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From 1910 to 1963, the Department of State used a decimal classification system to organize its Central Files. This system assembled and arranged individual documents according to their subject with each subject having been assigned a specific decimal code.

The decimal system from 1930 to 1949 consists of nine primary classifications numbered 0 through 8, each covering a broad subject area.

CLASS 0: General. Miscellaneous.

CLASS 1: Administration, U.S. Government, including the Department of State and the Foreign Service.

CLASS 2: Extradition. The negotiation, application, and interpretation of extradition treaties and individual extradition cases.

CLASS 3: Protection of Interests. The protection of private and national interests.

CLASS 4: Claims. The negotiation, application, and interpretation of treaties on claims and individual claims cases.

CLASS 5: International Conferences (Congresses), Multilateral Treaties, Disarmament, League of Nations, United Nations, and Interparliamentary Union.

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Country Number----Lebanon

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Class of Records----
Internal Affairs of State

Subject----Legislative Branch of Government [General]

This class is concerned almost exclusively with the internal matters of individual countries. The class number (8) is followed by the country number. The number following the decimal point indicates subtopics within the general category of Internal Affairs. The date after the slant mark (/) identifies the individual document. Thus, 890E.03/9-1848 indicates a document dated September 18, 1948, relating to the legislative branch of government (03) in Lebanon (90E).
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