

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF PROTOCOL. CEREMONIALS DIVISION:

Collection Type

Federal Records

Extent

3.9 linear feet (approximately 7,800 pages)

Record Type

Textual

Access

Open.

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Scope and Content Note

The Ceremonials division within the Department of State's Office of the Chief of Protocol plans, executes and supports a wide range of ceremonial and official functions hosted by the President, Vice President, Secretary of State, and other high-ranking United States Government officials. The division also organizes the participation of the Diplomatic Corps in special events and official public events

such as Joint Sessions of Congress, inaugurations, funerals, and other ceremonies. In addition, the Ceremonials division plays a key role in maintaining international protocol, the practice of employing proper etiquette, official formalities, dignified ceremonies in the welcoming and hosting of foreign leaders, and maintains the Order of Precedence of the United States of America, and answers questions on flag etiquette, forms of address, seating, invitations, dietary, and cultural restrictions.

When former President Gerald R. Ford passed away on December 26, 2006, there were many people both in the United States and around the world who wished to pay their respects. It appears that the Ceremonial division provided the embassies and consulates around the world with condolence books that were available to its employees and the public to sign. They were then removed from 3-ring binder books, collected by the Ceremonials division along with some additional books, and eventually transferred to the National Archives. This collection includes these condolence book pages as well as those sent from the U.S. Department of State employees and international diplomatic corps. Some additional condolence messages were tucked into the pages and are included.

The condolence book pages are arranged alphabetically by the location city of the diplomatic mission and include both embassies and consulates from around the world, with some countries sending books from both their embassy and multiple consulate locations. The pages include notes and signatures from ambassadors, consuls and high commissioners to the country they are filed under along with notes of sympathy from State Department employees, U.S. citizens abroad, and the public. Specific pages from the international diplomatic corps include messages from ambassadors to the U.S. as well as from the Permanent Mission to the Organization of American States (OAS), and the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO).

Related Material:

Related materials are located in the Gerald R. Ford Funeral Materials Collection, but they are not yet available for research.

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**Foreign Diplomatic Mission Condolence Books for Gerald R. Ford,
December 2006 - March 2007.**

(Boxes 1-8; 3.5 linear feet)

This series contains condolence books from embassies and consulates from around the world. Messages of sympathy were written by ambassadors, consuls, high commissioners, state leaders, Department of State employees, the public and U.S. citizens. Messages are mostly written in English, but also include notes written in official languages of the country, including Spanish, Japanese, Korean, Russian, French and Chinese. Some additional messages tucked into the books are also included.

Arranged alphabetically by the location of the diplomatic mission.

Box 1 - Foreign Diplomatic Mission Condolence Books for Gerald R. Ford

Status	Title
OPEN	Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire
OPEN	Abu Dhabi, UAE
OPEN	Abuja, Nigeria
OPEN	Accra, Ghana
OPEN	Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
OPEN	Amman, Jordan
OPEN	Ankara, Turkey (1)
OPEN	Ankara, Turkey (2)
OPEN	Antananarivo, Madagascar
OPEN	Astana, Kazakhstan
OPEN	Athens, Greece
OPEN	Baghdad, Iraq
OPEN	Baku, Azerbaijan
OPEN	Bamako, Mali
OPEN	Bangkok, Thailand

Box 2 - Foreign Diplomatic Mission Condolence Books for Gerald R. Ford

Status	Title
OPEN	Barcelona, Spain

Status	Title
OPEN	Beirut, Lebanon
OPEN	Belgrade, Serbia
OPEN	Belmopan, Belize
OPEN	Berlin, Germany (1)
OPEN	Berlin, Germany (2)
OPEN	Bogota, Colombia
OPEN	Brazzaville, Republic of Congo
OPEN	Bridgetown, Barbados
OPEN	Brussels, Belgium
OPEN	Bucharest, Romania
OPEN	Budapest, Hungary
OPEN	Bueno Aires, Argentina
OPEN	Calgary, Canada
OPEN	Canberra, Australia
OPEN	Cape Town, South Africa
OPEN	Caracas, Venezuela
OPEN	Chennai, India
OPEN	Chisinau, Moldova
OPEN	Conakry, Guinea
OPEN	Copenhagen, Denmark
OPEN	Cotonou, Benin

Box 3 - Foreign Diplomatic Mission Condolence Books for Gerald R. Ford

Status	Title
OPEN	Dakar, Senegal
OPEN	Dhaka, Bangladesh
OPEN	Doha, Qatar
OPEN	Dublin, Ireland
OPEN	Gaborone, Botswana
OPEN	Geneva, Switzerland
OPEN	Georgetown, Guyana
OPEN	Guadalajara, Mexico

Status	Title
OPEN	Guatemala City, Guatemala
OPEN	Hamilton, Bermuda
OPEN	Hanoi, Vietnam
OPEN	Helsinki, Finland
OPEN	Hong Kong
OPEN	Istanbul, Turkey
OPEN	Jakarta, Indonesia
OPEN	Kabul, Afghanistan

Box 4 - Foreign Diplomatic Mission Condolence Books for Gerald R. Ford

Status	Title
OPEN	Kampala, Uganda
OPEN	Kathmandu, Nepal
OPEN	Khartoum, Sudan
OPEN	Kingstown, Jamaica
OPEN	Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo
OPEN	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
OPEN	La Paz, Bolivia
OPEN	Lilongwe, Malawi
OPEN	Lima, Peru
OPEN	Ljubljana, Slovenia
OPEN	London, United Kingdom
OPEN	Luanda, Angola
OPEN	Lusaka, Zambia
OPEN	Luxembourg, Luxembourg
OPEN	Madrid, Spain
OPEN	Manama, Bahrain

Box 5 - Foreign Diplomatic Mission Condolence Books for Gerald R. Ford

Status	Title
OPEN	Manila, Philippines
OPEN	Matamores, Mexico
OPEN	Mexico City, Mexico

Status	Title
OPEN	Minsk, Belarus
OPEN	Monrovia, Liberia
OPEN	Montevideo, Uruguay
OPEN	Montreal, Canada
OPEN	Moscow, Russia
OPEN	Nagoya, Japan
OPEN	Nahu, Japan
OPEN	Naimey, Niger
OPEN	Nairobi, Kenya
OPEN	Nassau, Bahamas
OPEN	Nicosia, Cyprus
OPEN	Osaka Kobe, Japan
OPEN	Oslo, Norway
OPEN	Ottawa, Canada
OPEN	Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso
OPEN	Panama City, Panama
OPEN	Papua New Guinea
OPEN	Podgorica, Montenegro
OPEN	Port Louis, Mauritius

Box 6 - Foreign Diplomatic Mission Condolence Books for Gerald R. Ford

Status	Title
OPEN	Prague, Czech Republic
OPEN	Pretoria, South Africa
OPEN	Pristina, Kosovo
OPEN	Québec, Canada
OPEN	Quito, Ecuador
OPEN	Rabat, Morocco
OPEN	Rangoon, Burma
OPEN	Reykjavik, Iceland
OPEN	Riga, Latvia
OPEN	San Jose, Costa Rica

Status	Title
OPEN	San Salvador, El Salvador
OPEN	Santiago, Chile
OPEN	Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic
OPEN	São Paulo, Brazil
OPEN	Sapporo, Japan
OPEN	Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina
OPEN	Seoul, Korea (1)
OPEN	Seoul, Korea (2)
OPEN	Shenyang, China

Box 7 - Foreign Diplomatic Mission Condolence Books for Gerald R. Ford

Status	Title
OPEN	Singapore
OPEN	Skopje, Macedonia
OPEN	Sofia, Bulgaria
OPEN	St. Petersburg, Russia
OPEN	Stockholm, Sweden
OPEN	Suva, Fiji
OPEN	Sydney, Australia
OPEN	Taipei, Taiwan
OPEN	Tallinn, Estonia
OPEN	Tashkent, Uzbekistan
OPEN	Tbilisi, Georgia
OPEN	Tel Aviv, Israel
OPEN	The Hague, Netherlands
OPEN	The Holy See, Italy [Vatican City]
OPEN	Thessaloniki, Greece
OPEN	Tirana, Albania
OPEN	Tokyo, Japan (1)
OPEN	Tokyo, Japan (2)
OPEN	Toronto, Canada

Box 8 - Foreign Diplomatic Mission Condolence Books for Gerald R. Ford

Status	Title
OPEN	Tripoli, Libya
OPEN	Tunis, Tunisia
OPEN	Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia
OPEN	Valletta, Malta
OPEN	Vancouver, Canada
OPEN	Vienna, Austria
OPEN	Vientiane, Laos
OPEN	Vilnius, Lithuania
OPEN	Warsaw, Poland
OPEN	Windhoek, Namibia
OPEN	Winnipeg, Canada
OPEN	Zagreb, Croatia

**Domestic Diplomatic Mission Condolence Books for Gerald R. Ford,
December 2006 - March 2007.**

(Boxes 9; 0.4 linear feet)

This series contains condolence books from the U.S. Department of State employees and international diplomatic corps. They include messages and notes of sympathy from ambassadors to the United States, Department of State employees, U.S. citizens and former military personnel. Also included are messages from the Permanent Mission to the Organization of American States (OAS) and the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO).

Arranged alphabetically by folder title.

Box 9 - Domestic Diplomatic Mission Condolence Books for Gerald R. Ford

Status	Title
OPEN	International Diplomatic Corps (1)
OPEN	International Diplomatic Corps (2)
OPEN	International Diplomatic Corps (3)
OPEN	International Diplomatic Corps (4)
OPEN	International Diplomatic Corps (5)
OPEN	U.S. Department of State Employees (1)

Status

Title

OPEN

U.S. Department of State Employees (2)