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Gary Price Research and Library Consulting <http://www.freepint.com/gary/crs.htm>

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Intelligence Resource Program <http://www.fas.org/irp/crs/>

Space and Science <http://www.fas.org/spp/civil/crs/>

Nuclear and Chemical Weapon Proliferation <http://www.fas.org/spp/starwars/crs>

Military Analysis Network <http://www.fas.org/man/crs>

National Council for Science & the Environment <http://cnie.org/NLE/CRS/>

U.S. House of Representatives

http://www.house.gov/rules/crs_reports.htm

<http://www.house.gov/markgreen/crs.htm>

<http://www.house.gov/judiciary/crs.htm>

U.S. Senate Democrats <http://www.senate.gov>

U.S. State Department's Foreign Press Center <http://www.state.gov/press/>

U.S-Japan Policy <http://nationalcherryblossomfestival.org/gwjapan/>