



SURVEY ON MILITARY AND INTELLIGENCE ARCHIVES IN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES

(Please, if you need more space for comments, add supplementary sheets)

Country: ...Germany.....

Name of institutionBundesarchiv.....

Parent institution ...Minister of State to the Federal Chancellor, Federal Government
Commissioner for Culture and the Media

(Is your institution part of the Ministry of Culture or of another Ministry, or is under the authority of the
Prime Minister, etc.?)

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>	x		

Comments:.....
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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		
Ministry of Defence		
<u>Intelligence agencies:</u>		

Comments:.....
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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	

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

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

Comments:.....
.....No legal specification.....

5) As far as selection and transfer of archives is concern, 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	
Intelligence agencies	x	

Comments:.....The selection is made exclusively by the staff of the Bundesarchiv.



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	x	

Comments: See above, they do not only participate, they are responsible for the selection.

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	

Comments:.....

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

YES	X
NO	

Comments:.....



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		x

Comments:.....The guidelines for records management are issued by the Ministry of Interior.

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

YES	
NO	

Comments:....Yes for records created after 1995, no for older records although timelines do exist for a systematic review and declassification process conducted by the originator.....

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

..... 30
years.....

Comments:.....



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

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

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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

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

YES	
NO	x

Comments:.....
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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	

Comments:....see the recently approved Directive on the Public Disclosure of NATO Information (NATO, AC/324-D(2014)0010, 04 August 2014.....
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