

Description and Rationale

Title

Government publications and documents regarding Kashmir, 1948-1971

Project Description*

This proposal is for 15 individual titles related to the Kashmir situation, primarily during the late 1950s and 1960s. Included are two Secret Reports by government entities related to potential terrorist activity. Indiana University is the only known holder of these two reports, which were gifted to the institution in 2005. The additional titles are other related government documents from this time period, also scarcely held in WorldCat. Most of these are published by entities within or related to the Pakistani government, as the Indian government publications that are both relevant and held at IU are more widely held.

Reasons for Consideration*

The two major volumes in this collection are Secret Reports related to Kashmir for which Indiana University is the only listed holding institution in WorldCat. Because of their uniqueness, these volumes cannot leave the building or be sent out via ILL. Microfilming would make them available to a far wider audience of CRL members. Given the ongoing issues in Kashmir, this topic is still of high interest. In fact, I was only alerted to the existence of these volumes due to an external scholar who wanted to visit to view them. The other 13 volumes are also scarcely held, and highlight some of the more public viewpoints and arguments of the governments being made at that time.

Authors

Publishers

Government of Pakistan, Government of India, Pakistan Embassy, India Criminal Police Department

Proposal Contributors

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Details and Sources

Resource Types*

- Archival materials
- Government documents
- Monographs
- Printed Ephemera

Regions*

- South Asia

Countries of Origin*

Pakistan, India, Kashmir

Major Languages

English

Source Format*

- Paper
- Other Paper: Photographs (tipped in)

Target Format

Microfilm

Identifiers

See additional document with list of contents.

Links

See additional document with list of contents.

Source and Holdings

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Source and Holdings Notes

N/A

Physical Details

Monographs are bound. The two Secret Reports are also bound – there has been some damage (bugs?) to about 20-30 pages in the middle of one of the reports, however they have been stable since arriving at IU in 2005. The Secret Report with tipped in photographs contains a few photos with bent edges. Smaller, pamphlet materials are in good condition with most of them housed in a cover. Preservationists at IU will review all materials in advance of sending out.

Existing Reformatted Materials

N/A

Intellectual Property Considerations

Regardless of copyright issues in relation to government produced documents, microfilm only is preferable for these items given the ongoing political situation, and the contents of the Secret Reports in particular – one of them contains a number of graphic images, while the other

contains dozens of photographs of individuals either accused or suspected of being involved in terrorist activities.