

REQUEST FOR RECORDS DISPOSITION AUTHORITY
(See Instructions on reverse)

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JOB NO NCI-AU-83-54	
DATE RECEIVED 8/25/83	
NOTIFICATION TO AGENCY	
<small>In accordance with the provisions of 44 U.S.C. 2303a the disposal request, including amendments, is approved except for items that may be stamped "disposal not approved" or "withdrawn" in column 10</small> Withdrawn Date _____ Archivist of the United States _____	

TO **GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION,
NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS SERVICE, WASHINGTON, DC 20408**

1 FROM (AGENCY OR ESTABLISHMENT)
DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

2 MAJOR SUBDIVISION
Office of The Adjutant General

3 MINOR SUBDIVISION
Records Management Division

4 NAME OF PERSON WITH WHOM TO CONFER
E. F. LESKO

5. TEL EXT
325-6044

6 CERTIFICATE OF AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE

I hereby certify that I am authorized to act for this agency in matters pertaining to the disposal of the agency's records; that the records proposed for disposal in this Request of 3 page(s) are not now needed for the business of this agency or will not be needed after the retention periods specified.

A Request for immediate disposal.

B Request for disposal after a specified period of time or request for permanent retention.

C. DATE 4 AUG 1983	D. SIGNATURE OF AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE <i>John Henry Hatcher</i>	E. TITLE ARCHIVIST OF THE ARMY
	JOHN HENRY HATCHER, Ph.D	

7. ITEM NO	8. DESCRIPTION OF ITEM (With Inclusive Dates or Retention Periods)	9. SAMPLE OR JOB NO	10. ACTION TAKEN
	<p><u>VIETNAMESE FINANCIAL ARCHIVES (PAY RELATED RECORDS)</u></p> <p><u>BACKGROUND INFORMATION:</u></p> <p>1. This request concerns the collection of 1,429 cubic feet of <u>pay related records</u>, commonly called a part of the <u>VIETNAMESE FINANCIAL ARCHIVES</u>. The records were created and accumulated by US Forces in the Republic of Vietnam (RVN) during the period of the US involvement in the armed conflict in Southeast Asia. These records are presently located in the Washington National Records Center (WNRC) and are held under the "NAM Freeze." Please see enclosure for a complete listing of the accession numbers for this collection. An Organizational section will be added to this collection at a later date which will consist of the off-shore contract files of that war that were negotiated throughout Southeast Asia. Specific accessions will be identified at that time.</p> <p>2. This SF115 is a request to schedule this collection for a 56-year retention period. In the year 2040, this collection should be formally appraised for permanent historical value and possible accessioning into the National Archives. The approval of this action will ensure that these records are not scattered in a myriad of locations</p>		

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	<p>and that the integrity of the collection is safeguarded.</p> <p>3. The records are currently being used to validate employment with US Forces in RVN to grant preferential status of refugees for immigration into the US, and are used to support or deny various claims. Since the records are used in response to claims, they are considered to aid in the protection of government and individual rights. Additionally, the records are considered to have an enormous research potential and will provide an invaluable resource to be used to adjudicate and validate financial claims (to include benefit claims) against the United States Government, when diplomatic relations with Vietnam are normalized. Although this collection may appear to be a plethora of correspondence regarding pay related matters, they are considered to have informational, evidential, and intrinsic values.</p> <p>4. In terms of scope and completeness, there seems to be no similar collection either from the other countries in the Southeast Asia area of operations or from other wars or conflicts in which US Forces were involved. This collection must be compared with the Philippine Archives Collection (presently held at RCPAC, St. Louis - evaluated for accessioning into the National Archives) for its potential value. That collection has enabled the US Army to save an enormous amount of money when used to verify former employees' claims for compensation, war damages, property requisitions, procurement, and wages. They are also used for the confirmation of promotions and for the payment of arrears in pay of former employees while in the service of the Armed Forces of the United States. The collection allows the US Army to examine all available documents and to make a determination on the validity of the claims. As an example, for deceased claims, an adjudicator may make a determination of status and grade at the time of death which ensures proper payment to the claimant.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(C O N T I N U E D)</p>		

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5. Lastly, part of this collection may have potential research value for planning the financial management of future conflicts, emergencies, limited war situations, or other challenges that may lie ahead in which US Forces are involved. Research into several series such as "Operational Fund Accounts," "Mobile and Tactical Unit Disbursing Files," and "Daily Journal Files," may aid financial planners like Major General Leonard B. Taylor (Director of Army Budget in the Office of the Comptroller of the Army during the Vietnam conflict) to explicitly define the cost of war as was required by the United States Congress during the Vietnam conflict. ^{1/}

1/ See Major General Leonard B. Taylor, Financial Management of the Vietnam Conflict - 1962-1972, Department of the Army, Washington, DC, 1974 (Library of Congress Catalog Card Number: 74-13506).