

## **PRESIDENT, OFFICE OF THE: TAPES OF DICTATION: Records, 1981-1982**

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### **Scope and Content**

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.

#### Box 1

##### Reel #1 – Documents 1A-1G, 02/17/1981

- 1A - Omar N. Bradley
- 1B - Keith Maxwell Perry
- 1C - William F. Buckley
- 1D - Glenn Campbell
- 1E - Ray Stark
- 1F - Barbara M. Beyer

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- 1G – Transcripts not found for Mr. Cely, Peter Pitchess, E.F. Shaw, E. Salkow
- Reel #1 – Documents 2A-2E, 03/06/1981
- 2A - John P. Allen
  - 2B - Moe Moravec
  - 2C - Brian J. Dick
  - 2D - Martin Powers
  - 2E - H. M. McIntosh
- Reel #1 – Documents 3A-3F, 03/19/1981
- 3A - Monica Meade
  - 3B - Buddy Ebsen
  - 3C - Eldon Haskell
  - 3D - J. N. (Jack) Swanson
  - 3E - Peg Freeborn
  - 3F - Anna Christine Lucas
- Reel #1 – Documents 4A-4D, 04/24/1981 & 04/27/1981
- 4A - Michael Nidorf
  - 4B - Earle M. Jorgensen
  - 4C - Regis N. Barwig
  - 4D – Mr. and Mrs. Jaquelin H. Hume
- Reel #1 – Documents 5A-5N, 06/08/1981 & 06/09/1981
- 5A - Mattie Jordan
  - 5B - Kay Shouse
  - 5C Patricia Meade White
  - 5D - Edward F. Logan
  - 5E - John L. Blair
  - 5F - Mark Hoekenga
  - 5G - Armand S. Deutsch
  - 5H - Sanford C. Bernstein
  - 5I - Justin Dart
  - 5J – Charles J. Broska
  - 5K - Thomas M. O'Brien
  - 5L – Laurence W. Beilenson
  - 5M - Douglas Fairbanks, Jr.
  - 5N – Mrs. Howard (Joy) Baker
- Reel #1 – Documents 6A-6M, 06/16/1981 & 06/17/1981
- 6A - John B. Connally IV
  - 6B – Governor and Mrs. Robert Orr
  - 6C - Frank Capra
  - 6D - Evelyn Peck
  - 6E – Kristine M. Smith
  - 6F - Tina Boggs
  - 6G - J. J. McFadden
  - 6H - Sister Mary Sarah
  - 6I - Gertraude B. Crabb
  - 6J - Lowell Salzman
  - 6K - Yaffa Eliach

6L - W. O. Pettiner

6M – Vance D. Bishop

Reel #2 – Documents 7A-7J, 07/09/1981 & 07/14/1981

7A - Jason Head

7B - Kimberly Wick

7C - Robert Tyson

7D – Robert Fryer

7E - Steve Peters

7F - Joseph R. Wilder

7G - Jay Stiener

7H - John O. Koehler

7I - John F. McIntyre, Jr.

7J - Robert A. Boehme

Reel #2 – Documents 8A-8U, 07/15/1981

8A - William F. Buckley, Jr.

8B - Jacob S. Richman

8C – Jon A. Kaufman

8D – Rita Healy

8E – William L. Bradley

8F – Austin Trimmer

8G - John R. Gelsinger, Sr.

8H - R. L. Prior

8I – Not used

8J - Matthew T. Beirl

8K - Leon J. Hart

8L - Patricia Mullany and Debra R. Gantt

8M - Neal Roetzler

8N - Paul and Marion Miller

8O - Victor H. Krulak

8P – Gordon C. Luce

8Q - Thomas S. Kelland

8R - Sam K. Farmer

8S - Pat O'Brien

8T – Thomas M. O'Brien

8U - Allen Drury

Reel #2 – Documents 9A-9P, 08/03/1981

9A - Mrs. Glen Hancock

9B - J. Neil Reagan

9C - Phil Regan

9D - Barney Oldfield

9E - Helen Hayes MacArthur

9F - Thomas A. Corcoran

9G - Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.

9H - Gary P. Harrell & Family

9I - Thomas Shea

9J - Courtney Sprague

- 9K - Alf Graham Taylor
- 9L - Pierre Elliott Trudeau
- 9M - Bud Flesher
- 9N - Hal Carlson
- 9O - Mrs. J. Graves
- 9P - Hal C. Pattison
- Reel # 3 – Documents 10A, 09/30/1981
  - 10A - Helen P. Miller
- Reel #3 – Documents 11A-11K
  - 11A – Penny Pullen
  - 11B - Edward Mills
  - 11C - Barney Oldfield
  - 11D - Joey Adams
  - 11E – Mr. & Mrs. John Otis Carney
  - 11F - Freeman Gosden
  - 11G - Joseph S. Kimmel, Jr.
  - 11H - William F. Buckley
  - 11I - Tony Lama
  - 11J - Thomas M. O'Brien (no copy in files)
  - 11K - Andrew DeLamater
- Reel #3 – Documents 12A-12O, 09/29/1981 & 10/02/1981
  - 12A – Leslie W. Teller
  - 12B - Thomas J. Van Etten
  - 12C – Mr. & Mrs. Don Gutleben
  - 12D - Alfred H. Kingon
  - 12E - George P. Wylly
  - 12F - Howard Richardson
  - 12G - James R. McGhee
  - 12H - Stephen I. Bloom
  - 12I – George R. Adam
  - 12J – David McCrystle
  - 12K - Sam and Bertha Sisco
  - 12L – Rabbi Edgar F. Magnin
  - 12M – Francis D. Hooks
  - 12N - Bill and Jean Thompson
  - 12O - Jerry C. McMillan
- Reel #3 – Documents 13A-13E, 09/28/1981 & 09/29/1981
  - 13A – Antonio L. Reed
  - 13B - Kenneth House
  - 13C – Jack Borden
  - 13D - William D. Joyce
  - 13E - Dorothy Neuse
- Reel #3 – Documents 14A-14G, 11/06/1981 & 11/10/1981
  - 14A – Thomas M. O'Brien
  - 14B - Lee Galles
  - 14C - Dick Freeling

- 14D – Ron Foster
- 14E - W. H. Hoyerman
- 14F - Sandy Loftis
- 14G - Richard Keene
- Reel #3 – Documents 15A-15D, 11/12/1981
  - 15A – King Hussein
  - 15B – James D’Agostino
  - 15C - Patricia Geadelmann
  - 15 D - Roy M. Brewer
- Reel #3 – Documents 16A-16D, 11/23/1981
  - 16A – Bill and Jean Thompson
  - 16B – Caroline Redebaugh
  - 16C - Paul Browne
  - 16D - Michele Karns (no copy in files)
- Reel #4 – Documents 17A-17G, 12/01/1981
  - 17A – Mr. & Mrs. Edward Dean
  - 17B - Iona W. Lott
  - 17C - Robert C. Brother, Jr.
  - 17D - Gerald Austin
  - 17E - Selena J. Williams
  - 17F - Fred J. Penfold, Jr.
  - 17G - Lola Falana
- Reel #4 – Documents 18A-18AA, 12/01/1981
  - 18A – John V. Russell
  - 18B - John Ference
  - 18C - Thomas Erdevig
  - 18D - Dorothy L. Lindner
  - 18E - H. D. Harpold
  - 18F - John C. West
  - 18G - Robert G. Little, Jr.
  - 18H - George C. Werner, III
  - 18I - Stephen A. Kaufman
  - 18J - David L. Wood
  - 18K - Janusz Maziarski
  - 18L - John A. Masters
  - 18M – Mrs. Greydon B. Held
  - 18N - Gifford C. Ewing
  - 18O - John J. Bunce, Jr.
  - 18P - H. Gardner Anderson
  - 18Q - William H. Costine
  - 18R - Joyce Perry
  - 18S - Robert Weyres
  - 18T - Robert C. Vatcher
  - 18U - David Hart
  - 18V - Homer R. Ayers
  - 18W - Stephen D. Fromang

18X - Gregg Calkins  
18Y - Ruben Betancourt  
18Z - Maurice W. Phillips  
18AA - Mrs. Bill Casey

Reel #4 – Documents 19A-19D, 12/03/1981

19A – Larry Speakes, re: Author writing about Barbara Stanwyck  
19B - Daniel Patrick Moynihan (no copy in files)  
19C - Austra Puzinas  
19D - Paul Dante

Reel #4 – Documents 20A-20P, 02/02/1982

20A - George Champion  
20B - Bill Buckley  
20C - George P. Shultz  
20D - Bill and Jean Thompson  
20E - Mrs. Marjorie Turner  
20F - Barney Oldfield  
20G - Victor Krulak  
20H – Mr. & Mrs. Pete Hannaford  
20I – Mrs. Joshua Logan  
20J - Mrs. Sid Brodie (Francie)  
20K – Mr. & Mrs. Leon Ames  
20L - Henry Morgenthau III  
20M - Light Thompson  
20N - Earle Doud  
20O - Lewis Rosenstiel  
20P - Mrs. James L. Dixon (Jeane)

Reel #5 – Documents 21A-21P, 02/04/1982, 02/05/1982, 02/10/1982 & 02/11/1982 (1)

21A - Sam and Bertha Sisco  
21B - Mrs. George Randolph Hearst, Sr. (Rosalie)  
21C – Sam Harrod, III  
21D - Freddie L. Freeman  
21E - Kenneth V. Kettlewell  
21F - David E. Richardson  
21G - Petre Teodorescu  
21H - Thomas R. Macchia  
21I – Alan S. Quarterman  
21J – Thatcher Family  
21K – Howard R. Hindman

Reel #5 – Documents 21A-21P, 02/04/1982, 02/05/1982, 02/10/1982 & 02/11/1982 (2)

21L – Mr. & Mrs. Richard Stetson  
21M - Alfred H. Kingon  
21N – Lorena Nidorf  
21O – Kevin Weyl  
21P – Mrs. Maureen Cesarz

Reel #5 – Documents 22A-22S, 02/10/1982 & 02/18/1982 (1)

22A – Mr. & Mrs. Jack Wrather

- 22B – Earle & Marion Jorgensen
- 22C – Mr. & Mrs. A. C. Lyles
- 22D – Mr. & Mrs. Robert Adams
- 22E - Norman Sprague
- 22F – Mr. & Mrs. Armand Deutsch
- 22G – Mr. & Mrs. Prentis Cobb Hale
- 22H – Mr. & Mrs. Ray Stark
- 22I – Mr. and Mrs. Drew Lewis
- 22J - John Musante
- 22K - Elsa Sandstrom
- 22L - Lynn Knights
- 22M – Mr. & Mrs. Tom Jones
- Reel #5 – Documents 22A-22S, 02/10/1982 & 02/18/1982 (2)
  - 22N - Mary Roebing
  - 22O - Mrs. Clayton Fritchey (Polly)
  - 22P - George Murphy
  - 22Q – Mr. & Mrs. Mike Cowles
  - 22R – Mr. & Mrs. Sonny Werblin
  - 22S – Mr. & Mrs. Walter Annenberg
- Reel #5 – Documents 23A-23J, 02/22/1982 & 02/23/1982
  - 23A - Mrs. Charles R. Ray
  - 23B - Danny Moore
  - 23C – Mr. & Mrs. Otis Carney
  - 23D - W. F. Egner
  - 23E - Lewis E. Lehrman
  - 23F - Kenneth V. Kettlewell
  - 23G - Paul Trousdale
  - 23H - Hope Hinds
  - 23I - Thomas M. O'Brien
  - 23J - Earle M. Jorgensen
- Reel #6 – Documents 24A-24D, 08/03/1981
  - 24A – Mr & Mrs. J. Neil Reagan
  - 24B – Mrs. Marie Craven
  - 24C - Betty Ryals
  - 24 D - Harold O. J. Brown
- Reel #6 – Documents 25A-25R, 10/16/1981 & 10/20/1981
  - 25A - Fred A Lennon
  - 25B - William Buckley, Jr.
  - 25C - George C. Gentry
  - 25D - Mike Dickerson
  - 25E - Meredith House
  - 25F - Walter Davis III
  - 25G - David C. Boston
  - 25H - Eugene O. Perkins
  - 25I - Mary O'Connell
  - 25J - Bryan M. Sennett

25K – Samuel B. Chelmer, Jr.  
25L - R. M. Schnarr  
25M - Thomas L. Miner  
25N - Betty Loy  
25O – Mr & Mrs. Israel Kirshenbaum  
25P - Bill Rynecki  
25Q - Quenton R. Dawkins  
25R – Robin Dalmas