

PRESIDENTIAL DOCUMENTS



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Weekly Compilation of Presidential Documents

The *Weekly Compilation* is the most comprehensive source of presidential materials. It consists of all materials which are released by the White House Office of the Press Secretary: proclamations and executive orders, speeches and press conferences, communications to Congress, reorganization plans, resignations and retirements, etc. Also included are acts approved by the President, nominations submitted to the Senate, and White House announcements and press releases.

The *Weekly Compilation* was first released in 1965, and is no longer published in print. Contents are compiled into an annual series entitled *Public Papers of the Presidents*. The *Public Papers* series covers administrations beginning with Herbert Hoover in 1929, with the exception of Franklin Roosevelt.

Print: Government Information Center reference shelves (annual cumulated index bound with individual volumes)

1965 - 1985: GS 4.114:
1985 - 2000: AE 2. 109:

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Public Papers of the Presidents of the United States

Published since 1929 (except for Franklin Roosevelt's administration), the *Public Papers* is an edited annual cumulation of the *Weekly Compilation*. Appendices of the *Public Papers* include a digest of the President's daily public schedule, a list of nominations, a checklist of press releases not printed, a list of acts approved, and a list of proclamations and executive orders.

The *Public Papers* do not include materials which are published in the Federal Register: executive orders, administrative orders, or presidential proclamations (the Federal Register is a daily publication which also includes the rules, proposed rules, and notices of various agencies of the Federal Government).

Texts of proclamations and executive orders were included from 1977 - 1988 (Carter and Reagan) only; for other years, the list in the Appendix refers to the *Federal Register* and the *Weekly Compilation*, where the text can be found.

Location: Main Library, J80 A28: 1929 - 1933; 1945+ (index at end of each volume)
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Executive Orders and Proclamations

Executive Orders are the formal means through which the President of the United States prescribes the conduct of business in the Executive Branch. Executive Orders are often referred to as “Presidential Legislation” -a form of executive lawmaking used in instances in which the Constitution of Congress directly or indirectly permits the President to take action.

Proclamations are general announcements of policy issued to the nation as a whole, and are commonly associated with ceremonial occasions such as the observance of National Bowling Week, 1987 (Proc. No. 5596), or National Skiing Day, 1988 (Proc. No. 5756). A few substantive proclamations deal with trade policy or tariff issues.

- 1789+** *United States Statutes at Large* (proclamations only)
Reference KF 50 A3
- 1862-1938** *Presidential Executive Orders, numbered 1-8030, 1862-1938.*
Main, microfiche area: J80 .A73 1944a
Index included on fiche; also
CIS index to presidential executive orders & proclamations:
Reference F70.A55
- 1936+** *Code of Federal Regulations. Title 3: The President*
Reference KF 70 A3 C57
Index to the Code of Federal Regulations: Reference KF 70 A34 I46
<http://www.gpoaccess.gov/cfr/index.html>
- 1936+** *Federal Register*
Government Information Center reference: paper kept two years
1936-2001: microfilm (1936-2001): AE 2. 106:
1994+: <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/fr/index.html>
Print Index: *Federal register index:* Government Information Center reference
- 1945-1989** *Codification of Presidential Proclamations and Executive Orders*
Reference KF 70 A473
- 1965+** *Weekly Compilation of Presidential Documents*
Government Information Center reference AE 2.109: (1965-2000)
<http://www.gpoaccess.gov/wcomp/index.html> (1993-)

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