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Grey House Publishing announces the Second Edition of *Encyclopedia of the United States Cabinet: 1789-2010*

“To find the material needed for such a book must have been a monumental task; to make it readable and, yes, even fascinating is Herculean!... Most academic libraries will find it indispensable for history and political science students and faculty. Large public libraries will also want a copy. High-school libraries might consider purchase, especially if they have a strong advanced placement curriculum.”

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Grey House Publishing is proud to announce the publication of the second edition of the *Encyclopedia of the United States Cabinet: 1789-2010*. Previously published by ABC-CLIO, this is the first edition published by Grey House Publishing.

Since the first edition there have been 2 U.S. Presidents and we’ve also added Historical Snapshots, Primary Documents, expanded the Appendices to a total of 15, and the Bibliography section has been updated, expanded and organized into easy-to-find categories. Most importantly, the overall structure of the book has changed as well. We’ve arranged this edition by the Presidential Administration instead of cabinet department. This gives the user an easy, chronological view of our U.S. Cabinet’s history.

The front matter of this edition begins with the author’s preface that details the development of the U.S. Cabinet. Following the introduction are 2 essays, *The History of the British Cabinet System* and *Origins of the Cabinet Departments*.

The second section of the book is the individual cabinet chapters. Designed to help the user focus on a particular point in history, each of the 55 Cabinet chapters starts with a detailed table of contents. New to this edition are **97 Historical Snapshots** that offer interesting facts and figures designed to add historical significance to each administration. Following the snapshots is an **Essay on the Cabinet** that offers insight for the President’s choices for the Cabinet members, and some of the challenges they faced. The **Cabinet Member Biographies** are arranged by department and then by year, following a format of a section for their Early Years, Named to the Cabinet, and After Leaving Office. The last chapter in the book is the Confederate Cabinet of Jefferson Davis, 1861-1865.

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Primary Documents, the third section of the encyclopedia, is entirely new. Nine Primary Documents offer additional insight into the incidents surrounding a particular Cabinet member or administration. Spanning hundreds of years, some were written by newspaper correspondents, Presidents or cabinet members and all of these documents were written in the time period in which they feature.

Rounding out the encyclopedia are the **Appendices**, **Bibliographies** and the **Index**, which are found at the end of the second volume. With 15 in all, the appendices include:

Appendix A: Those Who Held More Than One Post

Appendix B: Cross-Party Nominations

Appendix C: Cabinet Secretaries Who Have Been Awarded Nobel Peace Prizes

Appendix D: Members of Congress Selected by Recent Presidents

Appendix E: Female Cabinet Secretaries

Appendix F: African-American Cabinet Secretaries

Appendix G: Hispanic Cabinet Secretaries

Appendix H: Asian-American Cabinet Secretaries

Appendix I: Notable Facts

Appendix J: Cabinet Post Timeline

Appendix K: Failed Nominations

Appendix L: Withdrawn Nominations

Appendix M: Members Who Died in Office

Appendix N: Alphabetical List of Members

Appendix O: Chronological List of Members, sorted by department

The Bibliography listings include anything used and cited in this work and are separated into easy to research categories; Books and Articles, Dissertations & other Unpublished Manuscripts, Government Documents, and articles from Manuscript Collections. The index is an all-encompassing, alphabetical list of every individual, place, legislation, publication and area of interest mention within the 2 volumes.

This authoritative, two-volume work showcases the cabinets of all 44 presidential administrations, from George Washington to Barack Obama. With its unique arrangement and thoughtful presentation of information, no other source provides such insight into this important political body. This resource is a must for public libraries, university libraries and all political science collections.

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