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## Register of the Poland Rada Ministrów records

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**Abstract:** Reports, memoranda, and statistical data, relating to administration of the government of Poland.

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ChRL

Chińska Republika Ludowa

CMEA

Komisja Gospodarcza Ameryki Łacińskiej

CPN

Centrala Przemysłu Naftowego

CSRS

Czechosłowacka Republika Socjalistyczna

CUG

Centralny Urząd Geodezji

CUGIK

Centralny Urząd Geodezji i Kartografii

CUP

Centralny Urząd Planowania

ECE

Economic Commission for Europe

EEK

Evropejskaja Ekonomičeskaja Kommissija

EKG

Europejska Komisja Gospodarcza

EnJ

Energia Jądrowa

EWG

Europejska Wspólnota Gospodarcza

GUKPIW

Główny Urząd Kontroli Prasy i Wydawnictw

GUS

Główny Urząd Statystyczny

IK SEV

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Ispolnitel'nyj Komitet Soveta Ekonomičeskoj Vzaimopomošči

KBW

Korpus Bezpieczeństwa Wewnętrznego

KERM

Komitet Ekonomiczny Rady Ministrów

KHZ

Komisja Handlu Zagranicznego

KK

Kraje Kapitalistyczne

KKPT

Komisja Koordynacji Pomocy Technicznej

KNiT

Komitet Nauki i Techniki

KOK

Komitet Obrony Kraju

KON

Komitet Obrony Narodowej

KPpRM

Komitet Planowania przy Rady Ministrów

KRL-D

Koreańska Republika Ludowo-Demokratyczna

KRN

Krajowa Rada Narodowa

KS

Kraje Socjalistyczne

KW RWPG

Komitet Wykonawczy Rady Wzajemnej Pomocy Gospodarczej

KWGzZ

Komitet Współpracy Gospodarczej z Zagranicą

LRA

Ludowa Republika Albanii

LRB

Ludowa Republika Bułgarii

MAP

Ministerstwo Administracji Publicznej

MB

Ministerstwo Budownictwa

MBiPMB

Ministerstwo Budownictwa i Przemysłu Mat. Budowlanych

MBP

Ministerstwo Bezpieczeństwa Publicznego

MF

Ministerstwo Finansów

MGBW

Międzynarodowy Bank Współpracy Gospodarczej

MBP

Ministerstwo Bezpieczeństwa Publicznego

MF

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Ministerstwo Finansów  
MGBW  
Międzynarodowy Bank Współpracy Gospodarczej  
MGiE  
Ministerstwo Górnictwa i Energetyki  
MGK  
Ministerstwo Gospodarki Komunalnej  
MH  
Ministerstwo Handlu Wewnętrznego  
MHZ  
Ministerstwo Handlu Zagranicznego  
MiiP  
Ministerstwo Informacji i Propagandy  
MK  
Ministerstwo Komunikacji  
MKiŻ  
Ministerstwo Komunikacji i Żeglugi  
MON  
Ministerstwo Obrony Narodowej  
MP  
Ministerstwo Pracy  
MPC  
Ministerstwo Przemysłu Ciężkiego  
MPCh  
Ministerstwo Przemysłu Chemicznego  
MPiT  
Ministerstwo Poczty i Telegrafów  
MPL  
Ministerstwo Przemysłu Lekkiego  
MPM  
Ministerstwo Przemysłu Maszynowego  
MPT  
Międzynarodowe Targi Poznańskie  
MR  
Ministerstwo Rolnictwa  
MS  
Ministerstwo Skarbu  
MSpr  
Ministerstwo Sprawiedliwości  
MSW  
Ministerstwo Spraw Wewnętrznych  
MSZ  
Ministerstwo Spraw Zagranicznych  
MRDiL  
Ministerstwo Transportu Drogowego i Lotniczego  
MZiOS  
Ministerstwo Zdrowia i Opieki Społecznej  
MŻ

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Ministerstwo Żeglugi  
NBP  
Narodowy Bank Polski  
NIK  
Naczelną Izbę Kontroli  
NPG  
Narodowy Plan Gospodarczy  
NRD  
Niemiecka Republika Demokratyczna  
OECD  
Europejska Organizacja Współpracy Ekonomicznej  
ONZ  
Organizacja Narodów Zjednoczonych  
OWK  
Organizacja Współpracy Kolei  
PKKPT  
Stała Komisja Koordynacji Pomocy Technicznej  
PKN  
Polski Komitet Normalizacyjny  
PKPG  
Państwowa Komisja Planowania Gospodarki  
PKWN  
Polski Komitet Wyzwolenia Narodowego  
PRM  
Prezydium Rady Ministrów, Prezesi RM  
PRz  
Prezydium Rządu  
PUR  
Państwowy Urząd Repatriacyjny  
PZPR  
Polska Zjednoczona Partia Robotnicza  
RM  
Rada Ministrów  
RN  
Rady Narodowe  
RRL  
Rumuńska Republika Ludowa  
RWPG  
Rada Wzajemnej Pomocy Gospodarczej  
SEV  
Sovet Ekonomičeskoj Vzaimopomoščī  
SFRJ  
Socjalistyczna Federacyjna Republika Jugosławii  
SRW  
Socjalistyczna Republika Wietnamu  
TRzJN  
Tymczasowy Rząd Jedności Narodowej  
UNCTAD

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United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

URM

Urząd Rady Ministrów

WOP

Wojsko Ochrony Pogranicza

WP

Wojsko Polskie

WRL

Węgierska Republika Ludowa

ZSRR

Związek Socjalistycznych Republik Radzieckich

ZWM

Związek Walki Młodych

### **Historical Note**

During 1944-1989, the highest authority in Poland rested in the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Polish United Workers' Party. The Rada Ministrów (Council of Ministers), comprised of top party functionaries, administered the country by implementing the directives of the party in all areas of political, economic, social and cultural life. The Council of Ministers' archives, therefore, consists of the records of the government of Poland.

### **Scope and Content of Collection**

The Rada Ministrów (Council of Ministers) records consist of reports, memoranda, and statistical data relating to administration of the government of Poland. They are the source of raw documentation not so much on why particular policies affecting the lives of millions of Polish citizens were made, but on how they were carried out. Thousands of internal reports, memoranda, and statistical bulletins, which were classified as secret or top secret until 2001, are included. The records provide a virtually complete source for the study of the functioning of a communist state.

Besides Polish materials, the collection includes key documentation, in Russian, on the affairs of the Council of Mutual Economic Assistance (COMECON), the Soviet tool for controlling the economies of its East European satellite countries. All official documents issued by the Council of Mutual Economic Assistance were written in Russian and translated if necessary.

The digitized documents are described by a database; all of the digitized documents and the database are available on a computer workstation in the Hoover Archives reading room. The digitized documents are page images, the text of which cannot be searched, so the database descriptions, in Polish, are the only searchable text. Some digitized documents are difficult or impossible to read, usually because the source documents were poor-quality carbon copies. The zoom feature may help make these digital copies legible; printing the documents may also facilitate legibility.

The Chancellery of Prime Minister Jerzy Buzek, whose Solidarity government held office until October 2001, undertook a massive declassification and scanning project to make the records of the government of communist Poland accessible to scholars in Poland and abroad. Due to political considerations, the decision to declassify and digitize the Council of Ministers records was implemented rapidly and not publicized until it was completed, a few days before the accession to office of the post-communist Democratic Left Alliance. Documents were scanned directly off the shelves, preserving original order by shelf and jacket (folder), but with no effort to provide a guide to the contents of the collection.

A number of Polish institutions received digitized copies on compact discs. The Hoover Institution is the only non-Polish repository having a set of copies. The arrangement and description of the digitized documents, and the creation of a database to contain the descriptions, was performed by InfoProject Ltd. from 2002 to 2004, with funding by the Hoover Institution.

The Polish-language database describes groups of similar records that were arranged into new "documents" after all of the documents were digitized in 2001. Similar records were grouped according to subject, person, or event. These groupings, or newly arranged documents, are only sometimes the same as the groupings of paper originals in jackets.

For each newly arranged "document," the database assigns a number, such as "dok\_12" and provides the following information in Polish: title, administrative unit of government ("category"), descriptive note, year and month of creation, language, Russian title (if relevant), number of pages, number of unreadable pages, segregator/file number, and CD number.

A set of three volumes prepared by InfoProject with "Archiwum URM PRL 1944-1988" on the cover (box 7) provide the following information in Polish:

-Introduction to the project (with partial English translation);

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- List of categories (units of government) used in the database;
  - List of abbreviations;
  - List of document titles;
  - List of Russian document titles.

The list of categories (units of government) and list of abbreviations are provided at the end of this finding aid. The lists of document titles are arranged chronologically by year of creation of the paper originals; they provide the year, document title, and CD number. Volume 1 covers CDs 1-37, volume 2 covers CDs 38-69, and volume 3 covers CDs 70-108. An earlier version of volume 1 (with "Archiwum URM PRL 1945-1975" on the cover) is also included.

According to the English-language methodology document written by InfoProject (box 7), the database contains digitized "in/out" documents that were sent by administrative units of government and formally received by the Council of Ministers. The file ("segregator") number combines two numbers relating to the original documents. The number before the underscore is the number on the "in/out" document list, and the numbers after the underscore refer to the range of jackets (folders) containing the documents. For example, file number 2\_144-152 refers to the original documents that are summarized on the list of "in/out" documents as number "2" and can be found in jackets numbered from 144 to 152. Each document in file 2\_144-152 bears a document number, such as dok\_12.

The file numbers were not changed by InfoProject, but the documents within the file numbers often were rearranged and changed by InfoProject. Thus the file numbers are the same between the initial series of raw captures (Documents digitized by the Office of the Chancellery of the Prime Minister) and the processed series (Digitized documents processed and described by InfoProject), but the arrangement of documents and the document numbers is frequently different.

#### **Arrangement Statement**

The collection is organized by file numbers that reflect the filing system used with the original papers.

#### **Subjects and Indexing Terms**

Poland -- Politics and government -- 1980-1989

Poland -- Politics and government -- 1945-1980

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#### **Documents digitized by the Office of the Chancellery of the Prime Minister 1944-1988**

##### **Scope and Contents note**

The documents, which were digitized in 2001, are arranged on compact discs numbered from 1 to 108.

Use copies of all of the digitized documents, and the database that describes them, are available on a computer workstation in the Hoover Archives reading room. There is no need for researchers to use the CDs

box 1

#### **Documents digitized by the Office of the Chancellery of the Prime Minister 1944-1988**

box 2

#### **Documents digitized by the Office of the Chancellery of the Prime Minister 1944-1988**

box 3

#### **Documents digitized by the Office of the Chancellery of the Prime Minister 1944-1988**

#### **Digitized documents processed and described by InfoProject 1944-2004**

##### **Scope and Contents note**

From 2002 to 2004, InfoProject arranged and described the documents on CDs 1-108 (above), and created a customized database to deliver the documents and descriptions. The documents are arranged on compact discs numbered from 1 to 108, but many "a" numbers and some "b" numbers, such as 5a, 12b, and 108a, are included. Additional compact discs contain the software application and descriptions, which are identified by names such as "aplikacja."

Use copies of all of the digitized documents, and the database that describes them, are available on a computer workstation in the Hoover Archives reading room. There is no need for researchers to use the CDs

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#### **Digitized documents processed and described by InfoProject 1944-2004**

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#### **Digitized documents processed and described by InfoProject 1944-2004**

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#### **Digitized documents processed and described by InfoProject 1944-2004**

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**Printed project materials created by InfoProject 2001-2004**

**Physical Description:** 0.5 Linear Feet

**Scope and Contents note**

A project methodology document (in English) and three volumes of document title lists (in Polish), along with duplicate and outdated volumes, provide information about the processing and description performed by InfoProject.

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**Circa 416,000 digitized documents are available through a Polish-language database. To access the database, click on the "EKA URM" icon on the computer desktop**