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Summary Information

Repository: Raymond H. Fogler Library University Archives
Creator: Elliott, Lloyd H., 1918-2013 (Lloyd Hartman)
Creator: University of Maine. Office of the President
Title: John F. Kennedy's Visit to the University of Maine Collection
ID: SpC MS 0273
Date [inclusive]: 1963-1983
Date [bulk]: 1963 (bulk)
Physical Description: 0.5 linear feet (1 box)
Physical Location:
Language of the Material: English
Abstract: Materials include correspondence, telegrams, convocation program, press kit, and transcript of remarks of President Kennedy and relating to his visit.

Preferred Citation

John F. Kennedy's Visit to the University of Maine Collection, SpC MS 0172, [Folder No.], Raymond H. Fogler Library Special Collections Department, University of Maine, Orono, Maine

Historical Note

John F. Kennedy visited the campus of the University of Maine for a special convocation program on October 19, 1963, where he was awarded an honorary Doctor of Laws degree. Materials in the collection were created by members of the staff of the office of University of Maine President Lloyd H. Elliott. According to a press release included in the collection, "arrangements for President Kennedy's visit to the university were made by Senator Edmund S. Muskie, who felt that the State University was the logical site for a presidential address during the chief executive's visit to Maine for an inspection flight over the proposed Passamaquoddy Power project site."
Scope and Contents

Materials include correspondence, telegrams, convocation program, press kit, and transcript of remarks of President Kennedy. Correspondence prior to the event includes letters to government officials helping to arrange the visit, including Maine's Governor John H. Reed, Senator Ed Muskie and Senator Margaret Chase Smith. Correspondence following the event include many letters congratulating President Lloyd Elliott on the success of the program, although some letters note that "in the eyes of some alumni and friends of the institution," the choice of Kennedy to receive an honorary degree was controversial. Information is included about a film that was produced to document Kennedy's visit, as well as President Elliott's remarks following President Kennedy's assassination.

Administrative Information

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Controlled Access Headings

- Degrees, Academic -- Maine -- Orono
- Correspondence
- Press kits
- Clippings
- Souvenir programs
- Elliott, Lloyd H., 1918-2013 (Lloyd Hartman)
- Kennedy, John F., 1917-1963 (John Fitzgerald)
- Muskie, Edmund S., 1914-1996
- Smith, Margaret Chase, 1897-1995
- Reed, John H., 1921- (John Hathaway)
- University of Maine. Office of the President

Collection Inventory

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