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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 1950 to 1954 consists of ten primary classifications numbered 0 through 9, each covering a broad subject area.

CLASS 0: Miscellaneous.

CLASS 1: Administration of the United States Government.

CLASS 2: Protection of Interests (Persons and Property).

CLASS 3: International Conferences, Congresses, Meetings, and Organizations.

CLASS 4: International Trade and Commerce. Trade Relations, Customs Administration.


CLASS 7: Internal Political and National Defense Affairs.

CLASS 8: Internal Economic, Industrial, and Social Affairs.

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These classes are concerned almost exclusively with the internal matters of individual countries. The class number (7, 8, or 9) is followed by the country number. The number following the decimal point indicates subtopics within the major classifications. The date after the slant mark (/) identifies the individual document.

CLASS 7. Example, 783.00/4-1152

Country Number----Syria

783.00/4-1152—Document Date

Class of Records----
Internal Political and National Defense Affairs

Subject----Political Affairs [General]

783.00/4-1152 indicates a document dated April 11, 1952, relating to general political affairs (00) in Syria (83).

CLASS 8. Example, 883.10/3-2352

Country Number----Syria

883.10/3-2352—Document Date

Class of Records----
Internal Economic, Industrial, and Social Affairs

Subject----Financial Matters [General]

883.10/3-2352 indicates a document dated March 23, 1952, relating to general financial matters (10) in Syria (83).
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CLASS 0: Miscellaneous.

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In this publication, records classified 683 deal with the foreign policy of Syria and the political relations between Syria and other nations. Due to the State Department's arrangement of these records, countries assigned numbers below 83 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 Syria in this publication. In order to find the political relations between Syria and countries other than the U.S. that have a lower number than 83, the researcher should check the CLASS 6 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 6. Example, 683.93/2-1651

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