment of excess costs until a decision is made in order to avoid unnecessary accounting actions.

§ 101-26.403-4 Disputes.

All disputes concerning questions of fact arising under the contract which cannot be settled satisfactorily between the ordering office and the contractor shall be decided by the GSA contracting officer or by the Administrator, or his duly authorized representative, on appeal.

§ 101-26.403-5 Default; ordering office.

Any ordering office may, in respect to any one or more purchase orders placed by it under a contract, declare the contractor in default in accordance with the applicable contract provisions. However, before declaring a contractor in default, it is suggested that ordering offices should ordinarily notify the con-

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tractor in writing that unless satisfactory performance occurs within a specified time, which should allow a reasonable time for performance, the ordering office will terminate his right to proceed further under the purchase order and he will be held liable for any excess costs resulting from purchasing the supplies or services elsewhere. Such notice would not ordinarily be given when the default involves an attempted fraud on the United States, or when it would be obviously futile as, for example, when the contractor has already declined to perform. Where excess costs are anticipated, the ordering office may likewise withhold sufficient funds otherwise due the contractor as offset security. Ordering offices shall endeavor to minimize excess costs to be charged against the contractor and to collect by check or set off any excess costs owed (see § 1-8.602-6). The GSA office executing the contract shall be notified of all cases where an ordering office has declared a Federal Supply Schedule contractor in default.

§ 101-26.403-6 Default; GSA.

GSA may declare a contractor in default on an overall basis for any or all items covered by the contract, in accordance with the applicable contract provisions, as distinguished from ordering office action on individual orders. When notified of such action by GSA, ordering offices shall thereafter refuse to accept further performance by the contractor, shall not place further purchase orders with him, and shall purchase against the account of the contractor from replacing contractors designated by GSA, or in such other manner as directed by GSA.

§ 101-26.403-7 Failure to collect excess costs.

Ordering offices shall report to the GSA office executing the Federal Supply Schedule contract involved those instances where they have been unsuccessful in collecting excess costs which have accrued against a defaulting contractor. Reports shall be made within sixty days from date of final payment to the new contractor from whom the replacement purchase was made and may be in letter form. Such reports shall provide complete information so as to identify properly the transaction and furnish necessary data, such as the name of the

defaulting contractor, contract number, item number and description, Schedule price, and the amount of excess costs to be collected. In addition, complete information shall be reported concerning the supplier from whom substitute purchase was made, such as the name of the supplier, purchase price, order number or numbers on which payment was made, and contract number, if any. The GSA office will consolidate such data as reported and, in the absence of an available offset in that office, will submit such data through channels to the General Accounting Office for collection.

§ 101-26.404 Submission of requirements of gasoline, fuel oil (diesel and burner), kerosene, and solvents.

§ 101-26.404-1 General.

(a) Requirements of all executive agencies, except the Department of Defense, for the items described in § 101-26.404-2, exclusive of liquid fuels for marine use and burner fuel oil obtained from or through the GSA Fuel Yards in Washington, D.C., to be delivered within the continental United States (excluding Alaska), shall be submitted to GSA in order to enter into Federal Supply Schedule contracts for such items. Requirements for liquid fuels for marine use by all Federal agencies will be submitted to the Defense Fuels Supply Center, Washington, D.C., 20305, in accordance with instructions of that office. Estimates of requirements should be based on previous records of consumption whenever available. In the case of new delivery points, consumption records of similar installations may be used as guides. Any other Federal agency may also submit its requirements for the items covered by § 101-26.404-2 and such requirements will be included in the solicitation of bids and the resulting contracts. Use of Federal Supply Schedule contracts entered into on the basis of requirements submitted shall be mandatory for the consignees covered in the contracts.

(b) Federal Supply Schedules for the items in § 101-26.404-2 are intended to cover agency requirements for bulk deliveries only. Requirements normally filled by service station deliveries will not be included. (See § 101-26.404-3.)

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§ 101-26.404-2 Items covered.

(a) *Gasoline*—(1) *Regular and premium*. In accordance with the latest issue of the applicable Federal Specification.

(2) *Unleaded*. In accordance with the latest issue of the applicable Federal Specification.

(b) *Fuel oil, burner*. (1) Grades 1, 2, 4, 5 (light), 5 (heavy), and 6 in accordance with the latest issue of the applicable Federal Specification.

(2) Fuel oils meeting requirements of Pacific Specifications, as published in Bulletin entitled "Fuel Oils (First Edition) Recorded Standard Designations for Pacific Coast Fuel Oils," will be accepted for requirements in the States of Arizona, California, Nevada, Oregon, and Washington in lieu of Federal Grades 1, 2, 4, 5 (light), 5 (heavy), and 6 on the following basis:

(i) Fuel oils meeting Pacific Specification 100 will be accepted for Federal Grade 1.

(ii) Fuel oil meeting Pacific Specification 200 will be accepted for Federal Grade 2.

(iii) Fuel oil meeting Pacific Specification 300 will be accepted for Federal Grades 4 and 5.

(iv) Fuel oil meeting Pacific Specification 400, and also having a viscosity not exceeding 300 seconds Furol at 122° F., will be accepted for Federal Grade 6.

(c) *Fuel oil, diesel*. In accordance with the latest issue of the applicable Federal Specification.

(d) *Kerosene*. In accordance with the latest issue of the applicable Federal Specification.

(e) *Solvents*. In accordance with the latest issue of the applicable Federal Specification.

§ 101-26.404-3 Minimum quantities.

(a) *Single delivery*. The following will be the minimum quantities furnished to any one point on a single delivery:

<i>Delivered in</i>	<i>Minimum quantity</i>
Drum-----	4 drums (200-220 gallons).
Tank wagon-----	200 gallons.
Transport truck---	Full truckload (4,000-7,500 gallons).
Tank car-----	Full carload (8,000-12,000 gallons).

(b) *Estimated annual requirements*. Estimated annual requirements for any

delivery point which total less than the following minimums shall not be submitted:

- (1) Gasoline, 2,000 gallons.
- (2) Burner fuel oil, 2,000 gallons.
- (3) Diesel oil, 2,000 gallons.
- (4) Kerosene, 500 gallons.
- (5) Solvents, 500 gallons.

§ 101-26.404-4 Instructions for submission of requirements.

(a) Estimates shall be prepared and submitted on the following forms:

(1) GSA Form 211, Estimated Gasoline Requirements (see § 101-26.4902-211); GSA Form 212, Estimated Kerosene and Fuel Oil Requirements (see § 101-26.4902-212); and GSA Form 213, Estimated Solvent Requirements (see § 101-26.4902-213).

(2) A separate requirement form shall be submitted, in original only, for each delivery point.

(b) Contracts will be established by each GSA regional office for requirements to be delivered within its area of supply support. The requirement forms shall be submitted to the GSA regional office serving the area in which the delivery point is located. Each GSA regional office will provide agencies in its area additional instructions for submission of requirements, including deadline dates for receipt thereof.

(c) In the event that annual estimated requirements of specified delivery points are the same as submitted for the previous year, a statement to that effect will suffice. Unless other acceptable arrangements have been made with the GSA regional office concerned, such statement shall list all delivery points whose requirements are unchanged.

§ 101-26.405 Automatic data processing equipment.

(a) Federal Supply Schedule contracts are entered into for the rental, purchase, and maintenance of automatic data processing (ADP) equipment and components. These are negotiated, multiple award contracts. The contracts take into account the multiplicity and complexity of equipment of various manufacturers and the differences in performance required to accomplish or produce required end results. They are designed to provide agencies a wide selection of

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equipment and services to meet their particular needs.

(b) Policies on selection and acquisition of ADP equipment are contained in Bureau of the Budget Circular No. A-54.

(c) Ordering agencies shall carefully follow the terms and conditions of the appropriate contract as set forth in the Federal Supply Schedule and authorized contractors' pricelists in order to take full advantage of the benefits they provide. Such terms and conditions cover, for example, rental based on machine "use" rather than on machine "availability," requirement that equipment actually perform the programmed work for a thirty-day period before any rental is paid, liquidated damages provision applicable if contractor fails either to install the equipment by the specified installation date or to deliver programming aids by the agreed-upon date, time period for notifying a contractor of the discontinuance of a system or an individual machine, rental charges during period of conversion from a machine or system of a particular contractor to another machine or system of the same contractor, and the amount of program testing to be performed.

(d) When arrangements differing from those covered by the Federal Supply Schedule contracts, such as purchasing equipment by competitive bid or competitive negotiation (where adequate specifications can be developed) or renting from equipment leasing companies, can be made by agencies for a portion or all of their ADP equipment requirements at a lower overall cost than provided by the Schedule contracts, advantage should be taken of those special arrangements, coordinating in advance with GSA in the contracting for the requirements.

§ 101-26.406 U.S. Government National Credit Card for use in obtaining service station deliveries and services.

§ 101-26.406-1 General.

Standard Form 149, U.S. Government National Credit Card (see § 101-38.801-2), is authorized for use by Federal agencies for obtaining authorized services and delivery of supplies at service stations dispensing supplies of the contractors listed in Federal Supply Schedule FSC Group 91, Part III.

§ 101-26.406-2 Billing code.

The billing code is a 10-digit number and always is the first embossed line on the Standard Form 149. Nine of the digits are assigned by the using agency in accordance with the following instructions:

(a) The first three digits of the billing code will always be 000 or 002. The digits 002 are special account numbers and may not be used unless authorized by General Services Administration, Federal Supply Service, Procurement Operations Division, Washington, D.C., 20407. These digits signify to the contractors that a Federal contract is involved.

(b) The fourth digit may be used by the agency to designate the vehicle class or for other purposes to meet the agency's requirements. If not used for any such purpose, the fourth digit will be zero.

(c) The fifth and sixth digits will be the Agency Code; except where the first four digits have been assigned to designate the agency, in which case the agency may use the fifth and sixth digits for any purpose desired. Agency codes are shown in Treasury Department booklet "Receipt, Appropriation, and Other Fund Account Symbols and Titles."

(d) The seventh, eighth, and ninth digits indicate the agency billing address code number; except where the first four digits cover the agency, in which case the agency may use the seventh, eighth, and ninth digits for any purpose desired. Each Federal agency will assign its own billing address code numbers when the seventh, eighth, and ninth digits are used for such purpose.

(e) The tenth digit is the reject number for use in automatic billing operations of the contractors. This number is not assigned by the agency but will be determined by the Federal Supply Schedule, FSC Group 75, Part VII, embossing contractor, or by the GSA regional office embossing the card.

§ 101-26.406-3 Billing address.

The billing address is the name of the agency and the address to which contractors should send statements covering the purchases of supplies and services by the user of the Standard Form 149, U.S. Government National Credit Card. The number of lines in the billing address is limited to three, and shall al-

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ways be the second, third, and fourth embossed lines.

§ 101-26.406-4 Tag or registration number.

The tag or registration number of the vehicle for which the credit card is issued is always the fifth embossed line. A credit card may be used only for supplies or services for the vehicle bearing the tag or registration number embossed thereon.

§ 101-26.406-5 Methods of obtaining Standard Form 149: U.S. Government National Credit Card.

(a) *Orders for 50 or more.* (1) Agency purchase orders for 50 or more of embossed Standard Form 149 shall be forwarded to the embossing contractor as provided in Federal Supply Schedule, FSC Group 75, Part VII.

(2) The embossing contractor will bill ordering agencies directly.

(b) *Requisition for 49 or less.* (1) Agency requisitions for 49 or less of embossed Standard Form 149 shall be forwarded to the Chief, Motor Equipment Division, at the nearest GSA regional office.

(2) Each agency shall furnish the billing code, the billing address, and the tag or registration number for each Standard Form 149 requisitioned. Such information shall accompany the requisition and shall be limited to five lines with twenty-two characters (including spaces) per line.

(3) GSA will bill requisitioning agencies or will accept cash payment.

§ 101-26.406-6 Notice to GSA of assignment of billing codes and billing addresses.

(a) Agencies shall notify GSA of assignment of Standard Form 149 billing codes and billing addresses. Such notices shall be submitted to: General Services Administration, Federal Supply Service, Procurement Operations Division, Washington, D.C., 20407. In the interest of uniformity, it is requested that agencies, in submitting notices, use the following format:

To: General Services Administration
Federal Supply Service
Procurement Operations Division
Washington, D.C. 20407
(Agency, Bureau, Service, or Other Purchasing Activity) has assigned the billing

code(s) and billing address(es) as listed below, or attached hereto, to Standard Form 149.

000 147 201
GSA DIR REG FM MP
30 Church Street
New York, N.Y. 10007

Contracting Officer.

NOTE: Tag or Registration Number is NOT required.

(b) Once GSA has been officially notified of the assignment of billing codes and billing addresses, the agency may order additional Standard Forms 149 using the same billing code and billing address for additional tag numbers without reporting such use. Changes in billing codes and billing addresses must be furnished GSA so that the contractors furnishing supplies and services may be informed. This is essential for proper control of billing procedures.

§ 101-26.406-7 Government Printing Office waiver.

A waiver has been issued by the Government Printing Office to GSA for the procurement of the printing of the Standard Form 149.

§ 101-26.407 Procurement of security cabinets by Government fixed-price prime contractors.

§ 101-26.407-1 General.

(a) Based on recommendations of the Interdepartmental Committee on Internal Security, it has been determined essential that security cabinets be made available for purchase under Federal Supply Schedule contracts by all Government contractors and subcontractors (at any tier) who are required to maintain custody of security classified records and information under any type of contract or subcontract.

(b) In accordance with section 201 of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 (40 U.S.C. 481), the Administrator of General Services has determined that the purchase of security cabinets under Federal Supply Schedule contracts by Government prime contractors and their subcontractors for the protection of security classified information represents procurement for the "use of executive agencies" under the statute.

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§ 101-26.407-2 Applicability.

The provisions of this § 101-26.407 apply only to the purchase of security cabinets under Federal Supply Schedule contracts by fixed-price prime contractors and by first and lower tier subcontractors under any type of contract. They do not apply to the purchase of security cabinets under Federal Supply Schedule contracts by cost-type prime contractors. Such purchases are subject to the requirements of Subpart 1-5.9.

§ 101-26.407-3 Procedure for ordering security cabinets.

(a) Cognizant contracting agencies will arrange to notify their prime contractors and subcontractors who require such cabinets for the protection of security classified information that, subject to the conditions described in § 101-26.407-3 (b) and (c) and in accordance with procedures included in Federal Supply Schedules, they may purchase such cabinets under the applicable Federal Supply Schedule contracts.

(b) Purchases of security cabinets under Federal Supply Schedule contracts by fixed-price prime contractors and subcontractors under either fixed-price or cost-type prime contracts may be made only after written authorization therefor is obtained from the agency having cognizance of the prime contract involved; and the authorization (or a true copy) must be furnished to the Federal Supply Schedule supplier in connection with the placement of orders for such cabinets.

(c) A statement substantially as follows should be placed on orders for security cabinets placed with Federal Supply Schedule contractors:

In the event of any inconsistency between the terms and conditions of this order and those of your Federal Supply Schedule contract, the latter will govern.

§ 101-26.407-4 Use and disposal of security cabinets.

Security cabinets purchased in accordance with this § 101-26.407 shall be used as prescribed by the cognizant contracting agency and may not be disposed of without its express approval.

§ 101-26.408 Price reductions during contract period.

(a) Each Federal Supply Schedule contract involving multiple awards contains a clause entitled "Price Reductions to a Federal Agency." The clause provides that if, during the life of the contract, any Federal agency cites that contract as the contract under which its order is placed and the contractor sells to that agency at reduced price any article or service covered by the contract and the quantity involved falls within the applicable maximum order limitation set forth in the contract, equivalent price reductions based on similar quantities and/or considerations shall apply to his Federal Supply Schedule contract and, thereafter for the duration of the contract period, the contractor shall invoice all ordering offices at such reduced price.

(b) Each Federal agency which has made a purchase of the type covered by the "Price Reductions to a Federal Agency" clause shall, within ten days, notify the contracting officer of such purchase.

§ 101-26.409 Multiple-award contracts.

§ 101-26.409-1 Description.

(a) Multiple-award Federal Supply Schedules cover contracts made with more than one supplier for comparable items at either the same or different prices for delivery to the same geographical area. These schedules are identified by the inclusion, in the Special Provisions, of a paragraph entitled "Multiple Awards."

(b) Federal Supply Schedule contracts are made on a multiple award basis when one or both of the following circumstances apply:

(1) The most effective utilization of industry production and distribution facilities in meeting the needs of the Government can be accomplished through making multiple awards and such awards are otherwise advantageous to the Government. (Considerations in determining that multiple awards should be made include price, quality, facility of delivery, availability of production and distribution facilities, technical advice or service in connection with products involved, and other pertinent factors.)