

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF PROTOCOL. CEREMONIALS DIVISION: Gerald R. Ford Condolence Books, 2006-2007

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Federal Records

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3.9 linear feet (approximately 7,800 pages)

Record Type

Textual

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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 Antananarivo, Madagascar

Ankara, Turkey (2)

OPEN Astana, Kazakhstan

OPEN Athens, Greece
OPEN Baghdad, Iraq

OPEN

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
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

		Status	Title
	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
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ld R. Ford OPEN Dakar, Senegal

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

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

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

Status	Title	
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	
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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
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
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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

Status Title

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)
OPEN	U.S. Department of State Employees (2)