Records of the Polish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 1918-1940

Introduction

On the 56 rolls of this microfilm publication, M1751, are reproduced 21.6 cubic feet of records created or collected by the Polish Ministry of Foreign Affairs from 1918-1940. These records are part of Record Group (RG) 59, General Records of the Department of State.

Background

These records were captured by the Germans following their conquest of Poland in 1939, and there are indications the Germans made use of them. A special archives commission from the German Foreign Office arranged for removal of the records from Warsaw to Berlin; this transfer took place from October 1939 to January 1940. After the records were examined in Berlin, they apparently became part of the Political Archives of the Foreign Office.

Beginning in 1943, German Foreign Office records were removed for safekeeping to various depositories outside Berlin. In 1945 they were discovered by U.S. Army troops who subsequently turned them over to the American State Department. Eventually the German records were microfilmed and returned to Germany.

The Polish records were retained by the Department of State until September 1949, when they were placed in courtesy storage in the National Archives. In 1991 the U.S. Government decided to return these records to the Polish Government. The records were organized and microfilmed as a prelude to returning the originals to Poland. The microfilm has been allocated to Record Group 59, General Records of the Department of State. It will be considered originals for evidentiary purposes and will be retained permanently as evidence of the United States Government's organization, functions, policies, decisions, procedures, and transactions.

Records Description

Although the records are primarily from the central offices of the Polish Foreign Ministry in Warsaw, there are also many from Poland's consulates, legations, and embassies throughout the world. Additional records are from ad hoc government agencies that were established during the turmoil at the end of World War I and the emergence of the Polish state in 1918-1919. The records consist of correspondence, memorandums, reports, telegrams, and other material generated by an active ministry of foreign affairs. They document a wide range of foreign policy concerns, but are particularly strong on Polish-Soviet relations and internal developments in the Soviet Union in the 1920s and 1930s. The vast majority of the records are in Polish, although significant portions are in Russian and French, a few in other languages such as German and English. Many documents bear Polish security classification markings.

The records were collected and stored in tied bundles with identifying information usually but not always...
on the outside. The National Archives placed the contents of the bundles in file folders, and transferred the titles of the bundles to the files' labels. The folder labels were then translated into English. The folders were arranged according to their provenance and thereunder chronologically. A list of folders in that order was compiled. To help locate folders precisely within this microfilm publication, this pamphlet includes as an appendix a version of this folder list that indicates roll breaks. Folder titles and other notes added while the records were in State Department or National Archives custody are placed in brackets.

The largest group of records is from the central offices; it accounts for approximately half of the total volume of this collection. Other major groupings include: non-Foreign Ministry material; Riga Conference; Border Commissions; and Consulates and Embassies. Because of their bulk and to improve accessibility, material from the embassies in Paris and Moscow and consulates in the Soviet Union form a separate series within the records. Two series defy conventional arrangement and are collected topically, one relating to the international situation in 1918-1919, and another concerning the same topic in 1935-1940. Finally, there is a miscellaneous section.

There are great gaps in this collection, possibly due to destruction of some of the material during the war. Although the records do not provide complete documentation of Polish foreign affairs between 1918-1940, they are still an important addition to surviving interwar records of the Polish Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

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