

**NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION****36 CFR Part 1253**

RIN 3095-AA64

**Location of Records and Hours of Use; Suitland Research Room****AGENCY:** National Archives and Records Administration.**ACTION:** Interim final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The National Archives and Records Administration is revising its regulations on location of records and hours of use to modify the hours that the Suitland Research Room at the Washington National Records Center is open for archival research. Beginning the Saturday after Labor Day, the Suitland Research Room will be closed on Saturdays. Weekday hours are not affected. NARA is taking this action because Saturday use of the research room has diminished to the point that it is not cost effective to operate the research room on Saturdays. This action will allow staff resources to be reallocated to better serve the public. Additionally, NARA is updating information on its facilities outside the Washington, DC, area to add the Federal Records Center and Regional Archives at Pittsfield, MA, to correct other addresses and, in some instances, make minor adjustments to the hours of use.

**DATES:** The effective date of this rule is September 9, 1995. Comments on the interim rule must be received by October 10, 1995.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments to Director, Policy and Planning Division (PIRM-POL), National Archives at College Park Room 3200, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740-6001. Comments may also be faxed to (301) 713-7270.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mary Ann Hadyka or Nancy Allard on (301) 713-6730.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Beginning September 9, 1995, the research room at the Washington National Records Center, in Suitland, Maryland will no longer be open for archival research on Saturdays. NARA is taking this action because Saturday use of the research room has diminished to the point that it is not cost-effective to operate the research room on Saturdays. Within the next year when all archival records currently at the Washington National Records Center have been relocated to the National Archives Building in Washington, DC, or to the National Archives at College Park facility, NARA

will close the Suitland Research Room as an archival research room.

A significant number of records have been or are in the process of being moved from Suitland to College Park. These records include the Records of Foreign Service Posts; Records of the Army Staff; Records of the Office of Military Government of Germany, United States; Records of the War Relocation Authority; Records of the US Air Force; and Records of the Bureau of Land Management. Between April 29, 1995 and July 1, 1995, Saturday use of the Suitland Research Room ranged from 1 to 8 archival researchers, with an average of 6 researchers. The summer time period is traditionally peak use of the research room. As more of the heavily used records are moved from Suitland and the peak use period ends, even this level of use will not be sustained. When the Suitland Research Room closes on Saturdays, NARA staff will be reassigned from Suitland to either the College Park or the Washington, DC facility, where there is heavier Saturday research use.

Addresses of Presidential libraries, the National Personnel Records Centers, Federal Records Centers, and Regional Archives also have been updated. For some Presidential libraries and Federal Records Centers, the hours of use have been corrected to reflect current hours of operation.

This rule is being issued as an interim final rule without prior notice of proposed rulemaking as permitted by the Administrative Procedures Act (5 U.S.C. 553(b)(3)(B)) when the agency for good cause finds that notice and public comment thereon are impractical, unnecessary, or contrary to the public interest. Because this rule will have only a minor impact on the researchers using archival records in NARA's Washington, DC, area research rooms and early reprogramming of the resources will better serve the public, NARA finds good cause to make this rule effective without prior notice of proposed rulemaking.

NARA will issue a final rule confirming or amending this interim rule at the close of the comment period.

This rule is not a significant regulatory action for purposes of Executive Order 12866 of September 30, 1993, and has not been reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget. As required by the Regulatory Flexibility Act, it is hereby certified that this rule will not have a significant impact on small entities.

**List of Subjects in 36 CFR Part 1253**

Archives and records.

For the reasons set forth in the preamble, chapter XII of title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, is amended as follows:

**PART 1253—LOCATION OF RECORDS AND HOURS OF USE**

1. The authority citation for part 1253 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 44 U.S.C. 2104(a).

2. In § 1253.3, a new introductory paragraph is added and paragraphs (a) through (f) and (h) through (j) are revised to read as follows:

**§ 1253.3 Presidential libraries.**

Some of the Presidential Libraries may offer extended research room hours on selected evenings and Saturdays; museums within the Libraries offer Saturday and Sunday hours. More specific information on extended hours is available from each Presidential Library. The hours listed in this section are the minimum hours that each Presidential Library is normally open.

(a) Herbert Hoover Library, 210 Parkside Dr., West Branch, IA. Mailing address: PO Box 488, West Branch, IA 52358-0488. Hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

(b) Franklin D. Roosevelt Library, 511 Albany Post Rd., Hyde Park, NY 12538-1999. Hours: 8:45 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

(c) Harry S. Truman Library, 500 W. US Hwy 24, Independence, MO 64050-1798. Hours: 8:45 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., Monday through Friday.

(d) Dwight D. Eisenhower Library, 200 SE Fourth Street, Abilene, KS 67410-9904. Hours: 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., Monday through Friday.

(e) John Fitzgerald Kennedy Library, Columbia Point, Boston, MA 02125. Hours: 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

(f) Lyndon Baines Johnson Library, 2313 Red River St., Austin, TX 78705-5702. Hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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(h) Gerald R. Ford Museum, 303 Pearl St. NW, Grand Rapids MI 49504-5353. Hours: 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., Sunday through Saturday.

(i) Jimmy Carter Library, 1 Copenhill Ave NE, Atlanta, GA 30307-1406. Hours: 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., Monday through Friday.

(j) Ronald Reagan Library, 40 Presidential Dr, Simi Valley, CA 93065-0666. Hours: 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

3. Section 1253.4 is revised to read:

**§ 1253.4 Washington National Records Center.**

Washington National Records Center, 4205 Suitland Road, Suitland, MD. Mailing address: Washington National Records Center, 4205 Suitland Road, Washington, DC 20409-0002. Hours: 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday; for the Suitland Research Room, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

4. Section 1253.5 is revised to read:

**§ 1253.5 National Personnel Records Center.**

(a) Military Personnel Records, National Personnel Records Center, 9700 Page Ave., St. Louis, MO 63132-5100. Hours: 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

(b) Civilian Personnel Records, National Personnel Records Center, 111 Winnebago St., St. Louis, MO 63118-4199. Hours: 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

5. Section 1253.6 is revised to read:

**§ 1253.6 Federal Records Centers.**

(a) 380 Trapelo Rd., Waltham, MA 02154-6399. Hours: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

(b) 100 Dan Fox Dr., Pittsfield, MA 01201-8230. Hours: 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

(c) Military Ocean Terminal Bldg. 22, Bayonne, NJ 07002-5388. Hours: 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

(d) 14700 Townsend Rd., Philadelphia, PA 19154. Hours: 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

(e) 1557 St. Joseph Ave., East Point, GA 30344-2593. Hours: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

(f) 3150 Springboro Rd., Dayton, OH 45439-1883. Hours: 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

(g) 7358 S. Pulaski Rd., Chicago, IL 60629-5898. Hours: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

(h) 2312 E. Bannister Rd., Kansas City, MO 64131-3011. Hours: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

(i) 501 W. Felix St., Fort Worth, TX. Mailing Address: PO Box 6216, Fort

Worth, TX 76115-3405. Hours: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

(j) Denver Federal Center Bldg. 48, Denver, CO. Mailing Address: PO Box 25307, Denver, CO 80225-0307. Hours: 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

(k) 1000 Commodore Dr., San Bruno, CA 94066-2350. Hours: 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

(l) 2400 Avila Rd., 1st Floor East, Laguna Niguel, CA. Mailing Address: PO Box 6719, Laguna Niguel, CA 92607-6719. Hours: 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

(m) 6125 Sand Point Way NE, Seattle, WA 98115-7433. Hours: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

6. Section 1253.7 is revised to read:

**§ 1253.7 Regional Archives System.**

Some of the Regional Archives may offer extended research room hours on selected evenings and Saturdays. More specific information on extended hours is available from each Regional Archives. The hours listed in this section are the minimum hours that each Regional Archives is normally open.

(a) National Archives—New England Region, 380 Trapelo Rd., Waltham, MA 02154-6399. Hours: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Telephone: (617) 647-8100.

(b) National Archives—Pittsfield Region, 100 Dan Fox Dr., Pittsfield, MA 01201-8230. Hours: 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Telephone: (413) 445-8458.

(c) National Archives—Northeast Region, 201 Varick St., New York, NY 10014-4811. Hours: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Telephone: (212) 337-1300.

(d) National Archives—Mid-Atlantic Region, 900 Market St. Room 1350, Philadelphia, PA 19107-4292. Hours: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Telephone: (215) 597-3000.

(e) National Archives—Southeast Region, 1557 St. Joseph Ave., East Point, GA 30344-2593. Hours: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.,

Monday through Friday. Telephone: (404) 763-7477.

(f) National Archives—Great Lakes Region, 7358 S. Pulaski Rd., Chicago, IL 60629-5898. Hours: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Telephone: (312) 353-0162.

(g) National Archives—Central Plains Region, 2312 E. Bannister Rd., Kansas City, MO 64131-3011. Hours: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Telephone: (816) 926-6934.

(h) National Archives—Southwest Region, 501 West Felix St., Bldg. 1, Fort Worth, TX. Mailing address: PO Box 6216, Fort Worth, TX 76115-3405. Hours: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Telephone: (817) 334-5525.

(i) National Archives—Rocky Mountain Region, Denver Federal Center, Bldg. 48, Denver, CO. Mailing address: PO Box 25307, Denver, CO 80225-0307. Hours: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Telephone: (303) 236-0817.

(j) National Archives—Pacific Southwest Region, 2400 Avila Rd., 1st Floor East, Laguna Niguel, CA. Mailing address: PO Box 6719, Laguna Niguel, CA 92607-6719. Hours: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Telephone: (714) 643-4241.

(k) National Archives—Pacific Sierra Region, 1000 Commodore Dr., San Bruno, CA 94066-2350. Hours: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Telephone: (415) 876-9009.

(l) National Archives—Pacific Northwest Region, 6125 Sand Point Way NE, Seattle, WA 98115-7433. Hours: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Telephone: (206) 526-6507.

(m) National Archives—Alaska Region, 654 W. 3rd Ave., Anchorage, AK 99501-2145. Hours: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Telephone: (907) 271-2441.

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