

SURVEY ON MILITARY AND INTELLIGENCE ARCHIVES IN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES

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Country: FRANCE.....

Name of institution...: Service interministériel des Archives de France

Parent institutionMinistère de la culture et de la communication.....

1) Do the following bodies transfer their archives to the National Archives or do they run their own independent historical archives (or neither)? (for Intelligence Agencies, please add as many entries as you need)

	They transfer their archives to the NA	They run their own independent historical archives	They do not make their archives available to researchers
Army, Navy, Air Force		x	
Ministry of Defence		x	
<u>Intelligence Agencies:</u>			
ministère de l'Intérieur, direction générale de la sécurité intérieure	x		
ministère de la Défense, direction générale de la sécurité extérieure		x	
ministère de la Défense, direction de la protection et de la sécurité de la défense		x	
ministère de la Défense, direction du renseignement militaire		x	

2) In case such bodies run their own independent historical archives, are they staffed with professional archivists? (for Intelligence Agencies, please add as many entries as you need)

	YES	NO
Army, Navy, Air Force	x	
Ministry of Defence	x	
<u>Intelligence agencies:</u>	x	

3) In case intelligence and/or military archives are transferred to the National archives, are such archives transferred only after declassification or do the National Archives receive and preserve classified information (top secret, secret, etc.)?

	YES	NO
Archives including classified records are transferred only after declassification		x
The National Archives receive and preserve classified information	x	

4) After how many years are the archives the following bodies supposed to be transferred to the National Archives or to other archival institution?

	Number of years	The rule is actually enforced (YES / NO)
Army, Navy, Air Force		
Ministry of Defence		
<u>Intelligence agencies</u>		

quand la date de durée d'utilité administrative a expiré (pas de date unique)

5) As far as the selection and transfer of archives is concerned, do military bodies and intelligence services have to follow guidelines issued by the National Archives or by the Directorate General of Archives?

	YES	NO
Army, Navy, Air Force		x
Ministry of Defence		x
<u>ministère de l'Intérieur</u> , direction générale de la sécurité intérieure:	x	
<u>ministère de la Défense</u> , direction générale de la sécurité extérieure, direction de la protection et de la sécurité de la défense, direction du renseignement militaire		x

6) Do archivists from the National Archives participate in the decisions regarding the selection and transfer of military archives and of the archives of the intelligence agencies?

	YES	NO
Army, Navy, Air Force		x
Ministry of Defence		x
Intelligence agencies		
<u>ministère de l'Intérieur</u> , direction générale de la sécurité intérieure:	x	
<u>ministère de la Défense</u> , direction générale de la sécurité extérieure, direction de la protection et de la sécurité de la défense, direction du renseignement militaire		x

7) According to the ICA Principles of Access to Archives, art. 9, "Archivists have access to all closed archives and perform necessary archival work on them". Is this principle enforced in your country, as far as military archives and the archives of intelligence agencies are concerned?

	YES	NO
Army, Navy, Air Force		x
Ministry of Defence		x
Intelligence agencies		x

8) Are there archivists from the National Archives who have security clearances (i.e. who can access classified information)?

YES	x
NO	



Les archivistes qui traitent les archives courantes concernant la sécurité de la Défense nationale doivent être habilités "secret-défense".

9) As far as the management of records and archives are concerned, do military corps and intelligence agencies have to follow guidelines and directives issued by the National Archives or by the Directorate General of Archives?

	YES	NO
Army, Navy, Air Force		x
Ministry of Defence		x
Intelligence agencies		
<u>ministère de l'Intérieur</u> , direction générale de la sécurité intérieure:	x	
<u>ministère de la Défense</u> , direction générale de la sécurité extérieure, direction de la protection et de la sécurité de la défense, direction du renseignement militaire		x

10) Does your national legislation provide for automatic declassification of classified national security information after a given number of years?

YES	
NO	x

La loi sur les archives détermine les délais à l'expiration desquels les documents classifiés deviennent communicables. Ils doivent néanmoins faire l'objet d'une déclassification formelle avant de pouvoir être communiqués aux chercheurs.

11) In case you answered YES to question no. 10, after how many years?

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secret défense nationale : 50 ans

sécurité publique : 50 ans

agents de renseignement : 150 ans

armes NBC (nucléaires, biologiques, chimiques) : illimité

12) Does your national legislation provide for automatic declassification of classified information regarding national defence (for example, information on weapons of mass destruction) after a given number of years? In case, after how many years?

YES	
NO	x

La loi interdit toute commercialisation de ces documents, quelle que soit leur date

13) In case you answered YES to question no. 12, after how many years?

14) Does your national legislation provide for automatic declassification of classified information originating from a foreign government (or from a foreign intelligence agency, foreign police authority, etc.) after a given number of years? Or is such kind of information declassified only after consulting with the originating country?

	YES	NO
Classified information originating from a foreign government is declassified only with the agreement of the foreign government	x	
Classified information originating from a foreign government is automatically declassified after a given number of years, like other classified information		x

15) Does your national legislation provide for special rules regarding the declassification of classified information originating from the NATO?

YES	
NO	x

16) Are information originating from the NATO declassified after a given number of years or are decisions regarding the declassification of NATO documents left to NATO itself?

	YES	NO
Information originating from the NATO are declassified after a given number of years		x
Decisions regarding the declassification of NATO documents are left to NATO itself	x	