



President, Office of the: Tapes of Dictation: Records, 1981-1982

Finding Aid Type

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Record Type

Textual

Biography

Scope and Content Note

President Ronald Reagan dictated a series of correspondence into a mini-cassette recorder (most likely a Norelco model) during the period of February 17, 1981 through February 23, 1982. The Library has been unable to determine why this practice ceased in February 1982, but we have found no other recordings such as these in our collection.

The correspondence includes personal “thank you” notes for gifts, “get-well” notes and messages of support and prayer after the assassination, a few letters of greetings and comments to Heads of State, correspondence with past Dixon, Illinois acquaintances, and responses to the general public on support for his policies or disagreement with them. All of the correspondence within this collection is also part of specific case files within various White House Records Management Subject File categories.

The White House Office of Records Management converted the original 25 mini-cassettes to six (6) Scotch 177 Audio Recording Tapes (reel to reel) done by the White House Communication Agency, Audio Division. The Library received the 25 mini-cassettes only, but we have retained the reel numbers to group the paper correspondence. The textual correspondence folders are arranged by reel number and then by mini-cassette number. The dates on the folders represent the dates on the outgoing correspondence.

The Library had an actual transcript for material recorded on Reel #5 only. All other reels have copies of the outgoing correspondence resulting from the dictation. We have provided a folder-by-folder list of each letter within the folders.

Researchers can request the paper correspondence as a textual collection. For access to the 25 mini-cassettes, please see the research room attendant who will contact our audio-visual archivist.

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Box 1

Status	Title
OPEN	Reel #1 - Documents 1A-1G, 02/17/1981
OPEN	1A - Omar N. Bradley
OPEN	1B - Keith Maxwell Perry

Status	Title
OPEN	1C - William F. Buckley
OPEN	1D - Glenn Campbell
OPEN	1E - Ray Stark
OPEN	1F - Barbara M. Beyer
OPEN	1G - Transcripts not found for Mr. Cely, Peter Pitchess, E.F. Shaw, E. Salkow Reel #1 - Documents 2A-2E, 03/06/1981
OPEN	2A - John P. Allen 2B - Moe Moravec
OPEN	2C - Brian J. Dick
OPEN	2D - Martin Powers
OPEN	2E - H. M. McIntosh
OPEN	Reel #1 - Documents 3A-3F, 03/19/1981 3A - Monica Meade
OPEN	3B - Buddy Ebsen
OPEN	3C - Eldon Haskell
OPEN	3D - J. N. (Jack) Swanson
OPEN	3E - Peg Freeborn
OPEN	3F - Anna Christine Lucas Reel #1 - Documents 4A-4D, 04/24/1981 & 04/27/1981
OPEN	4A - Michael Nidorf
OPEN	4B - Earle M. Jorgensen
OPEN	4C - Regis N. Barwig
OPEN	4D - Mr. and Mrs. Jaquelin H. Hume Reel #1 - Documents 5A-5N, 06/08/1981 & 06/09/1981
OPEN	5A - Mattie Jordan
OPEN	5B - Kay Shouse
OPEN	5C Patricia Meade White
OPEN	5D - Edward F. Logan
OPEN	5E - John L. Blair
OPEN	5F - Mark Hoekenga
OPEN	5G - Armand S. Deutsch
OPEN	5H - Sanford C. Bernstein
OPEN	5I - Justin Dart
OPEN	5J - Charles J. Broska

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OPEN	5K - Thomas M. O'Brien
OPEN	5L - Laurence W. Beilenson
OPEN	5M - Douglas Fairbanks, Jr.5N - Mrs. Howard (Joy) Baker
OPEN	Reel #1 - Documents 6A-6M, 06/16/1981 & 06/17/19816A - John B. Connally IV
OPEN	6B - Governor and Mrs. Robert Orr
OPEN	6C - Frank Capra
OPEN	6D - Evelyn Peck
OPEN	6E - Kristine M. Smith
OPEN	6F - Tina Boggs
OPEN	6G - J. J. McFadden
OPEN	6H - Sister Mary Sarah
OPEN	6I - Gertraude B. Crabb
OPEN	6J - Lowell Salzman
OPEN	6K - Yaffa Eliach
OPEN	6L - W. O. Pettiner6M - Vance D. Bishop
OPEN	Reel #2 - Documents 7A-7J, 07/09/1981 & 07/14/1981
OPEN	7A - Jason Head
OPEN	7B - Kimberly Wick
OPEN	7C - Robert Tyson
OPEN	7D - Robert Fryer
OPEN	7E - Steve Peters
OPEN	7F - Joseph R. Wilder
OPEN	7G - Jay Stiener
OPEN	7H - John O. Koehler
OPEN	7I - John F. McIntyre, Jr.
OPEN	7J - Robert A. BoehmeReel #2 - Documents 8A-8U, 07/15/1981
OPEN	8A - William F. Buckley, Jr.
OPEN	8B - Jacob S. Richman
OPEN	8C - Jon A. Kaufman
OPEN	8D - Rita Healy

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OPEN	8E - William L. Bradley
OPEN	8F - Austin Trimmer
OPEN	8G - John R. Gelsinger, Sr.
OPEN	8H - R. L. Prior
OPEN	8I - Not used
OPEN	8J - Matthew T. Beirl
OPEN	8K - Leon J. Hart
OPEN	8L - Patricia Mullany and Debra R. Gantt
OPEN	8M - Neal Roetzler
OPEN	8N - Paul and Marion Miller
OPEN	8O - Victor H. Krulak
OPEN	8P - Gordon C. Luce
OPEN	8Q - Thomas S. Kelland
OPEN	8R - Sam K. Farmer
OPEN	8S - Pat O'Brien
OPEN	8T - Thomas M. O'Brien
OPEN	8U - Allen DruryReel #2 - Documents 9A-9P, 08/03/1981
OPEN	9A - Mrs. Glen Hancock9B - J. Neil Reagan
OPEN	9C - Phil Regan
OPEN	9D - Barney Oldfield
OPEN	9E - Helen Hayes MacArthur
OPEN	9F - Thomas A. Corcoran
OPEN	9G - Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.
OPEN	9H - Gary P. Harrell & Family
OPEN	9I - Thomas Shea
OPEN	9J - Courtney Sprague
OPEN	9K - Alf Graham Taylor
OPEN	9L - Pierre Elliott Trudeau
OPEN	9M - Bud Flesher
OPEN	9N - Hal Carlson
OPEN	9O - Mrs. J. Graves
OPEN	9P - Hal C. PattisonReel # 3 - Documents 10A, 09/30/1981

Status	Title
OPEN	10A - Helen P. Miller
OPEN	Reel #3 - Documents 11A-11K11A - Penny Pullen
OPEN	11B - Edward Mills
OPEN	11C - Barney Oldfield
OPEN	11D - Joey Adams
OPEN	11E - Mr. & Mrs. John Otis Carney
OPEN	11F - Freeman Gosden
OPEN	11G - Joseph S. Kimmel, Jr.
OPEN	11H - William F. Buckley
OPEN	11I - Tony Lama
OPEN	11J - Thomas M. O'Brien (no copy in files)
OPEN	11K - Andrew DeLamater
OPEN	Reel #3 - Documents 12A-12O, 09/29/1981 & 10/02/198112A - Leslie W. Teller
OPEN	12B - Thomas J. Van Etten
OPEN	12C - Mr. & Mrs. Don Gutleben
OPEN	12D - Alfred H. Kingon
OPEN	12E - George P. Wylly
OPEN	12F - Howard Richardson
OPEN	12G - James R. McGhee
OPEN	12H - Stephen I. Bloom
OPEN	12I - George R. Adam
OPEN	12J - David McCrystle
OPEN	12K - Sam and Bertha Sisco
OPEN	12L - Rabbi Edgar F. Magnin
OPEN	12M - Francis D. Hooks
OPEN	12N - Bill and Jean Thompson
OPEN	12O - Jerry C. McMillanReel #3 - Documents 13A-13E, 09/28/1981 & 09/29/1981
OPEN	13A - Antonio L. Reed13B - Kenneth House
OPEN	13C - Jack Borden
OPEN	13D - William D. Joyce

Status	Title
OPEN	13E - Dorothy Neuse Reel #3 - Documents 14A-14G, 11/06/1981 & 11/10/1981
OPEN	14A - Thomas M. O'Brien
OPEN	14B - Lee Galles
OPEN	14C - Dick Freeling
OPEN	14D - Ron Foster
OPEN	14E - W. H. Hoyerman
OPEN	14F - Sandy Loftis
OPEN	14G - Richard Keene Reel #3 - Documents 15A-15D, 11/12/1981
OPEN	15A - King Hussein 15B - James D'Agostino
OPEN	15C - Patricia Geadelmann 15 D - Roy M. Brewer
OPEN	Reel #3 - Documents 16A-16D, 11/23/1981 16A - Bill and Jean Thompson
OPEN	16B - Caroline Redebaugh 16C - Paul Browne
OPEN	16D - Michele Karns (no copy in files)
OPEN	Reel #4 - Documents 17A-17G, 12/01/1981
OPEN	17A - Mr. & Mrs. Edward Dean
OPEN	17B - Iona W. Lott
OPEN	17C - Robert C. Brother, Jr.
OPEN	17D - Gerald Austin
OPEN	17E - Selena J. Williams
OPEN	17F - Fred J. Penfold, Jr.
OPEN	17G - Lola Falana
OPEN	Reel #4 - Documents 18A-18AA, 12/01/1981 18A - John V. Russell
OPEN	18B - John Ference
OPEN	18C - Thomas Erdevig
OPEN	18D - Dorothy L. Lindner
OPEN	18E - H. D. Harpold
OPEN	18F - John C. West
OPEN	18G - Robert G. Little, Jr.

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OPEN	18H - George C. Werner, III
OPEN	18I - Stephen A. Kaufman
OPEN	18J - David L. Wood
OPEN	18K - Janusz Maziarski
OPEN	18L - John A. Masters
OPEN	18M - Mrs. Greydon B. Held
OPEN	18N - Gifford C. Ewing
OPEN	18O - John J. Bunce, Jr.
OPEN	18P - H. Gardner Anderson
OPEN	18Q - William H. Costine
OPEN	18R - Joyce Perry
OPEN	18S - Robert Weyres
OPEN	18T - Robert C. Vatcher
OPEN	18U - David Hart
OPEN	18V - Homer R. Ayers
OPEN	18W - Stephen D. Fromang
OPEN	18X - Gregg Calkins
OPEN	18Y - Ruben Betancourt
OPEN	18Z - Maurice W. Phillips
OPEN	18AA - Mrs. Bill Casey Reel #4 - Documents 19A-19D, 12/03/1981
OPEN	19A - Larry Speakes, re: Author writing about Barbara Stanwyck
OPEN	19B - Daniel Patrick Moynihan (no copy in files) 19C - Austra Puzinas
OPEN	19D - Paul Dante
OPEN	Reel #4 - Documents 20A-20P, 02/02/1982 20A - George Champion
OPEN	20B - Bill Buckley
OPEN	20C - George P. Shultz
OPEN	20D - Bill and Jean Thompson
OPEN	20E - Mrs. Marjorie Turner

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OPEN	20F - Barney Oldfield
OPEN	20G - Victor Krulak
OPEN	20H - Mr. & Mrs. Pete Hannaford
OPEN	20I - Mrs. Joshua Logan
OPEN	20J - Mrs. Sid Brodie (Francie)
OPEN	20K - Mr. & Mrs. Leon Ames
OPEN	20L - Henry Morgenthau III
OPEN	20M - Light Thompson
OPEN	20N - Earle Doud
OPEN	20O - Lewis Rosenstiel
OPEN	20P - Mrs. James L. Dixon (Jeane) Reel #5 - Documents 21A-21P, 02/04/1982, 02/05/1982, 02/10/1982 & 02/11/1982 (1)
OPEN	21A - Sam and Bertha Sisco
OPEN	21B - Mrs. George Randolph Hearst, Sr. (Rosalie)
OPEN	21C - Sam Harrod, III
OPEN	21D - Freddie L. Freeman
OPEN	21E - Kenneth V. Kettlewell
OPEN	21F - David E. Richardson
OPEN	21G - Petre Teodorescu
OPEN	21H - Thomas R. Macchia
OPEN	21I - Alan S. Quarterman
OPEN	21J - Thatcher Family
OPEN	21K - Howard R. Hindman Reel #5 - Documents 21A-21P, 02/04/1982, 02/05/1982, 02/10/1982 & 02/11/1982 (2)
OPEN	21L - Mr. & Mrs. Richard Stetson
OPEN	21M - Alfred H. Kingon
OPEN	21N - Lorena Nidorf
OPEN	21O - Kevin Weyl
OPEN	21P - Mrs. Maureen Cesarz
OPEN	Reel #5 - Documents 22A-22S, 02/10/1982 & 02/18/1982 (1) 22A - Mr. & Mrs. Jack Wrather
OPEN	22B - Earle & Marion Jorgensen

Status	Title
OPEN	22C - Mr. & Mrs. A. C. Lyles
OPEN	22D - Mr. & Mrs. Robert Adams
OPEN	22E - Norman Sprague
OPEN	22F - Mr. & Mrs. Armand Deutsch
OPEN	22G - Mr. & Mrs. Prentis Cobb Hale
OPEN	22H - Mr. & Mrs. Ray Stark
OPEN	22I - Mr. and Mrs. Drew Lewis
OPEN	22J - John Musante
OPEN	22K - Elsa Sandstrom
OPEN	22L - Lynn Knights
OPEN	22M - Mr. & Mrs. Tom Jones
OPEN	Reel #5 - Documents 22A-22S, 02/10/1982 & 02/18/1982 (2)22N - Mary Roebing
OPEN	22O - Mrs. Clayton Fritchey (Polly)
OPEN	22P - George Murphy
OPEN	22Q - Mr. & Mrs. Mike Cowles
OPEN	22R - Mr. & Mrs. Sonny Werblin
OPEN	22S - Mr. & Mrs. Walter Annenberg
OPEN	Reel #5 - Documents 23A-23J, 02/22/1982 & 02/23/198223A - Mrs. Charles R. Ray
OPEN	23B - Danny Moore
OPEN	23C - Mr. & Mrs. Otis Carney
OPEN	23D - W. F. Egner
OPEN	23E - Lewis E. Lehrman
OPEN	23F - Kenneth V. Kettlewell
OPEN	23G - Paul Trousdale
OPEN	23H - Hope Hinds
OPEN	23I - Thomas M. O'Brien
OPEN	23J - Earle M. JorgensenReel #6 - Documents 24A-24D, 08/03/1981
OPEN	24A - Mr & Mrs. J. Neil Reagan24B - Mrs. Marie Craven
OPEN	24C - Betty Ryals

Status	Title
OPEN	24 D - Harold O. J. Brown
OPEN	Reel #6 - Documents 25A-25R, 10/16/1981 & 10/20/198125A - Fred A Lennon
OPEN	25B - William Buckley, Jr.
OPEN	25C - George C. Gentry
OPEN	25D - Mike Dickerson
OPEN	25E - Meredith House
OPEN	25F - Walter Davis III
OPEN	25G - David C. Boston
OPEN	25H - Eugene O. Perkins
OPEN	25I - Mary O'Connell
OPEN	25J - Bryan M. Sennett
OPEN	25K - Samuel B. Chelmer, Jr.
OPEN	25L - R. M. Schnarr
OPEN	25M - Thomas L. Miner
OPEN	25N - Betty Loy
OPEN	25O - Mr & Mrs. Israel Kirshenbaum
OPEN	25P - Bill Rynecki
OPEN	25Q - Quenton R. Dawkins25R - Robin Dalmas