Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Records About Defense Spending and Receipts in Foreign Countries, 3/5/1968 – 9/30/1985
Record Group 330

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1. What information is in these records?

This series contains data on U.S. direct defense spending and U.S. military receipts in foreign countries. Each record potentially identifies the branch of service or Department of Defense agency, funding source, foreign country or international organization, fiscal year and quarter of the expenditure, the type of expenditure, and dollar amounts expended in each of four fiscal quarters.

2. Why were these records created?

The agency submitted the International Balance of Payments (IBOP) accounting reports to the Bureau of Economic Analysis of the Department of Commerce. The agency prepared these reports by compiling and analyzing the records about defense spending and receipts in foreign countries in accordance with Bureau of the Budget Circular A-65, March 5, 1968.

3.How can I access a copy of the full file?

The raw data file, along with the associated technical documentation, may be downloaded from the National Archives Catalog at: https://catalog.archives.gov/. There you can search by the series name, Records About Defense Spending and Receipts in Foreign Countries, or using the National Archives Identifier 571524, which is the description identifier for this series.

In the results, select to view the full series description. Click on the link "file(s) described in the catalog" next to "Includes:" for a list of the file units within this series. Then select the file unit containing the records of interest to you. The file unit description will include the list of electronic records and documentation files available for viewing and/or downloading.

Additional information about downloading electronic records from the Catalog is available at: https://www.archives.gov/research/electronic-records/access-in-catalog-faqs.

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data, you may wish to review our "Introduction to Raw Data" at:
https://www.archives.gov/files/research/electronic-records/raw-data-intro.pdf.