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Digitized primary source documents on the atomic era from around the world
A unique focus on the development and proliferation of weapons of mass destruction
A wealth of insight for students and scholars in numerous academic disciplines

Overview

Beginning at the end of World War II and continuing through the Cold War period and beyond, tools of radioactive, chemical, and biological warfare played a role in many of the 20th century’s most significant events. From the Cuban missile crisis to the Gulf War, the development, proliferation, and containment of weapons of mass destruction shaped technology, international conflicts, politics, and more. Researchers in a variety of disciplines will find no more comprehensive resource for studying these issues than Nuclear Arms and Weapons of Mass Destruction.

News and analysis from around the world
For decades, media from around the world—including television and radio broadcasts, periodicals, newspapers, and government documents—were monitored, collected, and translated into English by a U.S. government organization that became part of the CIA. Now, for the first time, a collection of these primary source documents related to every aspect of nuclear arms and weapons of mass destruction are available in a fully searchable digitized collection. The mix of government-level analysis, journalism, and eyewitness accounts offer diverse global perspectives on a topic that transcends national boundaries.

Fresh insight into 20th-century history
The threat of nuclear war influenced international relations throughout the 20th century, and continues to impact some of today’s most important political and diplomatic issues. Nuclear Arms and Weapons of Mass Destruction allows researchers to trace not only the development and spread of the world’s most dangerous weapons, but also regional reactions, treaties and agreements, and efforts to limit nuclear proliferation.

An essential research tool for a range of disciplines
Students and scholars researching the Cold War, 20th-century history, international relations and diplomacy, technology, modern warfare, political science, peace studies, and more will find a wealth of information to advance their work in Nuclear Arms and Weapons of Mass Destruction. The interface enables users to target their searches or easily browse the collection through a broad range of topics, unlocking a wealth of research opportunities.

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