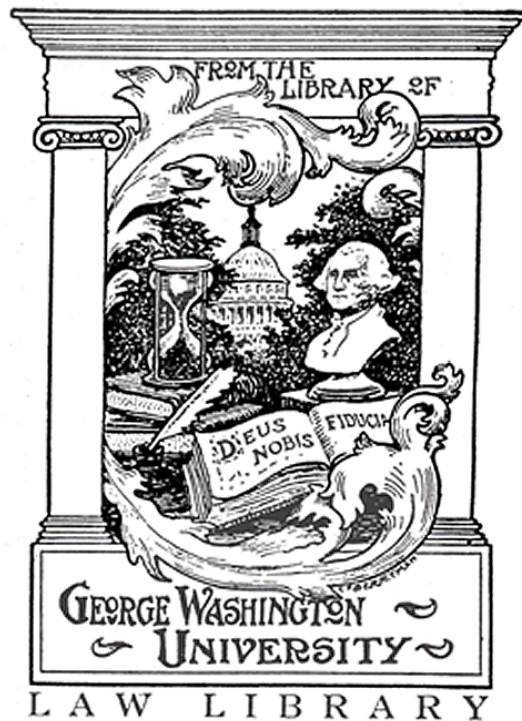




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**LOCATING PRESIDENTIAL
DOCUMENTS**



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INTRODUCTION

The President has wide-ranging lawmaking authority, not only in the conduct of foreign affairs and as Commander-in-Chief of the armed forces, but also in the management of executive agencies. In fulfilling these roles, the President issues executive orders, proclamations, directives, memoranda, presidential determinations, letters, and reorganization plans. These presidential documents have played an important role in the development and evolution of many areas of law. For example, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) was established as an independent agency as a result of the Reorganization Plan No. 3 of 1970.

To determine if a source listed in this guide is available through LexisNexis or Westlaw:

LexisNexis: Select the “**Find a Source**” tab; type the source name or identifiers in the search box.

Examples: United States Code or GENFED;USCODE

Westlaw: If you are using Westlaw.com, then type the name of the source in the “**Search for a database**” box. If you are using WestlawNext, type the name of the source in the WestlawNext search box and select the resource from the drop down list.

Examples: United States Code Annotated or USCA

For additional information, please see *Finding Presidential Documents at Burns Law Library* (<http://law.gwu.libguides.com/presidentialsdocs>) and Harold C. Relyea, Cong. Research Serv., RL 98-611, *Presidential Directives: Background and Overview* (Nov. 26, 2008), available at <http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/98-611.pdf>.

I. TYPES OF PRESIDENTIAL DOCUMENTS

Executive Agreements

An executive agreement is an international agreement entered into by the President, pursuant to the President’s constitutional or statutory authority, without the Senate’s advice or consent. The term “executive agreement” is a term of art, and such agreements are usually not so designated specifically.

For more information on finding executive agreements, see the library’s guide on treaty research available at: www.law.gwu.edu/Library/Research/Pages/Research_Guides.aspx

Executive Orders	Presidents issue executive orders on a variety of subjects. Executive orders relate to the conduct of government business or to the organization of executive agencies. Older executive orders (pre-1862) are unnumbered, but there are sources for finding them.
Determinations	Presidential determinations resolve that certain provisions of law are or are not in the national interest. These documents are identified by a document number, e.g., Presidential Determination No. 93-34.
Directives	Presidential directives are authoritative instruments issued by the President on matters of foreign policy and national security. Many directives are classified and cannot be obtained.
Letters	Letters may be used to issue instructions to chiefs of diplomatic missions or to direct the continuation of duties on selected goods imported from other countries.
Memoranda	Memoranda, also called Presidential Letters, are generally issued from the President to the heads of executive departments or agencies. Memoranda are often used to issue findings, or to provide guidance or instruction.
Messages	Presidential messages are typically communications from the President to Congress. They may propose new legislation, explain vetoes, transmit documents, or convey information about national affairs or other matters of concern.
Notices	Notices are frequently used to extend the duration of previously issued executive orders.
Proclamations	These are general announcements of policy addressed to the entire nation, and are frequently associated with ceremonial occasions such as National Park Week (e.g., Proclamation 8131, National Park Week). Some proclamations, however, deal with trade policies or tariff issues (e.g., Proclamation 8067, To Modify Rules of Origin Under the North American Free Trade Agreement).
Reorganization Plans	Reorganization plans consist of presidential proposals for changes in the organization of agencies, and can abolish or transfer agency functions. A reorganization plan must be approved by both houses of Congress before it can take effect. Reorganization plans are identified by year and plan number.

Signing Statements	Presidents often issue statements upon signing a piece of legislation. Sometimes these statements shed light on the President's understanding of the legislation or the President's position on disputed provisions in the legislation.
Speeches	Presidential speeches include such public messages as news conference remarks, transcripts of press conferences, etc.
Statements of Administration Policy	Statements to inform Congress of the president's official position on proposed legislation.
State of the Union Address	The State of the Union is a special type of message to Congress. It is an annual event in which the President reports on the status of the country to a joint session of Congress. The address also outlines the President's legislative proposals for the upcoming year. Before the 1930s, it was generally known as the "Message of the President of the United States at the Commencement of the Session" or the "President's Annual Message to Congress."

II. SOURCES FOR PRESIDENTIAL DOCUMENTS

A. *Federal Register (Fed. Reg./ FR)*

The *Federal Register* includes presidential determinations, executive orders, letters, memoranda, notices, proclamations, and reorganization plans. In the *Federal Register* index, documents are listed by subject or under "Presidential Documents."

- **World Wide Web**

FDsys (PDF, 1994-)

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys> > *Federal Register*

- **Commercial Databases**

HeinOnline (*Federal Register Library*) (PDF, 1936-)

<http://www.law.gwu.edu/Library/Research> > *Database Subscriptions*

LexisNexis (*GENFED;FEDREG*) or (*EXEC;EXECOR*) (July 1980-)

Westlaw (*FR-ALL*) (1936-) ; (*PRES*) (Executive Orders, 1936- ; Proclamations, 1984-)

- **Print:** RESERVE (1ST FL) (Current year)

B. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Title 3, The President

Presidential materials are compiled annually into *Title 3, The President*, of the *Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.)*. This publication includes proclamations, executive orders, determinations, letters, memoranda, notices, and reorganization plans. Each volume contains its own subject index.

- **World Wide Web**

FDsys (PDF, 2001-)

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys> > *Code of Federal Regulations*

- **Commercial Databases**

HeinOnline (*U.S. Presidential Library*) (PDF, 1936-)

<http://www.law.gwu.edu/Library/Research> > *Database Subscriptions*

LexisNexis (*GENFED;CFR*) (current) ; (*GENFED;ALLCFR*) (1981-)

Westlaw (*CFR*) (Current) ; (*CFR##*) (1984-) (Where ## equals two digit year)

- **Print:** RESERVE (1ST FL) (Current title) ; LEGAL REFERENCE (LL1) (1936-)

C. Public Papers of the Presidents of the United States

With the exception of Franklin D. Roosevelt's papers (published privately), this set contains the public papers of all presidents since Herbert Hoover (1929). This publication generally includes determinations, executive orders, memoranda, notices, messages to Congress, proclamations, reorganization plans, signing statements, speeches, State of the Union addresses, veto messages, and other documents. However, from 1989 onward, executive orders and proclamations are not included, but are listed with a citation to their location in the *Federal Register* in an appendix. Each volume has subject index, name index, and a document categories list index that lists document by type.

- **World Wide Web**

FDsys (PDF, 1991-2005, 2009)

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys> > *Browse Collection* > *Public Papers of the Presidents of the United States*

- **Commercial Databases**

HeinOnline (*U.S. Presidential Library*) (PDF, 1931-2005)

<http://www.law.gwu.edu/Library/Research> > *Database Subscriptions*

- **Print:** SL2, J80.A283 (1929-2005)

D. *Public Papers and Addresses of Franklin Delano Roosevelt*

• **Commercial Databases**

HeinOnline (*U.S. Presidential Library*)

<http://www.law.gwu.edu/Library/Research> > *Database Subscriptions*

• **Print:** Gelman Library, E806.R749

E. *Daily Compilation of Presidential Documents and Weekly Compilation of Presidential Documents*

The *Daily Compilation* and the *Weekly Compilation* include determinations, executive orders, memoranda, notices, messages to Congress, proclamations, reorganization plans, signing statements, speeches, State of the Union addresses, veto messages, and other documents. The online only *Daily Compilation* replaced the *Weekly Compilation* on January 20, 2009.

• **World Wide Web**

FDsys (PDF, 1993-)

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys> > *Compilation of Presidential Documents*

• **Commercial Databases**

HeinOnline (*U.S. Presidential Library*) (PDF, 1965-)

<http://www.law.gwu.edu/Library/Research> > *Database Subscriptions*

The *Daily Compilation* and the *Weekly Compilation* are located in separate files within HeinOnline's U.S. Presidential Library. The *Weekly Compilation* covers 1965 to January 19, 2009. The *Daily Compilation* covers, January 20, 2009, to the previous month.

LexisNexis (*GENFED;PRESDC*) (Mar. 24, 1979 – Feb. 2, 2011)

Westlaw (*WCPD*) (2000-)

The PRES-DAILY database also includes documents from White House staff and presidential schedules.

• **Print:** SL2, J80.A284 (1965 – Jan. 2009)

F. *United States Code, Official and Unofficial Versions*

The *United States Code* and the unofficial versions, the *United States Code Annotated* and the *United States Code Service*, have "Tables" volumes listing and citing to executive orders, proclamations, and reorganization plans that implement statutory provisions. Executive orders and reorganization plans are included following the relevant code section. Proclamations are not included, but citations are provided to the *Federal Register* or *Statutes at Large*. Additionally, the U.S.C. and the U.S.C.A., include reorganization plans in the Title 5, Appendix.

1. ***United States Code***

• **World Wide Web**

FDsys (PDF, 1994 ed.-)

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys> > *United States Code*

• **Commercial Databases**

HeinOnline (*United States Code*) (PDF, 1925 ed.-)

<http://www.law.gwu.edu/Library/Research> > *Database Subscriptions*

• **Print:** LEGAL REFERENCE (LL1) (1940 ed.-)

2. ***United States Code Annotated (U.S.C.A.)***

• **Commercial Databases**

Westlaw (*USCA*) (current ed.); (*USCA##*) (1990-) (older editions, where ## equals two digit year)

• **Print:** RESERVE (1ST FL) and, LEGAL REFERENCE (LL1) (current ed.)

3. ***United States Code Annotated (U.S.C.A.)***

• **Commercial Databases**

LexisNexis (*GENFED;USCS*) (current ed.) ; (*GENFED;US####*) (1992-) (where #### equals four digit year)

• **Print:** LEGAL REFERENCE (LL1) (current ed.)

G. ***United States Code Congressional and Administrative News (USCCAN)***

USCCAN and its predecessor, the *United States Code Congressional Service (USCCS)*, includes executive orders, proclamations, reorganization plans, and selected signing statements and presidential messages.

• **Commercial Databases:** Westlaw (*USCCAN*) (coverage varies)

• **Print:** LEGAL REFERENCE (LL1) (1941-)

H. ***United States Statutes at Large (Stat.)***

Includes proclamations and reorganization plans. Executive agreements were also included from 1778 to 1949.

• **World Wide Web**

FDsys (PDF, 1951-1980; 2003-2007)

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys> > *Browse Collections* > *United States Statutes at Large*

American Memory, Library of Congress
<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/amlaw/lwsl.html> (1789-1875)

- **Commercial Databases**

HeinOnline (*U.S. Statutes at Large*) (PDF, 1789-)
<http://www.law.gwu.edu/Library/Research> > *Database Subscriptions*

Westlaw (*US-STATLRG*) (PDF, 1789-1972)

- **Print:** LEGAL REFERENCE (LL1) (1789-)

I. **Records of Congressional Debates**

Presidential messages like the State of the Union address and veto messages are included in the *Congressional Record* and its predecessors, the *Congressional Globe*, the *Register of Debates*, and the *Annals of Congress*. The indexes for the various publications are useful for locating presidential messages.

1. **Congressional Record (Daily edition)**

- **World Wide Web**

FDsys (PDF, 1994-)
<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys> > *Congressional Record*

THOMAS, Library of Congress (1989-)
<http://thomas.loc.gov> > *Congressional Record*

- **Commercial Databases**

HeinOnline (*U.S. Congressional Documents*) (PDF, 1994-)
<http://www.law.gwu.edu/Library/Research> > *Database Subscriptions*

LexisNexis (*GENFED;RECORD*) (1985-)

ProQuest Congressional (1985-)
<http://www.law.gwu.edu/Library/Research> > *Database Subscriptions*

Select *Daily Congressional Record & Rules* to search the daily edition of the *Congressional Record*.

Westlaw (*CR*) (1985-)

- **Print:** RESERVE (1ST FL) (Last 30 days) ; LEGAL REFERENCE (LL1) (1991-)

2. *Congressional Record* (Permanent edition)

At the end of each legislative session, all daily editions of the *Congressional Record* are re-paginated and re-indexed into permanent bound volumes. Publication of the permanent edition usually lags several years behind a legislative session. The permanent edition is also called the Bound Congressional Record.

- **World Wide Web**

FDsys (PDF, 1999-2001)

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys> > *Browse Collections* > *Congressional Record (Bound)*

American Memory, Library of Congress (PDF, 1873-75)

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/amlaw/lwcr.html>

- **Commercial Databases**

HeinOnline (*U.S. Congressional Documents*) (PDF, 1873-2007)

<http://www.law.gwu.edu/Library/Research> > *Database Subscriptions*.

ProQuest Congressional (1873-1997)

<http://www.law.gwu.edu/Library/Research> > *Database Subscriptions*

Select *Congressional Record Only* under *Congressional Publications* to search the permanent edition of the *Congressional Record*.

- **Print:** LEGAL REFERENCE (LL1) (1921-2007)

3. *Congressional Globe*

- **World Wide Web**

American Memory, Library of Congress (PDF, 1833-73)

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/amlaw/lwcg.html>

- **Commercial Databases**

HeinOnline (*U.S. Congressional Documents*) (PDF, 1833-1873)

<http://www.law.gwu.edu/Library/Research> > *Database Subscriptions*

ProQuest Congressional (1833-1873)

<http://www.law.gwu.edu/Library/Research> > *Database Subscriptions*

Select *Congressional Record Only* under *Congressional Publications* to search the *Congressional Globe*.

- **Microform:** MICROFILM (LL1), Film 104 (1833-1873)

4. ***Register of Debates***

• **World Wide Web**

American Memory, Library of Congress (PDF, 1824-1837)
<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/amlaw/lwrd.html>

• **Commercial Databases**

HeinOnline (*U.S. Congressional Documents*) (PDF, 1824-1837)
<http://www.law.gwu.edu/Library/Research> > Database
Subscriptions

ProQuest Congressional (1824-1837)
<http://www.law.gwu.edu/Library/Research> > Database
Subscriptions

Select *Congressional Record Only* under *Congressional Publications* to search the *Register of Debates*.

• **Microform:** MICROFILM (LL1), Film 104C (1824-1837)

5. ***Annals of Congress***

• **World Wide Web**

Library of Congress, American Memory (PDF, 1789-1824)
<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/amlaw/lwac.html>

• **Commercial Databases**

HeinOnline (*U.S. Congressional Documents*) (PDF, 1789-1824)
<http://www.law.gwu.edu/Library/Research> > Database
Subscriptions

ProQuest Congressional (1789-1824)
<http://www.law.gwu.edu/Library/Research> > Database
Subscriptions

Select *Congressional Record Only* under *Congressional Publications* to search the *Register of Debates*.

• **Microform:** MICROFILM (LL1), Film 104B (1789-1824)

J. ***U.S. Congressional Serial Set (Serial Set)***

The Serial Set contains State of the Union addresses, veto messages, etc. Presidential documents are usually numbered as House documents.

• **World Wide Web**

GPO Access (PDF, 1995-): <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/serialset>

Library of Congress, American Memory (selective, PDF, 1833-1917)
<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/amlaw/lwss.html>

- **Commercial Databases**

ProQuest Congressional (PDF, 1789-)

<http://www.law.gwu.edu/Library/Research> > *Database Subscriptions*

Some post-1970 serial set documents may not be available online through ProQuest Congressional.

- **Microform:** MICROFICHE (LL1), Fiche 109 (1789-1969) ;
MICROFICHE (LL1), Fiche 110 (1970-)

- **Print Indexes:** MICRO INDEX SHELVES (LL1), Fiche 109 Index (1789-1969); MICRO INDEX SHELVES (LL1), Fiche 110 Index (1970-)

K. *American State Papers*

The *American State Papers* is a collection of older legislative and executive documents that preceded the Serial Set. Contains executive orders, proclamations, and other presidential documents. Presidential documents are not indicated clearly in the index, so researchers may need to consult outside indexes to find presidential documents contained therein.

- **World Wide Web**

American Memory, Library of Congress (PDF, 1789-1838)

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/amlaw/lwsp.html>

- **Commercial Databases**

HeinOnline (*U.S. Congressional Documents*) (PDF, 1789-1838)

<http://www.law.gwu.edu/Library/Research> > *Database Subscriptions*

- **Microform:** MICROFICHE (LL1), Fiche 107 (1789-1838)

L. *Codification of Presidential Proclamations and Executive Orders*

This publication contains executive orders and proclamations issued from Presidents Truman to Reagan (April 1945-January 1989), arranged by subject into fifty chapters similar to the *C.F.R.* Amendments to executive orders are incorporated into the text.

- **World Wide Web**

U.S. National Archives and Records Administration (NARA)

<http://www.archives.gov/federal-register/codification>

- **Print:** SL2, KF70.A473

M. *A Compilation of the Message and Papers of the Presidents* (James D. Richardson, ed.)

This is a multi-volume series containing executive orders, proclamations, and other presidential documents. The first edition, authorized by Congress, was published by the U.S. Government Printing Office, and was included in the *U.S. Congressional Serial Set*. The first edition contained ten volumes and covered Presidents Washington through McKinley. Subsequent editions were published by a private company, the Bureau of National Literature, and increased the number of volumes and extended coverage through President Hoover. In the later editions, the pages were renumbered and the volume divisions altered.

- **World Wide Web**

HathiTrust (1st ed., 1789-1897)

<http://catalog.hathitrust.org/Record/001137866>

HathiTrust (2nd ed., 1789-1916)

<http://catalog.hathitrust.org/Record/001137867>

- **Commercial Databases**

HeinOnline (U.S. Presidential Library) (PDF)

<http://www.law.gwu.edu/Library/Research> > *Database Subscriptions*

Provides access to the first (1789-1897), second (1789-1916), and third (1789-1929) editions.

ProQuest Congressional (PDF, 1st ed., 1789-1897)

<http://www.law.gwu.edu/Library/Research> > *Database Subscriptions*

To find this publication, select “Advanced Search” tab. In the search box type “Compilation of the Message and Papers of the Presidents” (with quotation marks). Select “Title” from the drop-down menu, and then click the “Search” button.

N. *Presidential Directives*

Directives can be difficult to find because they are often classified, and they are not generally published in primary compilations of presidential documents, if they are published at all. Adding to the difficulty, successive presidential administrations used different names for them. See the table below for the names by administration.

Names for Presidential Directives by Administration

National Security Council Policy Papers	NSC	Truman - Eisenhower	1947-1961
National Security Action Memoranda	NSAM	Kennedy - Johnson	1961-1969
National Security Study Memoranda	NSSM	Nixon - Ford	1969-1977
National Security Decision Memoranda	NSDM	Nixon - Ford	1969-1977
Presidential Review Memoranda	PRM	Carter	1977-1981
Presidential Directives	PD	Carter	1977-1981
National Security Study Directives	NSSD	Reagan	1981-1989
National Security Decision Directives	NSDD	Reagan	1981-1989
National Security Reviews	NSR	Bush	1989-1993
National Security Directives	NSD	Bush	1989-1993
Presidential Review Directives	PRD	Clinton	1993-2001
Presidential Decision Directives	PDD	Clinton	1993-2001
National Security Presidential Directives	NSPD	G. W. Bush	2001-2009
Homeland Security Presidential Directives	HSPD	G. W. Bush	2001-2009
Presidential Study Directives	PSD	Obama	2009-
Presidential Policy Directives	PPD	Obama	2009-

- **World Wide Web**

Federation of American Scientists, Presidential Directives and Executive Orders (selective, 1947-)

<http://www.fas.org/irp/offdocs/direct.htm>

Provides access to declassified directives arranged chronologically by administration.

Homeland Security Digital Library, Policy and Strategy Section (selective, 1947-)

<https://www.hsdl.org/?collection/stratpol>

Provides access to selected declassified directives relating to national security and homeland security.

- **Commercial Databases**

Declassified Documents (selective, PDF, 1940s-1970s)

<http://www.gelman.gwu.edu> > *Articles & Databases* > *International Relations*

Provides access to declassified directives. Try searching by date, keyword, partial title, etc.

(Digital) National Security Archive (selective, PDF, 1945-)
<http://www.gelman.gwu.edu> > *Articles & Databases* > *International Relations*

Provides access to declassified directives. Try searching by date, keyword, partial title, etc.

O. **Executive Agreements**

An executive agreement is an international agreement entered into by the President, pursuant to the President's constitutional or statutory authority, without the Senate's advice or consent. Executive agreements have been used to implement status of forces agreements, base right agreements, grant immunities and privileges to U.S. forces stationed abroad, support humanitarian relief efforts, and provide for other military and diplomatic concerns. For more information, see the Law Library's *Treaty Research* guide at:

http://www.law.gwu.edu/Library/Research/Pages/Research_Guides.aspx

1. **Hein's United States Treaties and Other International Agreements Current Service** (Igor Kavass, William S. Hein, 1990-)

Include U.S. treaties and executive agreements. Researchers should use *Kavass's Current Treaty Index* to identify documents in this collection.

- **Commercial Databases**

HeinOnline (*Treaties and Agreements Library*) (PDF, 1987-)
<http://www.law.gwu.edu/Library/Research> > *Database Subscriptions*

This collection is called KAV Agreements in HeinOnline.

- **Microform:** MICROFICHE (LL1), Fiche 304

2. ***Treaties and Other International Acts Series (TIAS)***

- **World Wide Web**

U.S. Department of State (PDF, 1996-2006)
<http://www.state.gov/s/l/treaty/tias>

- **Commercial Databases**

HeinOnline (*Treaties and Agreements Library*) (PDF, 1982-2003)
<http://www.law.gwu.edu/Library/Research> > *Database Subscriptions*

LexisNexis (*INTLAW; USTRTY*) (1985-)

Westlaw (*USTREATIES*) (1984-)

- **Print:** Bound vols. on SL1 ; current issues on RESERVE (1ST FL), KZ235.32 U55 (1982-)

3. ***United States Treaties and Other International Agreements (UST)***

- **Commercial Databases**

HeinOnline (*Treaties and Agreements Library*) (PDF, 1950-1984)
<http://www.law.gwu.edu/Library/Research> > Database
Subscriptions

LexisNexis (*INTLAW; USTRTY*) (1950-1984)

Westlaw (*USTREATIES*) (1950-1984)

- **Print:** SL1, KZ235.3.U55 (1950-84)

4. ***Executive Agreement Series (EAS)***

This publication includes executive agreements from the 1920s to 1940s.

- **Commercial Databases**

HeinOnline (*Treaties and Agreements Library*)
<http://www.law.gwu.edu/Library/Research> > Database
Subscriptions

- **Microform:** MICROFICHE (LL1), Fiche 276B

5. ***Treaties and Other International Agreements of the United States of America, 1776-1949*** (Charles Bevans ed., U.S. Department of State 1968-1976)

This publication is considered the definitive collection of U.S. treaties and international agreements concluded before 1950.

- **Commercial Databases**

HeinOnline (*Treaties and Agreements Library*) (PDF, 1776-1949)
<http://www.law.gwu.edu/Library/Research> > Database
Subscriptions

- **Print:** SL1, KZ236 1968

P. **Selected Web Sites**

1. **White House.gov**

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room>

Provides access to executive orders, proclamations, weekly addresses, speeches and remarks, press briefings, messages, memoranda, determinations, nominations and appointments, disclosures, etc., for the current Administration.

2. **American Presidency Project**

http://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/index_docs.php

An initiative from the University of California, Santa Barbara, to provide full-text access to presidential documents. Availability of documents varies by type. Also provides audio and video of selected speeches.

III. INDEXES FOR FINDING PRESIDENTIAL DOCUMENTS

A. *CIS Index to Presidential Executive Orders and Proclamations*

This publication indexes older proclamations and executive orders by subject, personal name, and date. Includes titles and brief descriptions of executive orders.

- **Print:** MICRO INDEX SHELVES (LL1), Fiche 94 Index (1789-1983)

B. *List and Index of Presidential Executive Orders: Unnumbered Series* (Clifford L. Lord ed., Historical Records Survey, 1943)

This publication indexes unnumbered executive orders chronologically and by subject, from 1789-1941. Includes citations to other publications containing the full-text of the documents.

- **Commercial Databases**

HeinOnline (*U.S. Presidential Library*) (PDF)

<http://www.law.gwu.edu/Library/Research> > *Database Subscriptions*

C. *Presidential Executive Orders* (Clifford L. Lord et al. eds., Archives Publishing Co. 1944)

Describes and provides citations to numbered executive orders. Coverage is from 1862 to 1938. Also includes a subject index.

- **Commercial Databases**

HeinOnline (*U.S. Presidential Library*) (PDF)

<http://www.law.gwu.edu/Library/Research> > *Database Subscriptions*

- **Print :** MICRO INDEX SHELVES (LL1), Film 46 Index v. 1 and v. 2

D. *Kavass's Current Treaty Index*

Indexes U.S. treaties and executive agreements. Treaties and agreements are indexed numerically, by subject, chronologically, and geographically.

- **Commercial Databases**

HeinOnline (*Treaties and Agreements Library*) (PDF, 1982-)

<http://www.law.gwu.edu/Library/Research> > *Database Subscriptions*

- **Print:** SL1, KZ235.U582

E. *Treaties in Force (TIF)*

Lists U.S. treaties and executive agreements in force January 1 of specified year.

- **World Wide Web**

U.S. Department of State (PDF, current ed.)

<http://www.state.gov/s/l/treaty/tif>

- **Commercial Databases**

HeinOnline (*Treaties and Agreements Library*) (PDF, 1929-)

<http://www.law.gwu.edu/Library/Research> > *Database Subscriptions*

LexisNexis (*INTLAW;USTIF*) (current ed.)

Westlaw (*USTIF*) (2007 ed.)

- **Print:** Earlier eds. on SL1; Current ed. in READY REFERENCE (1ST FL), KZ235 .T74

IV. UPDATING PRESIDENTIAL DOCUMENTS

A. LexisNexis Shepard's®

Executive orders and proclamations can be “shepardized” using LexisNexis. The citation format for executive orders is *Exec. Order* (i.e. *Exec. Order 11518*). The citation format for proclamations is *Pres. Proc.* (i.e. *Pres. Proc. 5030*).

B. Westlaw KeyCite®

Executive orders can be “keycited” using Westlaw. The citation format for executive orders is *Exec. Order No.* (i.e. *Exec. Order No. 11518*).

C. *Code of Federal Regulations, List of CFR Sections Affected (LSA)*

Use the C.F.R.’s *List of Sections Affected* to check if a presidential document has been affected by another document. Issued monthly, the LSA is arranged by C.F.R. title, chapter, and section number. Presidential documents are listed under Title 3, by type (proclamations, executive orders, etc.) and then by number or date. Citations are provided to pages in the *Federal Register* where the amending documents can be found. To update presidential documents, do the following:

1. Consult the most recent LSA pamphlet.
2. Check the last *Federal Register* issue of the month for the month following the LSA pamphlet. LSA tables are cumulated in each *Federal Register* issue. The LSA tables are arranged by title and document type. *Federal Register* citations are provided for the amending documents.

- **World Wide Web**
FDsys (PDF, 1997-)
<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys> > *Browse Collections* > *List of CFR Sections Affected*
- **Commercial Databases**
HeinOnline (*Federal Register Library*) (PDF, 1958-)
<http://www.law.gwu.edu/Library/Research> > *Database Subscriptions*
- **Print:** Current issues, RESERVE (1ST FL) ; Older issues, LEGAL REFERENCE (LL1) (1949-)

D. *United States Code Table Volumes*

The *United States Code*, the *United States Code Annotated*, and the *United States Code Service*, have table volumes that note the status of executive orders, proclamations, and reorganization plans, and the location of these documents within the *Code*. Table volumes are found at the end of code titles. Tables IV, V, and VI, cover executive orders, proclamations, and reorganization plans, respectively.

E. *Executive Order Disposition Tables*

These disposition tables list the status of executive orders issued from 1937 to date. A subject index to executive orders is also available. The index covers the period 1993 to date.

- **World Wide Web**
National Archive and Record Administration (NARA)
<http://www.archives.gov/federal-register> > *Executive Orders*

Table 1. Sources for Different Types of Presidential Documents

	<i>Fed. Reg.</i>	<i>C.F.R.</i>	<i>Public Papers</i>	<i>Daily/Weekly Compilation</i>	<i>USSCAN</i>	<i>U.S.C.</i>	<i>Stat.</i>	<i>W.H. Web Site</i>	<i>Am. Pres. Project</i>	<i>Serial Set</i>	<i>Cong. Rec.</i>	<i>Hein's UST[†]</i>
Exec. Agreements							•					•
Exec. Orders	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•			
Determinations	•	•	•	•				•	•			
Directives												
Letters	•	•	•	•				•	•			
Memoranda	•	•	•	•				•	•			
Messages to Congress			•	•	•			•	•	•	•	
Proclamations	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•			
Reorganization Plans	•	•	•		•	•	•		•			
Signing Statements			•	•	•			•	•			
Speeches			•	•				•	•			
State of the Union Addresses			•	•				•	•	•	•	

[†]*Hein's United States Treaties and Other International Agreements Current Service*