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The records filmed from the Central Files for this collection are from the Foreign Affairs subject classification of the Central Files. They include telegrams, airgrams, instructions, inquiries, studies, memoranda, situation reports, translations, special reports, plans, and official and unofficial correspondence.

These documents illuminate Panama’s relations with the United States of America and other nations. Because of the broad scope of these records, they both supplement and complement the coverage offered by the Department of State’s own Foreign Relations of the United States series.

This collection has been microfilmed directly from the records held at the National Archives, Washington, D.C. As such, the records reproduced herein represent the best available copies. UPA is proud to make this collection available for your research.
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.

CLASS 6: Commerce, Customs Administration, and Trade Agreements.

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In this publication, records classified 719 deal with the foreign policy of Panama and its political relations with other nations. Due to the State Department's arrangement of these records, countries assigned numbers below 19 will not be found in this file; however, UPA has included files dealing with the political relations between the United States (country number 11) and Panama in this publication. In order to find the political relations between Panama and countries other than the United States that have a lower number than 19, the researcher should check the CLASS 7 records for that country. These records can either be found at the National Archives, Washington, D.C., or, for many countries, UPA has already microfilmed those documents and made them available to libraries.

CLASS 7. Example, 719.94/2

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    +------------------------------------------+
    | Country Number----Panama                |
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    | 719.94/2---Document Number               |
    +------------------------------------------+
    | Class of Records----Political Relations  |
    | of States; Bilateral Treaties             |
    | Subject----Japan                          |
    +------------------------------------------+

719.94/2 indicates the second document relating to the bilateral relations between Panama (19) and Japan (94).
CLASS 7. Example, 711.19/183

Country Number----United States

711.19/183—Document Number

Class of Records---- Subject----Relations; Bilateral
Political Relations of States; Treaties with Panama
Bilateral Treaties

711.19/183 indicates the one hundred eighty-third document relating to
the bilateral relations between the United States of America (11) and Panama
(19).

The State Department's numerical list of country numbers is reproduced
on the following pages.

Note: For the convenience of the researcher, whenever the pages repre-
sented by a specific classification number total more than fifty but less than
250, a breakdown of the material by year is provided. Decimal files whose
pages total more than 250 are listed by month and year.
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11 United States
11A Hawaii
11B Philippine Islands
11C Puerto Rico
11D Guam
11E American Samoa
11F Canal Zone (Panama Canal Zone)
11G Virgin Islands
12 Mexico
13 CENTRAL AMERICA
14 Guatemala
15 Honduras
16 El Salvador (Salvador)
17 Nicaragua
18 Costa Rica
19 Panama
20 SOUTH AMERICA (WEST COAST)
21 Colombia
22 Ecuador
23 Peru
24 Bolivia
25 Chile
30 SOUTH AMERICA (EAST COAST)
31 Venezuela
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33 Uruguay
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35 Argentine Republic
36 WEST INDIAN REPUBLICS
37 Cuba
38 Haiti
39 Dominican Republic
EUROPE

Great Britain. United Kingdom

England

Scotland

Wales

Northern Ireland

Ireland (Irish Free State, Eire)

Canada

Newfoundland

Labrador

British colonies in America

British Honduras

British Guiana

British West Indies

Jamaica

Bahamas

Barbados

Trinidad and Tobago

Bermudas

Windward Islands (Windward Federation)

Leeward Islands (Leeward Federation)

Falkland Islands

South Orkney Islands

South Shetland Islands

India (British)

Andaman and Nicobar Islands

Laccadive Islands

Burma

Aden, Colony and Protectorate

Bahrein Islands

Ceylon

Straits Settlements

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Unfederated Malay States

Hong Kong

Weihaiwei

British Borneo

Fiji

Papua (British New Guinea)

Pacific islands

Australia

New Zealand
British Africa
48A Union of South Africa (British South Africa)
48F Rhodesia (Mashonaland, Matabeleland)
48G Basutoland
48H Bechuanaland
48I Swaziland
48K British West Africa
48T Kenya Colony (British East Africa)
48X Somaliland
48Y Nyasaland
48Z Anglo-Egyptian Sudan

British Mediterranean colonies and islands off the coast of Africa
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49B Malta
49C Cyprus
49D St. Helena and dependencies
49E Tristan da Cunha
49F Ascension Island
49G Seychelles
49H Mauritius

Western Continental Europe
50A Luxemburg
50B Monaco
50C Andorra
50D Spitsbergen (Spitzbergen)

France
51A St. Pierre and Miquelon
51B Martinique
51C Guadeloupe and dependencies
51D French Guiana (Cayenne)
51F French India
51G French Indo-China
51K French possessions and protectorates in Oceania and the
Eastern Pacific (Australasia and Oceania)
51L New Caledonia and dependencies
51M Society Islands
51N Lesser groups
51P New Hebrides
51R Algeria
51S Tunis
51T French West Africa and the Sahara
51U French Equatorial Africa (French Congo)
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52D Rio Muni and Cape San Juan
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52F Tetuan and Ceuta; Gomera, Alhucemas, Melilla; Zaffarin Islands
52G Balearic Islands
53 Portugal
53A Madeira
53B Azores
53D Portuguese India
53E Macao (Macau)
53F Timor
53H Cape Verde Islands
53I Portuguese Guinea
53K São Thomé (São Tomé) and Príncipe
53L Landana and Cabinda
53M Angola (Portuguese West Africa)
53N Portuguese East Africa
53P Lourenço Marques
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54 Switzerland
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56 Netherlands
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60G Georgia
60H Yugoslavia, Kingdom of (Jugo-Slavia, Kingdom of the Serbs, Croats and Slovenes)
60I Estonia (Esthonia)
60J Armenia
60K Free City of Danzig
60M Lithuania
60N Baltic provinces
60P Latvia (Lettland)
60Q Flume
60R Transcaucasia-Vitanvalia

61 Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (Russia)
61A Siberia
61B Sakhalin Island (Russian portion)

62 Germany
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62C Pacific colonies and dependencies
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62E Kaiser Wilhelm’s Land
62F Bismarck Archipelago
62G Solomon Islands
62H Marshall Islands
62I Caroline Islands
62K Pelew (Palau) Islands
62L Marianne Islands (Ladrone Islands)
62M Samoa (Samoa Islands, Western Samoa)
62P Togoland (Togo), with Little Popo and Porto Seguro
62Q Kamerun (Cameroons)
62R German Southwest Africa
62S German East Africa
62T Rhineland
62U Saar Basin

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0155 719.37 Relations; Bilateral Treaties: Panama-Cuba

0156 719.3721 Commerce and Navigation: Consular Functions—Panama-Cuba

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711.1928 Commerce and Navigation: Canal—U.S.-Panama cont.

[Note: The following documents contain minutes of meetings between Panamanian commissioners and representatives of the U.S. State Department.]

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[Note: The following documents contain minutes of meetings between Panamanian commissioners and representatives of the U.S. State Department.]

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711.1928 Commerce and Navigation: Canal—U.S.-Panama cont.

[Note: The following documents contain minutes of meetings between Panamanian commissioners and representatives of the U.S. State Department regarding the Panama Canal.]

0001 October 1935 cont.
0206 November 1935
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U.S.-Panamanian Relations cont.

711.1928 Commerce and Navigation: Canal—U.S.-Panama cont.

[Note: The following documents contain minutes of meetings between Panamanian commissioners and representatives of the U.S. State Department.]

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