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—Christopher C. Brown, Professor, Reference Technology Integration Librarian and Government Documents Librarian, Penrose Library, University of Denver

Overview

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During the Cold War, the reports were primarily translations rather than analysis or commentary, balancing political coverage with scientific and technical topics. Over time, however, that scope expanded to cover environmental concerns, world health issues, nuclear proliferation, and more.

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Essential for a wide range of researchers

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