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The Nixon Years, 1969-1974. Adam Matthew Digital. ISBN Contact publisher for pricing (based on Carnegie Classification and JISC); includes nominal hosting fee, payable every 5 years.

URL: <http://www.amdigital.co.uk/>

[Visited Feb'09] Publisher Adam Matthew Digital, working with the UK's National Archives, has digitized the complete British Foreign and Commonwealth Office 7 and 82 files from the years of the Nixon administration, allowing users to search and access nearly 400 full-text files. The strength and bulk of this collection are the briefing papers, records of discussions, and policy analyses, providing researchers with international (particularly British) perspectives on this turbulent time in US history. Topics include all of the major international and domestic issues of the period, such as the war in Vietnam, the Cold War, Latin America, the Middle East, Nixon's historic efforts to reestablish diplomatic relations with China, the American Civil Rights Movement, the creation of the Environmental Protection Agency, the 1972 presidential election, and many, many others. <p>Users must view the pages of each file individually while online, but may download a complete document as a PDF (an option that is unavailable in trial subscriptions). Printing is similar; one may either print individual pages of a file while online (which can be cumbersome when the file includes more than a hundred pages), or download the PDF to print the complete file. The database currently does not offer a lot of bells and whistles, although it features Names and Key Topics (a nicely detailed subject index), and a chronology of events that has the potential to be quite useful with the addition of links to related files. A tutorial and an advanced search option also would improve usability, as would the addition of navigation tools at the top of the subject index and the chronology to cut down on scrolling. Regardless, *The Nixon Years* offers unique information for researchers. It would be a good addition to larger academic collections, particularly those supporting graduate programs in history, political science, and international studies. **Summing Up:** Recommended. Academic libraries supporting upper-level undergraduates and above. -- C. A. Collins, Bucks County Community College