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These documents illuminate France's relations with the United States of America and other nations. Because of the broad scope of these records, they both supplement and complement the coverage offered by the Department of State's own *Foreign Relations of the United States* series.

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The decimal system from 1950 to 1954 consists of ten primary classifications numbered 0 through 9, each covering a broad subject area.

CLASS 0: Miscellaneous.

CLASS 1: Administration of the United States Government.

CLASS 2: Protection of Interests (Persons and Property).

CLASS 3: International Conferences, Congresses, Meetings, and Organizations.

CLASS 4: International Trade and Commerce. Trade Relations, Customs Administration.

CLASS 5: International Informational and Educational Relations. Cultural Affairs. Psychological Warfare.

CLASS 6: International Political Relations. Bilateral Treaties.

CLASS 7: Internal Political and National Defense Affairs.

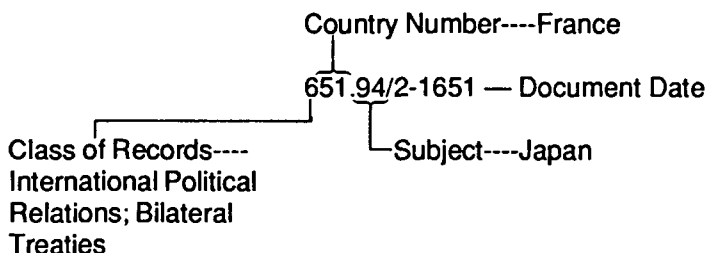
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CLASS 9: Other Internal Affairs. Communications. Transportation. Science.

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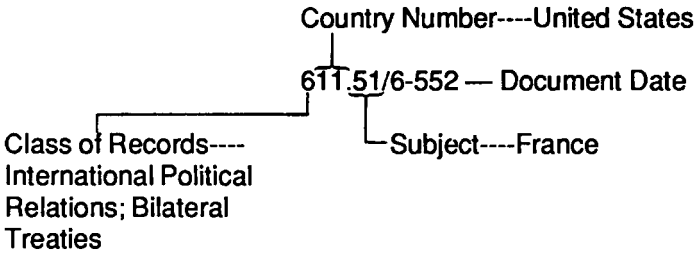
In this publication, records classified 651 deal with the foreign policy of France and its political relations with other nations. Due to the State Department's arrangement of these records, countries assigned numbers below 51 will not be found in this file. However, UPA has included files dealing with the political relations between the United States (country number 11) and France in this publication. In order to find the political relations between France and countries other than the United States that have a lower number than 51, the researcher should check the CLASS 6 records for that country. These records can either be found at the National Archives, Washington, D.C., or, for many countries, in microform publications which UPA has made available to libraries.

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- 11B U.S. Possessions in the Pacific Ocean
- 11C Puerto Rico
- 11D Guam
- 11E American Samoa (Tutuila, Manua Islands, etc.)
- 11F Canal Zone (Panama Canal Zone), Perico, Naos, Culebra, and Flamenco Islands
- 11G Virgin Islands of the U.S. (St. Croix, St. John, and St. Thomas)
- 11H Wake Island
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- 13 CENTRAL AMERICA
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- 16 El Salvador
- 17 Nicaragua
- 18 Costa Rica
- 19 Panama
- 20 SOUTH AND CENTRAL AMERICA (South of the Rio Grande River)
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- 23 Peru
- 24 Bolivia
- 25 Chile
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- 40B Iceland
- 41 Great Britain, United Kingdom
- 41A Northern Ireland
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- 41C British Honduras
- 41D British Guiana
- 41E British West Indies (includes 41F to 41J)
- 41F The West Indies (Federation of British Colonies in the Caribbean)
- 41G Bahamas
- 41H Bermuda
- 41J Virgin Islands
- 41R Falkland Islands
- 41S South Orkney Islands (South Georgia, South Orkneys, and South Sandwich Islands)
- 41T South Shetland Islands
- 42 Canada (including Newfoundland and Labrador)
- 43 Australia
- 44 New Zealand [Cook Islands, Kermad Islands, and Union Islands (Tokelau)]
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- 45E Bechuanaland
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- 45G British West Africa
- 45H Nigeria (including that portion of the Cameroons under British Protectorate)
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- 45P British East Africa
- 45R Kenya Colony
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- 45W Sudan

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- 46K Fiji
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- 50D San Marino
- 50F Liechtenstein
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- 51D French Guiana (Cayenne) Inini
- 51E French colonies in America
- 51F French India

- 51G Indochina
- 51H Cambodia
- 51J Laos
- 51K Vietnam
- 51M New Caledonia and dependencies (Isle of Pines, Loyalty Islands, Huon Islands, Chesterfield Islands, Wallis Archipelago)
- 51N Society Islands (Tahiti, Moorea-Morea; Leeward Island-Iles Sous-le-Vent)
- 51P Lesser Groups (Tuamotu-Tumotu or Low Archipelago; Gambier Archipelago; Marquesas; Tubuai Archipelago-Austral Islands)
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- 53N Angola (Portuguese West Africa), Congo, Loanda, Benguella, Mossamedes, Huilla, and Lunda
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