

Richard Nixon Presidential Library Resources for the Kent State University Shootings

Textual Materials

WHITE HOUSE CENTRAL FILES (WHCF): SUBJECT FILES

- FG (Federal Government-Organizations): FG 288 Commission on Campus Unrest: box 1
<https://www.nixonlibrary.gov/finding-aids/fg-288-presidents-commission-campus-unrest-white-house-central-files-subject-files>
- HU (Human Rights)
<https://www.nixonlibrary.gov/finding-aids/hu-human-rights-white-house-central-files-subject-files>
 - HU 3-1 Civil Disturbances: boxes 24 and 28
 - HU 3-1/LG/Kent Civil Disturbances-Riots/Local Governments: boxes 32, 36-37
 - HU 3-2 Campus Disturbances: box 37
- ND (National Security-Defense)
<https://www.nixonlibrary.gov/finding-aids/nd-national-security-defense-white-house-central-files-subject-files>
 - ND 12 Reserve Forces and National Guard: boxes 96-97
- ST (States)
<https://www.nixonlibrary.gov/index.php/finding-aids/st-states-territories-white-house-central-files-subject-files>
 - ST 35 Ohio: box 14

WHCF: ALPHABETICAL NAME FILES

- Box 101, Kent State University
<https://www.nixonlibrary.gov/finding-aids/alphabetical-name-files-white-house-central-files>

WHCF: STAFF MEMBER AND OFFICE FILES (SMOF)

- Robert H. Finch
<https://www.nixonlibrary.gov/finding-aids/robert-h-finch-white-house-central-files-staff-member-and-office-files>

- Box 27, Special Report - The Kent State Tragedy
- Leonard Garment
<https://www.nixonlibrary.gov/finding-aids/leonard-garment-white-house-central-files-staff-member-and-office-files>
 - Box 28, Kent State Students - March 6, 1974
 - Box 120, Kent State (1973)
 - Box 150-151, Student & Campus Unrest (3 folders)
- Bradley H. Patterson
<https://www.nixonlibrary.gov/finding-aids/bradley-h-patterson-jr-white-house-central-files-staff-member-and-office-files>
 - Box 45, Kent State (3 folders)
- Charles B. “Bud” Wilkinson
<https://www.nixonlibrary.gov/finding-aids/charles-b-bud-wilkinson-white-house-central-files-staff-member-and-office-files>
 - Box 63, Special Report: The Kent State Tragedy

WHITE HOUSE SPECIAL FILES (WHSF): SMOF

- John W. Dean, III
<https://www.nixonlibrary.gov/finding-aids/john-w-dean-iii-white-house-special-files-staff-member-and-office-files>
 - Box 17, Campus Disorder (6 folders)
 - Box 49, Kent State (2 folders)
- Harry R. Haldeman
<https://www.nixonlibrary.gov/index.php/finding-aids/harry-r-haldeman-white-house-special-files-staff-member-and-office-files>
 - New box 14, [The President’s Commission on Campus Unrest] (6 folders)
 - New boxes 34, H Notes April-June '70 [April 1-May 5, 1970] Part I (5 folders)
 - 5/4/70
 - New boxes 34-35, H Notes April-June '70 [May 6-June 30, 1970] Part II (8 folders)
 - 5/6/70
 - New box 35, H Notes July-September '70 [July-Aug. 6, 1970] Part I (5 folders)
 - [8/70]

- New box 35, H Notes July-September '70 [Aug. 6-Sept. 30, 1970] Part II (8 folders)
 - [8/70]
 - 9/24/70
 - 9/26/70
 - New boxes 35-36, H Notes October-December '70 [Oct. 1-Nov. 9, 1970] Part I (7 folders)
 - 10/16/70
 - 10/17/70
 - 10/30/70
 - New box 36, H Notes Jan-March '71 [Jan. 1, 1971 to Feb. 15, 1971] Part I (5 folders)
 - 1/28/71
 - New box 106, John Dean, April 1972 (2 folders)
 - New box 167, Student Unrest (3 folders)
 - Old box 252, Higby Notes-Chron May 1970
- Egil “Bud” Krogh
 - <https://www.nixonlibrary.gov/index.php/finding-aids/egil-krogh-white-house-special-files-staff-member-and-office-files>
 - Box 55, Special Report-The Kent State Tragedy [1970]
 - President’s Office Files (POF)
 - <https://www.nixonlibrary.gov/index.php/finding-aids/presidents-office-files-white-house-special-files-staff-member-and-office-files>
 - President’s Handwriting
 - Box 8, November 1970 (4 folders)
 - 11/24/70
 - Annotated News Summaries
 - Box 29, December 1970 (2 folders)
 - 12/1/70
 - 12/7/70
 - Box 29, January 1970
 - 1/29/71
 - Box 31, October 13-20, 1971 (4 folders)
 - 10/14/71
 - Box 32, November 16-23, 1971 (3 folders)
 - 11/18/71
 - Box 45, August 1973 (2 folders)
 - 8/6/73
 - President’s Meeting File, 1969-1974
 - Box 77, Memoranda for the President--Beginning May 3, 1970
 - Box 77, Memoranda for the President--Beginning May 17, 1970

- Box 77, Memoranda for the President--Beginning June 14, 1970 (2 folders)
 - Box 77, Memoranda for the President--Beginning June 21, 1970
 - Box 79, Memoranda for the President--Beginning September 20, 1970 (2 folders)
 - Box 82, Memoranda for the President--Beginning August 8, 1971 (2 folders)
- President's Personal Files (PPF)
 - <https://www.nixonlibrary.gov/finding-aids/presidents-personal-file-white-house-special-files-staff-member-and-office-files>
 - Name/Subject File
 - Box 6, Campus Disorders
 - Box 10, Kent State University Students
 - Speech Files
 - Box 59, May 8, 1970, Press Conferences
- Ronald L. Ziegler
 - <https://www.nixonlibrary.gov/index.php/finding-aids/ronald-l-ziegler-white-house-special-files-staff-member-and-office-files>
 - Box 4, [Kent State 1972]

WHSF: SUBJECT FILES

- Confidential Files
 - <https://www.nixonlibrary.gov/finding-aids/subject-files-white-house-special-files>
 - Box 26, FG 288 President's Commission on Campus Unrest
 - Box 36, HU 3-1
- Oversize Attachments
 - Box 10-11, CFOA 177: FG 288, Kent State Commission

NATIONAL SECURITY

- Kissinger Telephone Conversation Transcriptions (HAK Telecon)
 - <https://www.nixonlibrary.gov/finding-aids/kissinger-telephone-conversation-transcripts>
 - Box 5, May 1-5, 1970
 - Haldeman and Kissinger
1:42 pm, 5/4/70
 - Zeigler and Kissinger

- 4: 47 pm, 5/4/70
 - The President and Kissinger
 - 8:20 pm, 5/4/70
 - Kissinger and John Ehrlichman
 - 7:53 pm, 5/5/70
- Box 5, May 6-9, 1970
 - Makowitz, Braden, and Kissinger
 - 3:20 pm, 5/7/70
 - Norman Cousins and Kissinger
 - 6:10 pm, 5/7/70
- Box 5, May 10-20, 1970
 - Kissinger and Under Secretary Richardson
 - 11:22 p.m., 5/18/70
- Box 5, May 21-31, 1970
 - Kissinger and President
 - 6:20 pm, 5/22/70

MATERIALS GOVERNED BY DEED OF GIFT: GENERAL DONATIONS

- Oral Histories
 - <https://www.nixonlibrary.gov/oral-histories>
 - Stephen Bull
 - Alexander Butterfield
 - Dwight Chapin
 - Richard Cheney
 - Daniel Ellsberg
 - Ed Harper
 - Tom Charles Huston
 - Bobbie Kilberg
 - Herbert G. Klein
 - Egil “Bud” Krogh
 - John Lehman
 - Jeb Stuart Magruder
 - Rob Odle
 - Bradley Patterson
 - Raymond Price
 - Malcolm Roberts
- H.R. Haldeman Diaries
 - <https://www.nixonlibrary.gov/h-r-haldeman-diaries>
 - 5/4/70
 - 5/5/70
 - 5/6/70

- 5/7/70
- 5/12/70
- 5/13/70
- 7/24/70
- 10/16/70
- 10/17/70
- 1/28/71

WHITE HOUSE TAPES

Kent State University is mentioned in the following conversations:

CAB 55-1, April 20, 1971
 EOB 245-2, April 6, 1971
 EOB 281-26, October 12, 1971
 EOB 333-8, April 26, 1972
 EOB 334-2, April 25, 1972
 EOB 338-34, May 9, 1972
 EOB 339-3, May 15, 1972
 OVAL 466-12, March 11, 1971
 OVAL 492-4, May 5, 1971
 OVAL 558-3, August 9, 1971
 OVAL 561-4, August 11, 1971
 OVAL 571-10, September 13, 1971
 OVAL 587-7, October 8, 1971
 OVAL 621-33, November 22, 1971
 OVAL 683-7, March 13, 1972
 OVAL 703-6, April 5, 1972
 OVAL 720-19, May 5, 1972

Audiovisual Materials

VIDEO COLLECTIONS

- White House Communications Agency (WHCA) Video Collection
<https://www.nixonlibrary.gov/sites/default/files/2020-02/nixon-library-whca-video-complete-20200211.pdf>
 - File/ID: WHCA 3712
 Title/Event: Weekly News Summary/Excerpts of evening network news broadcasts
 Date: 5/9/70; 5/3/70 - 5/8/70
 - File/ID: WHCA 3755
 Title/Event: Weekly News Summary/Excerpts of evening network news broadcasts

- Date: 6/20/70; 6/13/70 - 6/18/70
- File/ID: WHCA 3796
Title/Event: Weekly News Summary/Excerpts of evening network news broadcasts
- Date: 7/18/70; 7/16/70 - 7/17/70
- File/ID: WHCA 3821
Title/Event: Weekly News Summary/Excerpts of evening network news broadcasts
- Date: 8/22/70; 8/15/70 - 8/19/70
- File/ID: WHCA 3822
Title/Event: Weekly News Summary-Tape II/Excerpts of evening network news broadcasts
- Date: 8/22/70; 8/21/70 - 8/22/70
- File/ID: WHCA 3883
Title/Event: Weekly News Summary-Tape I/Excerpts of evening network news broadcasts
- Date: 10/3/70; 9/26/70 - 9/27/70
- File/ID: WHCA 3907
Title/Event: Weekly News Summary-Tape II/Excerpts of evening network news broadcasts
- Date: 10/17/70; 10/14/70 - 10/16/70
- File/ID: WHCA 3918
Title/Event: Weekly News Summary-Tape I/Excerpts of evening network news broadcasts
- Date: 10/24/70; 10/17/70
- File/ID: WHCA 3919
Title/Event: Weekly News Summary-Tape II/Excerpts of evening network news broadcasts
- Date: 10/24/70; 10/22/70 - 10/22/70
- File/ID: WHCA 3983
Title/Event: Weekly News Summary/Excerpts of evening network news broadcasts
- Date: 11/14/70; 11/7/70 - 11/13/70
- File/ID: WHCA 4545
Title/Event: Weekly News Summary-Tape II/Excerpts of evening network news broadcasts
- Date: 7/22/71; 7/19/71 - 7/22/71
- File/ID: WHCA 5337
Title/Event: Weekly News Summary-Tape IV/Excerpts of evening network news broadcasts
- Date: 5/4/72; 5/4/72
- File/ID: WHCA 6482
Title/Event: Weekly News Summary-Tape I/Excerpts of evening network news broadcasts
- Date: 8/9/73; 8/3/73 - 8/6/73

- File/ID: WHCA 6858
Title/Event: Weekly News Summary-Tape III/Excerpts of evening network news broadcasts
Date: 3/31/74; 3/28/74 - 3/29/74
- File/ID: WHCA 6875
Title/Event: Weekly News Summary-Tape II/Excerpts of evening network news broadcasts
Date: 4/7/74; 4/3/74 - 4/5/74
- Main Video File (MVF) Collection
<https://www.nixonlibrary.gov/sites/default/files/2018-08/mvf-complete-20180806.pdf>
 - File/ID: MVF-138
Title/Event: ABC News Closeup: "45/85"
Subject: The program covers the 1961-75 period on topics including Kent State
Date: 9/18/85
Producer: ABC
Restriction(s): Copyright
Program Time: 54:00
Remarks: ¾ inch U-Matic videotape

PHOTOGRAPHIC COLLECTIONS

- White House Photo Office (WHPO) Collection
https://www.nixonlibrary.gov/sites/default/files/2018-10/whpo-complete-20181001_1.pdf
 - Roll Number: 3472
No. of Images: 8
Color/B&W: B&W
Date: 5/6/70
Event: President Nixon meeting with Kent State University students
Participants: Nixon, H.R. Haldeman, John Ehrlichman, William Stanton, Ronald Ziegler, Thomas Rall, Tom Brumbach, Richard Cutler, Don Grant, Dean Powell, Don Tretinik, Sam Trezo
Frames Selected: All frames

Additional Resources

PUBLIC PAPERS OF THE PRESIDENT

- American Presidency Project
<https://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/people/president/richard-nixon>

- Statement on the Deaths of Four Students at Kent State University, Kent, Ohio, May 4, 1970
- The President's News Conference, May 8, 1970
- Statement on Establishing the President's Commission on Campus Unrest, June 13, 1970
- "A Conversation with the President," Interview with Four Representatives of the Television Networks, January 4, 1971

PUBLISHED MATERIALS

- Nixon, Richard M. *RN: The Memoirs of Richard M. Nixon*. New York: Grosset and Dunlap, 1978

WEBSITES

- Kent State University Shootings May 4 Collection
<https://www.library.kent.edu/special-collections-and-archives/kent-state-shootings-may-4-collection>
- FBI Records: Kent State Shooting
<https://vault.fbi.gov/kent-state-shooting>