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Citable Reference	Description	End Date
HO 353	Home Office: Police, War Emergency Matters (WEM Symbol Series) Files. Files from the Home Office WEM (War Emergency Matters) symbol series, dealing with police involvement in civil defence arrangements and war planning. From 1947, responsibilities for the matters dealt with in this series lay with various 'F' Divisions in the Home Office Police Department. In 1970, the responsibilities were assumed by F6 Division: that Division became part of the Fire and Emergency Planning Department in 1984, and in July 1989 was re-named EP Division.	1984
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HO 353/19 Home Office: Police, War Emergency Matters (WEM Symbol Series) Files. Postal and 1956
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 Protected Areas and Protected Places during World War II.

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