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An Inventory of the Invitations

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OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

Creator:	Vice President.
Title:	Invitations,
Dates:	1977-1980.
Abstract:	Invitations to social and political events in the Washington, D.C. area that were accepted by Mondale during his term as Vice President.
Quantity:	0.9 cu. ft. (1 box).
Location:	154.I.17.2F

SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE FILES

Invitations to social and political events in the Washington, D.C., area that were accepted by Mondale during his four years as Vice President, 1977-1980. (Information about non-Washington events can be found in the Central Trip Files).

Eleven folders of accepted invitations include the invitation and comments from Mondale's staff concerning the type of event, tone or topic of the speech (if one is requested), timeline, an occasional list of guests, and other comments. Most accepted invitations appear to be for social events and dinners with politicians, foreign ambassadors, and heads of state; fund-raisers or testimonials for members of Congress; and appearances before groups sharing the Democratic political agenda, especially labor and civil rights organizations.

Five folders of personal regretted invitations include the invitation letter and a response from Mondale or one of his staff, usually saying another engagement prevents Mondale's attendance. Many of the responses include a statement by Mondale about the honoree or event; hence the Mondale office's label "personal regrets" for this file. While there are a few genuinely personal invitations in these five folders, most are political and the invitation was tendered because Mondale was the Vice President.

One folder of sample regretted invitations was retained, because the requests were unusual or as possible display items. They include a letter from a six-year-old from Dubuque, Iowa, who hopes to meet Mondale and shake his hand. Another boy invites Mr. and Mrs. Mondale to his bar mitzvah, after first having asked President Carter, and expresses disappointment at getting a form letter rejection. In another letter, a Duluth, Minnesota, tailor writes about his dream that the Vice President visited his shop and ordered a suit. He invites Mondale to visit on his next trip to Duluth.

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Appraisal note: All other regretted invitations (ca. 15 cubic feet) received a form letter response, and have been discarded. The 1979 NARA survey of Mondale papers states that responses are duplicated in the Central Files.

Provenance note: Originally Scheduling Office box 742, with a few selections from boxes 727-741.