

GERALD R. FORD LIBRARY ORAL HISTORY PROJECTS, 1981-2009

Collection Type

Federal Records

Extent

0.9 linear feet (approximately 1,800 pages); 51 audiocassettes, 14 microcassettes, 1 Beta SP, and 3 DVDs

Record Type

Textual

Access

Open. Some interviews remain restricted pending completion of transcriptions and deeds of gift.

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Scope and Content Note

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Oral History Interview Transcripts, 1981-2009.

(Boxes 1-3, 0.9 linear feet)

Arranged alphabetically by name of interviewee.

Box 1 - Oral History Interview Transcripts

| Status | Title |
|---------------|--|
| OPEN | Armstrong, Anne, April 9, 1997 - Counsellor to the President; Ambassador to Great Britain |
| OPEN | Ash, Roy, March 26, 1997 - Director, Office of Management and Budget |
| OPEN | Babcock, Nina, ca. 1981 - Editor, Cedar Springs Clipper (Cedar Springs, Michigan); involved in early Ford campaigns |
| OPEN | Barrett, Robert, September 14, 1998 - Military Aide to the President |
| OPEN | Brockett, Bill, January 20, 2006 - White House Communications Agency staff member who assisted with the Ford's dog Liberty |
| OPEN | Broder, David, February 25, 1997 - Journalist, The Washington Post |
| OPEN | Butz, Earl, February 26, 1997 - Secretary of Agriculture |
| CLOSED | Cavaney, Red, October 21, 1998 |
| OPEN | Cederberg, Elford, September 16, 1998 - U.S. Representative from Michigan |
| OPEN | Coleman, William T., Jr., March 27, 1997 - Secretary of Transportation |
| CLOSED | Downs, Maria, October 27, 1998) |
| CLOSED | Downton, Dorothy, January 29, 1997 |

| Status | Title |
|---------------|--|
| CLOSED | Fazio, James, October 28, 1998 |
| OPEN | Fletcher, Arthur, September 17, 1998 - Deputy Assistant to the President for Urban Affairs |
| OPEN | Friedman, Milton, August 31, 1998 - Special Assistant to the President and Senior Speechwriter |

Box 2 - Oral History Interview Transcripts

| Status | Title |
|---------------|--|
| CLOSED | Gergen, David, October 19, 1998 |
| CLOSED | Hardy, Timothy S., October 21, 1998 |
| OPEN | Hartmann, Robert, September 2, 1998 - Senior Adviser to Ford as House Minority Leader, Vice President, and President |
| CLOSED | Hills, Carla, April 8, 1997 |
| CLOSED | Hills, Rod, February 26, 1997 |
| OPEN | Hyland, William, October 26, 1998 - Deputy Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs |
| OPEN | Kleppe, Thomas, April 25, 1997 - Administrator, Small Business Administration; Secretary of the Interior |
| OPEN | Lindh, Patricia, June 24, 1996 - Special Assistant to the President for Women |
| OPEN | Lynn, James, February 24, 1997 - Secretary, Housing and Urban Development; Director, Office of Management and Budget |
| CLOSED | Mathews, David, March 14, 1997 |
| OPEN | Matson, Patti, March 31, 2009 - Assistant Press Secretary to the First Lady |
| OPEN | McFarlane, Robert, February 25, 1997 |
| OPEN | Moynihan, Daniel, April 23, 1997 - Ambassador to India; Ambassador to the United Nations |
| OPEN | Richardson, Elliot, April 25, 1997 - Attorney General; Secretary of Commerce |
| CLOSED | Rumsfeld, Donald, March 26, 1997 |

Box 3 - Oral History Interview Transcripts

| Status | Title |
|---------------|---|
| OPEN | Saxbe, William, February 7, 1997 - Attorney General; Ambassador to India |
| OPEN | Scouten, Rex, September 1, 1998 - White House Chief Usher |
| OPEN | Scranton, William, ca. October 20, 1997 - U.S. Representative, Pennsylvania Governor, Transition Advisor, United Nations Ambassador |
| OPEN | Sherman, Col. Tom, December 8, 1999 - Military officer involved in the planning of the Vietnam clemency program |
| OPEN | Sidey, Hugh, April 22, 1997 - Journalist, Time Magazine |
| OPEN | Simon, William, November 11, 1998 - Secretary of the Treasury |
| OPEN | Smith, Mary Louise, April 4, 1997 - Chair of the Republican National Committee |
| OPEN | Teeter, Robert, May 5, 1997 - Political strategist; public opinion pollster |
| OPEN | Theis, Paul, September 1, 1998 - Director of Public Relations, Republican National Congressional Committee; Executive Director, White House Editorial Staff |
| OPEN | Usery, W.J., September 15-16, 1999 (1)-(5) - Secretary of Labor |
| OPEN | Weinberger, Caspar, June 3, 1997 - Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare |

Oral History Interview Audio and Video Recordings, 1981-2009.

(Boxes AV1-AV4, 51 audiocassettes, 14 microcassettes, 1 Beta SP, and 3 DVDs)

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Box AV1 - Oral History Interview Audio and Video Recordings

| Status | Title |
|---------------|--|
| OPEN | 0318-001: Armstrong, Anne, April 9, 1997 |
| OPEN | 0318-002: Ash, Roy, March 26, 1997 |

| Status | Title |
|---------------|--|
| OPEN | 0318-003: Babcock, Nina, July 19, 1982 - Tape 1 |
| OPEN | 0318-004: Babcock, Nina, July 19, 1982 - Tape 2 |
| OPEN | 0318-005: Barrett, Robert, September 14, 1998 - Tape 1 |
| OPEN | 0318-006: Barrett, Robert, September 14, 1998 - Tape 2 |
| OPEN | 0318-007: Brockett, Bill, January 20, 2006 - Tape 1 |
| OPEN | 0318-008: Brockett, Bill, January 20, 2006 - Tape 2 |
| OPEN | 0318-009: Broder, David, February 25, 1997 |
| OPEN | 0318-010: Butz, Earl, February 26, 1997 |
| CLOSED | 0318-011: Cavaney, Red, October 21, 1998 |
| OPEN | 0318-012: Cederberg, Elford, September 16, 1998 |
| OPEN | 0318-013: Coleman, William T., Jr., March 27, 1997 |
| CLOSED | 0318-014: Downs, Maria, October 27, 1998 - Tape 1 |
| CLOSED | 0318-015: Downs, Maria, October 27, 1998 - Tape 2 |
| CLOSED | 0318-016: Downton, Dorothy, January 29, 1997 - Tape 1 |
| CLOSED | 0318-017: Downton, Dorothy, January 29, 1997 - Tape 2 |
| CLOSED | 0318-018: Fazio, James, October 28, 1998 - Tape 1 |
| CLOSED | 0318-019: Fazio, James, October 28, 1998 - Tape 2 |
| OPEN | 0318-020: Fletcher, Arthur, September 17, 1998 |
| OPEN | 0318-021: Friedman, Milton, August 31, 1998 - Tape 1 |
| OPEN | 0318-022: Friedman, Milton, August 31, 1998 - Tape 2 |
| CLOSED | 0318-023: Gergen, David, October 19, 1998 |

Box AV2 - Oral History Interview Audio and Video Recordings

| Status | Title |
|---------------|--|
| CLOSED | 0318-024: Hardy, Timothy S., October 21, 1998 |
| OPEN | 0318-025: Hartmann, Robert, September 2, 1998 - Tape 1 |
| OPEN | 0318-026: Hartmann, Robert, September 2, 1998 - Tape 2 |
| CLOSED | 0318-027: Hills, Carla, April 8, 1997 - Tape 1 |
| CLOSED | 0318-028: Hills, Carla, April 8, 1997 - Tape 2 |
| CLOSED | 0318-029: Hills, Rod, February 26, 1997 - Tape 1 |
| CLOSED | 0318-030: Hills, Rod, February 26, 1997 - Tape 2 |
| OPEN | 0318-031: Hyland, William, October 26, 1998 - Tape 1 |

| Status | Title |
|---------------|---|
| OPEN | 0318-032: Hyland, William, October 26, 1998 - Tape 2 |
| OPEN | 0318-033: Kleppe, Thomas, April 25, 1997 |
| OPEN | 0318-034: Lindh, Patricia, June 24, 1996 |
| OPEN | 0318-035: Lynn, James, February 24, 1997 - Tape 1 |
| OPEN | 0318-036: Lynn, James, February 24, 1997 - Tape 2 |
| CLOSED | 0318-037: Mathews, David, March 14, 1997 - Tape 1 |
| CLOSED | 0318-038: Mathews, David, March 14, 1997 - Tape 2 |
| OPEN | 0318-039-02: Matson, Patti, March 31, 2009 [Video recording - DVD (copy 1)] |
| OPEN | 0318-039-03: Matson, Patti, March 31, 2009 [Video recording - DVD (copy 2)] |
| OPEN | 0318-039-04: Matson, Patti, March 31, 2009 [Video recording - DVD (copy 3)] |
| CLOSED | 0318-040: McFarlane, Robert, February 25, 1997 |
| OPEN | 0318-041: Moynihan, Daniel, April 23, 1997 |
| OPEN | 0318-042: Richardson, Elliot, April 25, 1997 |
| CLOSED | 0318-043: Rumsfeld, Donald, March 26, 1997 - Tape 1 |
| CLOSED | 0318-044: Rumsfeld, Donald, March 26, 1997 - Tape 2 |
| CLOSED | 0318-045: Rumsfeld, Donald, March 26, 1997 - Tape 3 |

Box AV3 - Oral History Interview Audio and Video Recordings

| Status | Title |
|---------------|--|
| CLOSED | 0318-046: Saxbe, William, February 7, 1997 - Tape 1 |
| CLOSED | 0318-047: Saxbe, William, February 7, 1997 - Tape 2 |
| OPEN | 0318-048: Scouten, Rex, September 1, 1998 - Tape 1 |
| OPEN | 0318-049: Scouten, Rex, September 1, 1998 - Tape 2 |
| OPEN | 0318-050: Scranton, William, October 20, 1997 (?) |
| OPEN | 0318-051: Sherman, Col. Tom, December 8, 1999 |
| OPEN | 0318-052: Sidey, Hugh, April 22, 1997 |
| OPEN | 0318-053: Simon, William, November 11, 1998 - Tape 1 |
| OPEN | 0318-054: Simon, William, November 11, 1998 - Tape 2 |
| OPEN | 0318-055: Smith, Mary Louise, April 4, 1997 - Tape 1 |

| Status | Title |
|---------------|--|
| OPEN | 0318-056: Smith, Mary Louise, April 4, 1997 - Tape 2 |
| OPEN | 0318-057: Teeter, Robert, May 5, 1997 |
| OPEN | 0318-058: Theis, Paul, September 1, 1999 - Tape 1 |
| OPEN | 0318-059: Theis, Paul, September 1, 1999 - Tape 2 |
| OPEN | 0318-060: Usery, W.J., September 15, 1999 - Tape 1 |
| OPEN | 0318-061: Usery, W.J., September 15, 1999 - Tape 2 |
| OPEN | 0318-062: Usery, W.J., September 15, 1999 - Tape 3 |
| OPEN | 0318-063: Usery, W.J., September 16, 1999 - Tape 1 |
| OPEN | 0318-064: Usery, W.J., September 16, 1999 - Tape 2 |
| OPEN | 0318-065: Usery, W.J., September 16, 1999 - Tape 3 |
| OPEN | 0318-066: Weinberger, Caspar, June 3, 1997 |

Box AV3 - Oral History Interview Audio and Video Recordings

| Status | Title |
|---------------|--|
| OPEN | 0318-039-01: Matson, Patti, March 31, 2009 [Video recording - Beta SP] |