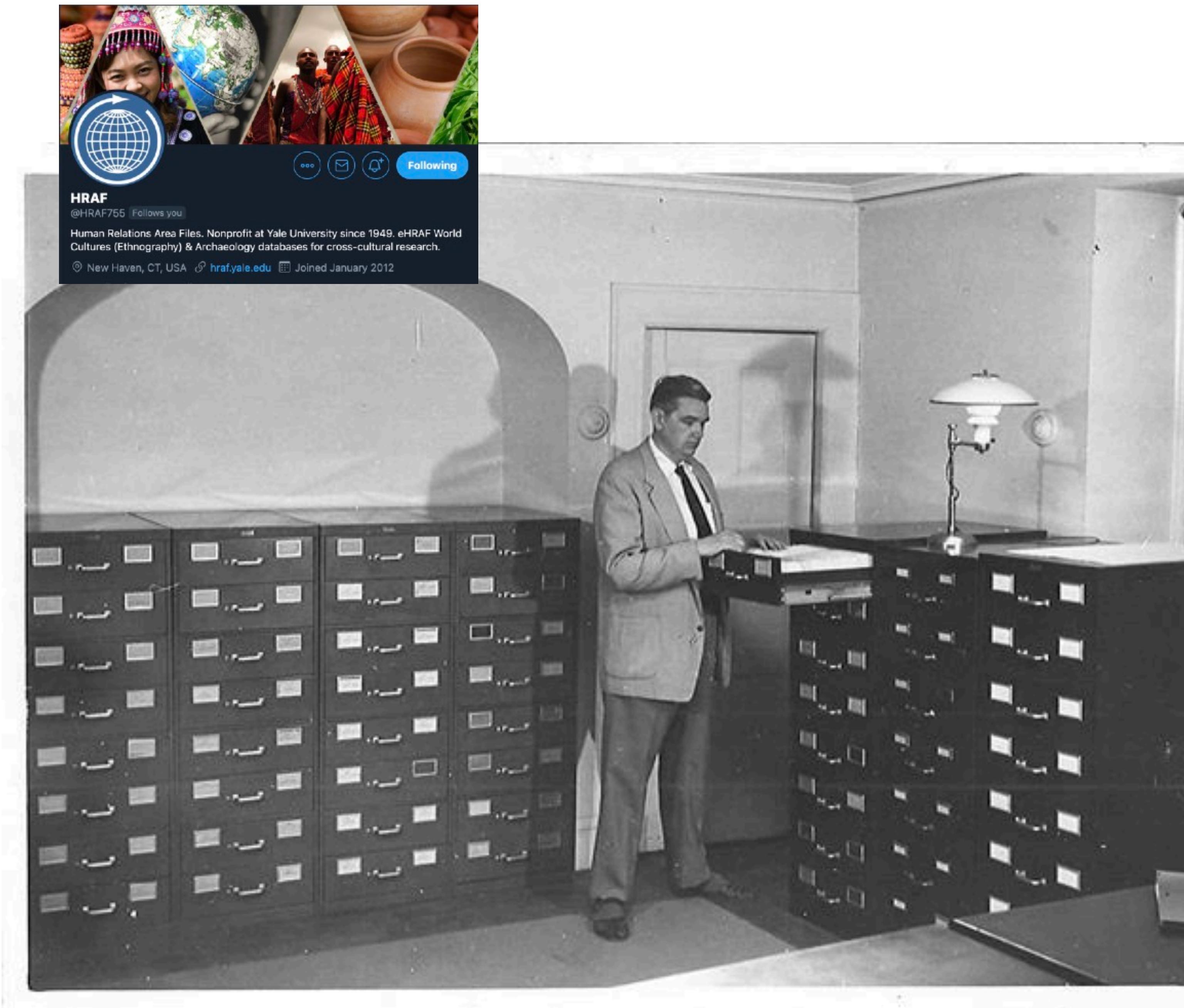HRAF analysts discussing which OCM subjects to index an ethnographic passage with, circa 1957. Today, our analysts still keep large posters of the subject-classification system by their desks... Although they have most of it memorized!

Before HRAF went digital, member institutions needed special filing cabinets to store our 5" x 8" file pages! Some even had whole rooms dedicated to housing the ethnographic info.