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On the 18 rolls of this microfilm publication are reproduced records of the Office of European Affairs (commonly known as the Matthews-Hickerson file), 1934-47. Included are files of John D. Hickerson, Assistant Chief of the Division of Western European Affairs, 1931-37, and of the Division of European Affairs, 1937-44; Chief of the Division of British Commonwealth Affairs, 1944; and Deputy Director of the Office of European Affairs, 1944-47. Also included are files of H. Freeman Matthews, Chief of the Division of European Affairs, 1943-44; Deputy Director of the Office of European Affairs, 1944; and Director of the Office of European Affairs, 1944-47. The records are part of the General Records of the Department of State, Record Group (RG) 59.

These records are divided into three parts: the Hickerson file, the Matthews file, and the reference subject file. The first part, the John D. Hickerson file, consists of memorandums arranged chronologically, correspondence arranged alphabetically by last name of correspondent, and miscellaneous files arranged randomly by subject. Among these records are some documents relating to the Division of British Commonwealth Affairs and the Council of Foreign Ministers. The files are filmed on rolls 1-8. The second part, the H. Freeman Matthews file, consists of correspondence arranged alphabetically by last name of correspondent, memorandums arranged chronologically, and miscellaneous records arranged by kind of record. The last series includes telegrams from the American delegation to the Moscow Conference in 1943 and miscellaneous aides-memoire. The files are filmed on rolls 9-10. The third part, the reference subject file, which is filmed on rolls 11-18 and which covers the years 1940-47 (including the period January-December 1944, when James C. Dunn was Director of the Office of European Affairs), is arranged alphabetically by subject.

Most of the documents in these files have been declassified. Those that remain classified have been removed from the files and replaced by withdrawal notices, which identify the documents and the reason for their removal. The withdrawal notices have been filmed as part of this publication. Some of the documents in this publication are duplicated in the central files of the Department of State (RG 59) and in various State Department lot files (RG 43, RG 59, and RG 353).

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