

Letters from North Korea:

The materials of the National Archives of Hungary on Korean War -
data, information, and the academic activities

A. M. McDonough once distinguished data, information, knowledge and wisdom from the “materials” called widely in his work, “Information economics”. He classified them into four; the data like meaning-excluded record, the information meaning-added data, the knowledge which is extracted value from information, and the wisdom which is patterned knowledge. If this classification can be applied, the archival documents can belong to the data, because the archival documents themselves stay with the level without any meaning. Moreover only with accumulation of data, the archival documents cannot be utilized as information which is the next step from the data. This article deals with the documents from the Nation Archives of Hungary on Korean War based on the bibliographical information. This method is the extensive way and the academic research motive of the philology’s. By comparison with the research for the Kyujanggak, this kind of study can be the well-known tradition research method of philology. Besides it says that to describe the bibliographical information is in the category of the basic academic activity.