Guide to the Rosamond Martin Collection ARS.0029

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Hall Martin Collection
Dates: 1936-1972
Collection number: ARS.0029
Collection size: 1 box: 28 tapes (26 7" reels; 2 5" reels)
Repository: Archive of Recorded Sound

Abstract: The Hall Martin Collection consists of open reel tapes associated with Stanford's Speech and Drama Department, and features recordings of iconic speeches from 20th century political and historical figures, as well as proceedings from the 1961 Northwest Drama Conference held at Stanford.

Language of Material: English

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Source
The Hall Martin Collection was donated to the Stanford Archive of Recorded Sound by Rosamond Martin in 1994.

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This finding aid was produced with generous financial support from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission.

Scope and Contents
The Hall Martin Collection consists of open reel tape recordings of iconic speeches from 20th century political and historical figures, particularly Richard Nixon and John F. Kennedy. The tapes were recorded from radio and television broadcasts, as well as a few recordings, by Hall Martin (B.A. 1935, M.A. 1950), an instructor and assistant professor in Stanford's Speech and Drama Department from 1955 to 1963. These tapes were likely made available for study by students; in fact a speech by President Truman is identified as being an example of poor public speaking.

The collection also includes proceedings from the 1961 Northwest Drama Conference at Stanford. Martin was involved in the planning and staging of the conference, and he obtained Delmar Daves, a Hollywood producer and Stanford graduate, as keynote speaker. Actors Jack Lemmon and John Kerr were also participants. The Northwest Drama Conference is an annual academic theatre conference founded in 1948 and includes participants from Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Alaska, Nevada, Western Montana, and Northern California. The conference was hosted by Stanford from February 9th-11th, 1961, with the theme being "American Theatre: The Challenge of the Surging Sixties."

Many tapes have unrelated content on the same reel. Refer below for the most complete view of tape contents.

Indexing Terms
Martin, Hall
Stanford University. Dept. of Drama.
Speeches, addresses, etc.

Box 1

Tom Dooley

Physical Description: 1 5" open reel tape

Scope and Contents
Speech from Dr. Thomas A. Dooley, delivered in Marin County on a fundraising trip in the 1960s.
Box 1  **Duke of Windsor "Women I Love" / Lindbergh flight**  
Physical Description: 1 7" open reel tape  
Scope and Contents  
Duke of Windsor "Woman I Love" Speech [1936] ; George Il Speech to Soldiers, Christmas 1941 ; Funeral of George III with Oration by Olivier ; Charles Lindbergh's Flight Across The Atlantic

Box 1  **Kennedy Assassination (Nov. 22-27, 1963) 1963-11**  
Physical Description: 8 7" open reel tapes  
Scope and Contents  
Appears to be radio broadcasts, including news, interviews and commentary (at least some local: one tape mentions a Stanford-UC game postponement).

Box 1  **Martin Luther King Speech at Stanford University**  
Physical Description: 1 7" open reel tape  
Scope and Contents  
King at Stanford [from April 14, 1967, speech titled "The Other America"]. Broadcast at KQED 4/68 Following his Assassination, Includes Introductory Remarks ; "Hollywood, The Fabulous Era," Narrated by Henry Fonda ; Radio Broadcast of Nixon's Visit to China, 2/1972 (poor quality) ; Unidentified Lecture

Box 1  **MacArthur, Truman Speeches**  
Physical Description: 1 7" open reel tape  
Scope and Contents  
General MacArthur Speech before Congress, Following Recall from Asia by Truman 4/17/51 ; President Truman Inaugural Address 1/20/49 (A Good Example of Poor Speaking)

Box 1  **Nixon-Kennedy debates**  
Physical Description: 4 7" open reel tapes  
Scope and Contents  
Probably from radio or television sources. Tapes also contain unrelated content, such as Fred Astaire musical excerpts, Ike's "Farewell Address" 1/17/61 [President Dwight Eisenhower], and "Flooding the Past - University Explorer."

Box 1  **Nixon "Checkers" Speech ; Adlai Stevenson 1960**  
Physical Description: 1 7" open reel tape  
Scope and Contents  
Senator Nixon, Defense against his $18,000 Campaign Fund 9/23/52 ; Adlai Stevenson "Vs. Republican Record" 10/18/60

Box 1  **Nixon Concession, Death of Eleanor Roosevelt 1962-11**  
Physical Description: 1 7" open reel tape  
Scope and Contents  
Nixon-Brown campaign 11/5/62 ; Nixon's defeat speech 11/6/62 ; Mrs. Roosevelt Death 11/6-7/62 ; Biography - Clarence Darrow ; Morgan: comparison of Mrs. Roosevelt and Robert Nixon ; Tribute to Mrs. Roosevelt 11/8/62
Box 1

Northwest Drama Conference at Stanford 1961-02

Physical Description: 10 open reel tapes: 9 7" reels; 1 5" reel

Scope and Contents

Includes recordings from morning greet period; luncheon; Francis Reid, Philip Bounnett, Jack Lemmon 2/10/61; Jack Lemmon Interview; Delmar Daves 1-4. Tapes also include the following: John F. Kennedy speeches, Paris 6/1/61, Bay of Pigs 4/20/61; First American Space Flight 5/8/61; Coolidge on Lindbergh.

Subjects and Indexing Terms

Northwest Drama Conference.