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These documents illuminate Syria's political system, government, judiciary, laws, military, customs, economy, finance, agriculture, natural resources, industry, communications, media, and relations with the United States of America and other nations. Because of the broad scope of these records, they both supplement and complement the coverage offered by the Department of State's own *Foreign Relations of the United States* series.

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The decimal system from 1930 to 1949 consists of nine primary classifications numbered 0 through 8, each covering a broad subject area.

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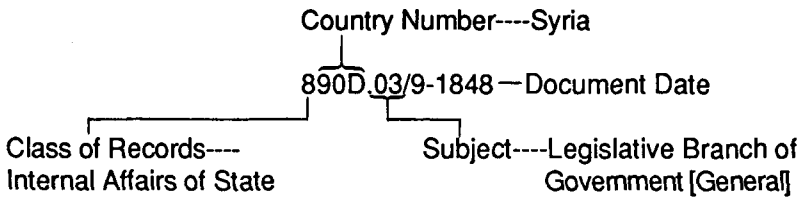
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**CLASS 7:** Political Relations of States, including diplomatic and consular representation and bilateral treaties, conventions, and agreements.

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**CLASS 3:** Protection of Interests. The protection of private and national interests.

**CLASS 4:** Claims. The negotiation, application, and interpretation of treaties on claims and individual claims cases.

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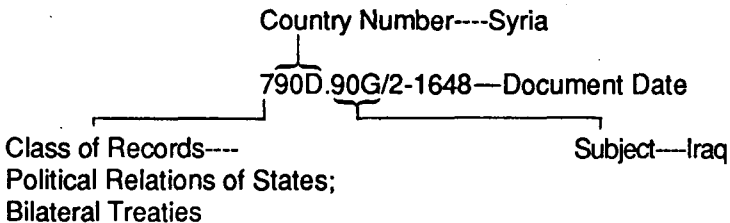
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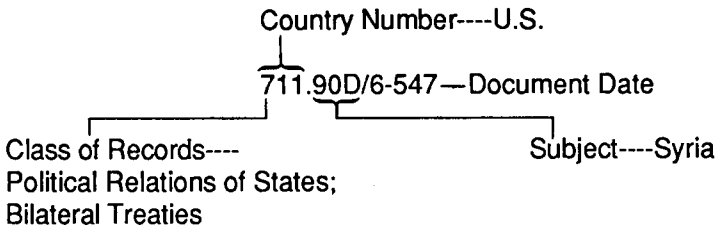
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