



Cold War Needs Assessment

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Background:

In 1993, the U.S. Air Force, as executive agent for the DoD Cold War Initiative, issued *Interim Guidance: Treatment of Cold War Historic Properties for U.S. Air Force Installations* to ensure that historically significant Cold War properties would be identified, recorded, and if feasible, retained for study and public education. The *Interim Guidance* continues to assist installations in complying with Section 106 and 110 of the National Historic Preservation Act and dealing with National Register eligibility. The *Interim Guidance*, though, was not designed to streamline Section 106 or 110 compliance and managers must still consult with SHPOs on a case-by-case basis on eligibility and evaluations of effects. This compliance process will become a costly and time consuming burden to the Air Force as thousands of Cold War-era properties become 50 years old within the next 5–10 years.

Objective:

The Air Force, through the SRI Foundation and Statistical Research, Inc., organized a workshop in February 2006 to develop strategies for more efficient and consistent management of Air Force Cold War resources. Workshop participants focused on four topics: (1) what Cold War resources exist; (2) how and where to store and share data on these resources; (3) how to consistently manage these resources; and (4) how to get executive-level support to apply the workshop recommendations across DoD.

Summary of Approach:

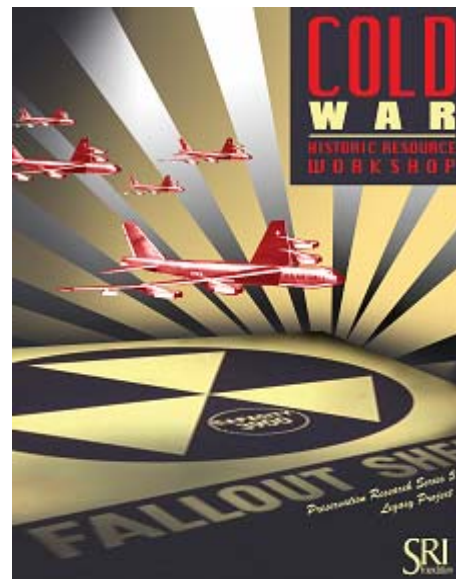
Workshop participants identified and created products, tools, and guidance on how to address these topics. (1) Available data on Cold War-era cultural resources should be compiled and synthesized as an important first step in developing a programmatic approach to effective resource management. (2) A Cold War-era Historic Information Clearinghouse (CWHIC) should be established as a repository for Air Force, with later expansion to DoD-wide, Cold War-era historic property documentation, and the data must be readily accessible to DoD managers. (3) The *Interim Guidance* should be updated, and an outline of the current guidance was modified by workshop participants to provide a detailed framework for the Air Force to use when revising the guidance in-house. (4) The executive-level briefing on establishing a future Air Force -level policy and for implementing recommendations for Cold War resource management DoD-wide was deferred as a future task for Air Force cultural resources management personnel.

Benefit:

The DoD should establish guidance to ensure the inventory of Cold War properties is completed in a consistent, timely, and cost-effective manner. Addressing the workshop recommendations will begin the task of streamlining the process, which will save DoD money and ensure protection of those properties that are truly unique and significant. The results of the workshop, made available through report distribution and web postings, will provide information to senior DoD management about this impending crisis and ways to effectively address it. The project results will also lead to DoD-wide guidance that can be used by all services.

Accomplishments:

The Cold War Workshop report, *A Workshop on Updating Guidance for Management of Cold War-era Properties on Military Installations*, provides an action plan for Air Force and DoD cultural resources managers to pursue. The two topics that will not be handled in-house by the Air Force, data collection/synthesis and creating a data repository/clearinghouse, have been submitted to the DoD Legacy Program for funding and are the first step in addressing the recommendations provided in this report.



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