

# Missouri Fire Stopped *F.P.* But Pre-1960 Files Lost *7/19-73*

Flames were brought under control again Friday afternoon after a fire broke out on the fifth floor of the Missouri State Capitol building in Jefferson City, Missouri.

The fire, which started on the fifth floor, spread to the sixth floor and threatened the entire building. Firemen said they would contain the burning water on the floor and prevent it from spreading to the next floor.

The fire broke out in a room on the fifth floor, which is used for storage of files. The fire spread to the sixth floor, where it was finally brought under control.

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Navy records are stored on the fifth floor and government officials feared they would be damaged by heat, smoke and water.

The General Services Administration, which operates the million-square-foot building, said it would estimate next week before a cost estimate could be placed on damages.

Some of the burned records, though not duplicated elsewhere, could be reconstructed if needed through documents such as discharge papers, a GSA official said.

Johnston, Veterans Administration director in Washington, the fire would have no impact on 13 million veterans and their dependents receiving VA benefits.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation is conducting an investigation into the fire. The fire started on the fifth floor, about 10:30 a.m. on Friday.

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