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SUMMARY INFORMATION

Repository

University of Mississippi Libraries

Creator - Collector

Urban, Pamela L.

Creator

West, Bill;

Creator

West, Brenda

Title

Robert F. Kennedy Speech Collection

ID

MUM01738

Date

18 March 1966

Extent

2.0 Items 1 cassette tape (Annex), 1 audio reel, transcript, ; Digital surrogate [available online](#).

General Physical Description note

1 cassette tape, 1 audio reel, transcript, and digital surrogate.

Abstract

The collection consists of a recording of Robert F. Kennedy's 18 March 1966 address on the University of Mississippi campus.

Preferred Citation

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HISTORICAL NOTE

Robert F. Kennedy played a pivotal role in the history of the University of Mississippi. As U.S. Attorney General, he directed the U.S. Marshals to accompany James H. Meredith on campus in 1962 as Meredith became the first African American to register at the state's flagship institution. After rioters attacked the Marshals, President John F. Kennedy ordered in federal troops to restore order.

In 1966, U.S. Senator Robert F. Kennedy accepted an invitation from the Speaker's Bureau of the University of Mississippi Law School to address the students. Although protests preceded the event, Kennedy's speech before a crowd of 6,000 proved successful, generating much good will and enthusiasm.

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection consists of a recording of Robert F. Kennedy's address at the University of Mississippi on 18 March 1966. Kennedy's introduction is by the Speaker's Bureau chairman, Ed Ellington. Kennedy discusses Mississippi and the American South, civil rights, education, labor, foreign relations, the youth movement, and volunteerism.

The recording of Robert F. Kennedy's 1966 address on the University of Mississippi campus, as well as a transcript, is available as an [online digital collection](#).

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ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Publication Information

University of Mississippi Libraries

Revision Description

Ivey, Susan 2015

Access Restrictions

The collection is open to researchers. Audio files and transcripts are available as a [digital collection](#).

Copyright Restrictions

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Additions

No further additions are expected to this collection.

Acquisition Information

Bill and Brenda West donated the original cassette recording of the Robert F. Kennedy speech to the University of Mississippi in February 2010. Pamela L. Urban gave the original audio reel recording of the speech in May 2014. Gene Dattel provided the transcript in February 2015.

Processing Information

University of Mississippi Media & Documentary Projects digitized the original cassette recording. Political Papers Archivist Leigh McWhite reviewed the recording to compile content descriptions.=

The digitization and preservation of the recordings in this collection is the result of a project supported in part by a grant from the [Institute of Museum and Library Services](#). Any views, findings, conclusions, or recommendations expressed on this website do not necessarily represent those of the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Since the content on audio reel donated in 2014 is the same as the cassette, the surrogate in the digital recording is still based on the cassette.

Alternative Formats

The cassette has been digitized and made [available online](#).

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RELATED MATERIALS

Resources at the University of Mississippi

Further information about Robert F. Kennedy and his relationship with the University of Mississippi is available in the Archives & Special Collections:

[Russell H. Barrett Collection](#). Papers of a UM political science professor. Includes a typed letter from Barrett regarding Kennedy's visit to campus.

[William Doyle Collection](#). Box 8, Folder 1 contains information related to Robert F. Kennedy during the 1962 integration of the University of Mississippi.

[James O. Eastland Collection](#). Eastland represented Mississippi in the U.S. Senate in 1941 and from 1943 to 1978. Includes correspondence and other material on Kennedy.

[Fortieth Anniversary Symposium and Observance of the Integration of University of Mississippi](#). Collection composed of exhibit material and recordings of a symposium and ceremony held by the Department of Justice in Washington, DC on 15 July 2003 to commemorate the role of the U.S. Marshals Service. Several items related to Kennedy.

[James H. Meredith Collection](#). Include Robert F. Kennedy correspondence.

[George M. Street Collection](#). Papers of a university administrator. Box 19 includes two files on Kennedy's 1966 speech on campus.

[University of Mississippi Small Manuscripts/Speakers & Speeches](#). Box 1 contains a transcript of Kennedy's 1966 speech.

[Western Union Telegram Collection](#). Includes several telegrams regarding Robert F. Kennedy during the 1962 integration of the University of Mississippi.

[J.D. Williams Collection](#). Records of the Chancellor of the University of Mississippi. Includes material on the 1962 integration crisis and the 1966 Kennedy speech on campus (Box 12).

Kennedy Commencement Address. University, MS: 2004, 1978. DVD transfer of a 1978 VHS tape of U.S. Senator Edward M. Kennedy's address to the graduating class of the University of Mississippi on May 14, 1978. Call Number: [LD3417.2 1978b](#).

For other politically-related holdings at the Archives & Special Collections, see the [Politics & Government Subject Guide](#).

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Corporate Name(s)

- University of Mississippi -- History

Format(s)

- audiocassettes
- magnetic tapes
- MP3
- WAVE (format)

Personal Name(s)

- Kennedy, Robert F., 1925-1968

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COLLECTION INVENTORY

1 Audio cassette

2 Audio reel-to-reel recording

3 Printed transcript
