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GERALD R. FORD CONGRESSIONAL PAPERS, 1949-73 INVITATIONS FILE SUB-GROUP, 1962-73

Collection Type

Personal Papers

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Textual

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Invitations File, 1962-73.

(Boxes O1-O63, 25.2 linear feet)

Invitations, cards, letters, occasional responses, and related materials dealing with invitations from foreign dignitaries, the military, legislators, and various political organizations and local groups, all wishing to meet Ford or have him appear at their particular event. Events include numerous ship launchings and keel-layings, charity events, prayer meetings, political meetings, rallies and fundraisers, golf outings, testimonials, civic events and graduation commencements. The material is arranged chronologically by month of item and is unarranged.

The material was maintained by Mildred Leonard, who served as Ford's Executive Secretary and later as Administrative assistant. Ford made the final decision on whether to accept or regret an invitation. Consequently, much of the material contains notes in Ford's own handwriting. Only about 20% of the invitations in this file required a personal response from Ford and a carbon copy of the response is attached to the correspondence. There are very few cross references to this file in either the General File of the Control File.

The Invitations File was not maintained before 1962, as the Ford staff did not keep this type of material prior to that year. The files contain both acceptances and regrets. In 1965 only, a separate so-called "appearances" series was created for invitations dealing with Republican Party related events. After 1965, material of this nature was incorporated into the Trip File, although some accepted out-of-town invitations were kept in the Invitations File.

Compiled by Kenneth Hafeli, September 1979.

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OPEN	Invitations, 1962 - February 1963

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OPEN	Invitations, March - April 1963

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OPEN	Invitations, May - June 1963

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OPEN	Invitations, July 1963 - October 1963 (1)

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OPEN	Invitations, October 1963 (2) - January 1964 (1)

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OPEN	Invitations, January 1964 (2) - March 1964 (2)

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OPEN	Invitations, March 1964 (3) - September 1964

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OPEN	Invitations, October - November 1964

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OPEN	Invitations, December 1964 - January 1965 (4)

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OPEN	Invitations, January 1965 (5) - February 1965 (4)

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OPEN	Invitations, February 1965 (5) - March 1965 (5)

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OPEN	Invitations, March 1965 (6) - April 1965

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OPEN	Invitations, May 1965

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OPEN	Invitations, June - July 1965

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OPEN	Invitations, August - September 1965

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OPEN	Invitations, October - November 1965

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OPEN	Invitations, December 1965
OPEN	Appearances, January - May 1965

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OPEN	Invitations, January 1966 - February 1966 (2)

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OPEN	Invitations, September - October 1966

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