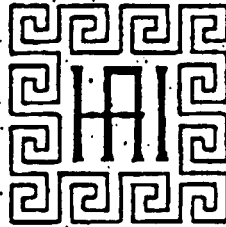


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A GUIDE TO ARCHIVAL COLLECTIONS RELATING TO
RADIOACTIVE FALLOUT FROM NUCLEAR WEAPON TESTING

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Several locations at Kirtland Air Force Base hold records pertaining to nuclear test fallout. Both the Weapons Laboratory and the Defense Nuclear Agency maintain facilities at the base.

The Weapons Laboratory Technical Library on the base contains approximately 320,000 documents, ranging from unclassified to Secret/Restricted Data, on various special weapons matters. At least 120 feet of this collection concern Air Force participation in nuclear testing, including atomic cloud sampling, from 1946 to the present. Also in the Library are records maintained by the Air Force History Office at Kirtland. These records consist of 180 linear feet, of which approximately one-half are classified. There is a large unclassified collection of clippings and scrapbooks relating to Air Force activities in the weapons testing program. This collection provides materials on histories of Air Force units which conducted cloud sampling and other activities related to atmospheric testing. The material covers the period 1945 through 1963. The collection includes a large number of photographs and operation orders and plans. Of this archive collection, 11.6 cubic feet of classified and unclassified materials have been copied for the CIC.

Housed in the History Office itself are 40 cubic feet of materials relating almost entirely to readiness to test in the post-test ban period. These documents are considered irrelevant to the project because of their subject matter.

Instead of turning over thousands of documents to the archives, offices of the Defense Nuclear Agency (DNA), also based at Kirtland, retain custody of papers relating to fallout: the Test Directorate, responsible for the Nevada Test Site and other test sites, has several hundred feet of unclassified to Secret records dating from 1946 to the present. Most of these documents were transferred to the control of the New Mexico Test, Science, and Technology Directorate of DNA in October 1988. The Logistics Directorate Branch holds unclassified civilian personnel radiation exposure records from 1950 to the present for about 40,000 civilians. The facilities holding these records at Kirtland are not open to the general public.

The collection at DNA Field Command consists of unit histories and records relating to the stockpiling of nuclear weapons. The search included 25 cubic feet of records of which 0.4 cubic feet were copied for the CIC. These included early histories of Sandia Base.

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>TOTAL SIZE (FEET)</u>	<u>POTENTIALLY RELEVANT (FEET)</u>	<u>HIGHEST CLASSIFICATION</u>	<u>VALUE</u>
Weapons Laboratory Technical Library	220+	220	Secret/RD	Useful
Test Directorate Event Files (FCTXE), Commander, Field Command, Defense Nuclear Agency, Kirtland AFB	175+	Unknown	Secret/RD	Useful
Logistics Directorate, Radiation Records Branch, Defense Nuclear Agency, Kirtland AFB	100	20	Unclassified	Peripheral
DNA Field Command	211	25	Secret/RD	Essential

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HAI COLLECTION EFFORT
(Volume in cubic feet)

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>SCREENED</u>	<u>SELECTED</u>	<u>IN PROCESS</u>	<u>SENT TO CIC</u>
Kirtland AFB Collections	245	12	0	12