Guide to the Nixon Presidential Photograph Collection

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Nixon Presidential Photograph Collection

Dates: 1969-1972

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Collection Size: 1.5 linear feet (5 oversize boxes).

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Abstract: Mounted prints taken by official White House photographers; given to Mrs. [?] Firestone, mother of Brooks Firestone, and prominent Republican supporter.


Languages: English

Access Restrictions
None. Collection is stored off-site; advance notice required for retrieval.

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Acquisition Information
Gift of Brooks Firestone, via UCSB History Department, 2007.

Scope and Content Notes
This collection, donated by Brooks Firestone, is comprised of official White House photographic prints, primarily taken by Ollie Atkins, the Official White House Photographer during the Nixon administration. The collection includes over 50 large format prints with matching descriptions, as well as two medium size photograph collections focusing on his daughter Tricia's wedding at the White House Rose Garden in June 1971 and on Nixon's trip to China in February of 1972 in which he met Chairman Mao Zedong and other Chinese officials.

Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.
Atkins, Oliver F., 1916-1977

Related Material
Original prints, slides, and negatives of Ollie Atkins’ photographs are located in the Special Collections & Archives Department at George Mason University: Many of the prints in this collection have been digitized by GMU and are available here: [http://www.gmu.edu/library/specialcollections/ollie1.html](http://www.gmu.edu/library/specialcollections/ollie1.html).

Researchers looking for information and additional photographs about President Nixon may want to contact the Nixon Presidential Library and Museum: [http://www.nixonlibrary.gov/](http://www.nixonlibrary.gov/).

### Numbered Series

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Incomplete

**Box 1**


10. The President converses with Chancellor Willy Brandt of Germany in the Green Room at the White House, May 14, 1969.


12. The President meets with David Lupi, the Hearing and Speech Poster Child, Apr. 24, 1969.

15. The President throws out the first ball at opening day, Apr. 7.

17. Duke Ellington looks on as the President takes a turn at the piano.

23. Presidential motorcade with President Nixon and President Diaz Ordaz of Mexico; San Diego, California, Sep. 9, 1970.

**Box 2**

28. Tricia and friends attend a masked party at the White House.


37. President Nixon stops along roadside to watch horsemen work out during visit to Ireland, Oct. 5, 1970.

47. President Nixon walks with Prime Minister Heath at the Presidential retreat, Camp David, Maryland, Dec. 18, 1970.

### Unnumbered Series

**Box 3: 1**

Tricia Nixon’s wedding at the White House, June 12, 1971 (15 photographs, see box 4 for one additional oversize photograph)

**Box 3: 2**

Nixon in China, Feb. 21-28, 1972 (8 photographs, see box 5 for one additional one oversize photograph)

**Box 3: 3**

“Special Photographic Report on Recent Activities of the President and the First Family,” April 5, 1974. (41 photographs plus 1 form letter from O. Atkins)

**Box 3: 4**

Portrait of President Nixon; Portrait of President and Mrs. Nixon; photograph of Mrs. Nixon, Mrs. Ford, Queen Fabiola of Belgium, and one unidentified woman

**Box 4**

Miscellaneous images of President Nixon, the First Family, and the White House, May 14, 1969-July 18, 1971 (9 photographs)

**Box 5**

Miscellaneous images of President Nixon, the First Family, and the White House, Aug. 6, 1971-May 24, 1972 (8 photographs)

**Box 5**

Miscellaneous images of President Nixon, the First Family, and the White House, undated. (3 photographs)