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The editor had complete access to all the retired records and papers of the Department of State: the central files of the Department; the special decentralized files ("lot files") of the Department at the bureau, office, and division levels; the files of the Department's Executive Secretariat, which contain the records of international conferences and high-level official visits, correspondence with foreign leaders by the President and Secretary of State, and memoranda of conversations between the President and Secretary of State and foreign officials; the files of overseas diplomatic posts; and the sensitive intelligence files of the Bureau of Intelligence and Research. All the Department's indexed central files for these years have been permanently transferred to the National Archives and Records Administration (Archives II) at College Park, Maryland. Most of the Department's decentralized office (or lot) files covering this period, which the National Archives deems worthy of permanent retention, have also been transferred from the Department's custody to Archives II.

The editors of the Foreign Relations series have had full access to the papers of President Johnson and other White House foreign policy records. Presidential papers maintained and preserved at the Presidential libraries include some of the most significant foreign affairs-related documentation from the Department of State and other federal agencies including the National Security Council, the Central Intelligence Agency, the Department of Defense, and the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Department of State historians also have full access to records of the Department of Defense, particularly the records of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Secretaries of Defense and their major assistants.

Since 1991, the Central Intelligence Agency has provided expanding access to Department of State historians to high-level intelligence documents from those records in the custody of that Agency. This access is arranged and facilitated by the History Staff of the Center for the
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Study of Intelligence, Central Intelligence Agency, pursuant to a May 1992 memorandum of understanding, the Department of State and CIA historians work together to identify the key portions of the Agency’s intelligence records that had an impact on U.S. foreign policy.

All of this documentation has been made available for use in the Foreign Relations series thanks to the consent of these agencies, the assistance of their staffs, and especially the cooperation and support of the National Archives and Records Administration.

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While different files from specific sources proved useful for the compilations in this volume, some general observations can be made. For all compilations, the subject-numeric Department of State Central files were most important single source, followed closely by records from the Johnson Library. Of the Department of State Central Files, the primary file for the U.S. concern about Indonesian confrontation against Malaysia is POL 32-1 INDON–MALAYSIA. An important file, POL INDON–US (and its variant POL 1 INDON–US), is useful for the full range of the U.S.-Indonesian relationship. During the period of transition from Sukarno to Suharto, from late October 1965 to March 1966, POL 23–9 is an important file. The Department of State material on Malaysia and Singapore comes from a number of files, but POL 7 MALAYSIA (the visits files) is the most cited. The best overall Central file for the Philippines is POL US–PHIL (and its variant POL 1 US–PHIL). Documentation on the Philippines’ contribution to the war effort in Vietnam is in POL 27–3 VIET S, but many documents are misfiled in the far larger general file on the Vietnam war, POL 27 VIET S. These are only the most widely cited files from the Department of State. The list at the end of this note includes all other Department of State files cited in the volume.

The Johnson Library contains the single best set of materials relating to Presidential and White House interest in the area, especially the Country Files in the National Security File: Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, and the Philippines. Robert Komer was the White House staffer most concerned with the area and his files in the National Security File are an important collection. The Memos to the President file in the National Security File is also of value, especially for the Philippines. Documentation on President Johnson’s interest in “More Flags in Vietnam” is in a subsection of the Vietnam Country File (5 (D) 9, Allied Troop Commitments and Other Aid) in the National Security File. George Ball’s telephone conversation files, a separate private collection at the Johnson Library, reveal much about U.S. confusion during and just after the Gestapu coup in Indonesia. The list at the end of this note includes these and all other Johnson Library files cited in the volume.
Because of the strong Department of Defense interest and presence in the Philippines and Indonesia, the records of the Secretary of Defense (various OSD files) and the records of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs (various OASD/ISA files) were particularly useful. The compilation on Indonesia contains the most intelligence-related documentation because of the challenge that the turmoil in Indonesia presented to intelligence analysts and because of the limited covert operations there. Intelligence-related material in this volume comes from the files of the Central Intelligence Agency, including the Deputy Directorate for Operations, the Directorate for Intelligence, and the Director’s files; the unretired historical files of the Bureau of Intelligence and Research (INR/IL); the retired INR finished intelligence files for East Asia and the Pacific; the 5412 and 303 Committee records at the National Security Council; and the records at the Johnson Library.

Department of State historians had full access to the audiotapes of President Johnson’s telephone conversations, which are held in the Johnson Library. Tapes constitute only a small portion of the documents, but they are a good indication of President Johnson concerns and interests. The transcripts or extracts of transcripts prepared by the editor are not a substitute for listening to the tapes, where nuances of voice and inflection can be discerned. The tapes provide unique insights into President Johnson’s thinking and personal relations with his advisers. The Johnson Library is now in the process of releasing the entire collection of tapes.

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POL 7 INDON, visits to Indonesia and meetings with Indonesians
POL 12 INDON, Indonesian political parties
POL 15 INDON, Indonesia government
POL 15-1 INDON, Indonesian Head of State
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POL 32-9 INDON, rebellions and coups in Indonesia
POL INDON-MALAYSIA, Indonesia-Malaysia relations
POL 32-1 INDON-MALAYSIA, territorial disputes between Indonesia and Malaysia
POL INDON-PHIL, Indonesia-Philippines relations
POL INDON-UK, general Indonesian-British relations
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POL 18 MALAYSIA, provincial and state governments in Malaysia
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POL 32-1 MALAYSIA-PHIL, territorial disputes between Malaysia and the Philippines
POL 7 PHIL, meetings and visits with Philippines officials
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