

ask him  
What your country is going to do  
for you - ask what you can do  
for your country - my fellow

# The Archives

OF THE JOHN F. KENNEDY  
PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

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was free and strong of heart  
and will that we seek for  
you. ~~That~~ ~~alliance~~ for  
~~peace~~ ~~to~~ ~~progress~~ will be forged

IT  
**AMERICA**  
**Elects**  
**a**  
**CATHOLIC**  
**President**



Campaign brochure, 1960

Kennedy brothers, 1963

Senator Kennedy in Ohio, 1960

"Ich bin ein berliner"  
pronunciation card, 1963

Telegram to President Kennedy  
about nuclear testing, 1962



*Ich bin ein Berliner*  
*Lewis Romanus Sum*  
*Lust z haet Beerlin comen*

*AFC 8905*  
*3/19/62*  
*RFAS*

The White House  
Washington

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

WE WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORT YOU IN RESUMING NUCLEAR TESTING

MR AND MRS ROBERT FERRI/83 HIGHVIEW AVE/TUCKAHOE NY.

"In the Archives Building here in Washington you have probably seen the phrase "What is past is prologue," and your ability to guard and make possible the interpretation of the past I think will ensure a stronger future...There is no sense in having the papers of the past beautifully kept unless they have an impact on the lives of our people."

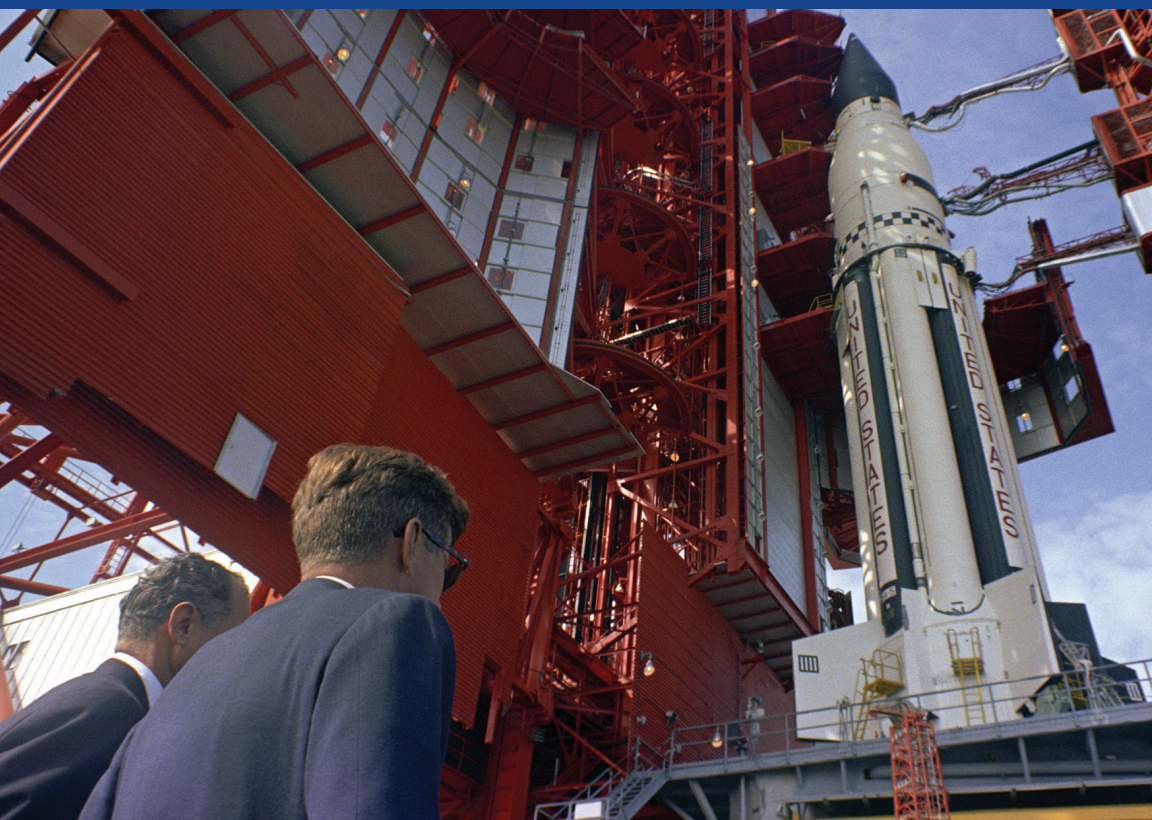
*Remarks by President Kennedy to a visiting group of Latin American Archivists*

"The freedom to search out and use the knowledge of the past is a great source of strength for our democratic institutions. Archivists serve our society by preserving and making available the detailed and accurate records which form our documentary heritage. From these records, we learn our history, evaluate our present, and plan for our future."

*Message from President Kennedy to the Society of American Archivists*

The Archives of the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library is responsible for acquiring, preserving, and providing access to original materials that document the life, political career, and times of John F. Kennedy, the 35<sup>th</sup> President of the United States.

The Archives holdings comprise approximately 24 million pages of documents, 517,000 photographic images, 15,200 sound recordings, 14,500 films and videos, and 2,500 oral history interviews.



President Kennedy at  
Cape Canaveral, 1963

Letter from Soviet Premier  
Nikita Khrushchev to  
President Kennedy  
on disarmament, 1962



In addition to the papers of John F. Kennedy, the Archives holds the papers and oral histories of Kennedy administration officials, staff, and associates and Returned Peace Corps Volunteers, as well as: public opinion mail; government agency records; political campaign collections; and Kennedy family collections. The Archives also holds the world's largest collection of Ernest Hemingway papers and photographs.

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Уважаемый г-н Президент,

Я внимательно ознакомился с Вашим посланием от 25 февраля с.г. Обдумав выдвигаемые Вами соображения относительно предстоящих переговоров в Комитете 18-ти государств по разоружению, я по-прежнему придерживаюсь убеждения, что личное участие наиболее ответственных государственных деятелей, особенно необходимо было бы на первой стадии, повторяю, - именно на первой стадии переговоров, когда определяется их направление и, следовательно, в немалой мере предрешается их исход.

# Topics highlighted in the collections

- Arts and culture
- Civil rights
- Cold War diplomacy
- Community organizing
- Domestic policy and programs
- Ernest Hemingway
- Foreign policy
- Immigration and refugee policy
- Intellectual disabilities
- JFK political career and presidency
- Kennedy family
- Nuclear weapons
- Peace Corps and international aid
- Political campaigns
- Space
- Treasury and economic policy
- Tributes and memorials
- Underrepresented communities
- White House restoration and social events
- World War II



Kennedy family  
in Hyannis Port, 1931



Cross-sectional diagram of  
White House, 1961 © WHHA



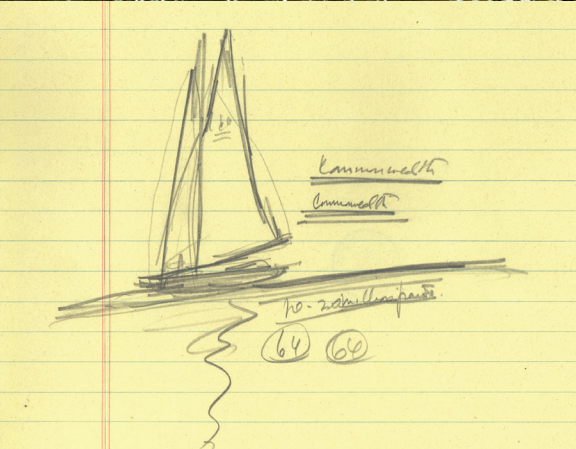
First Lady Jacqueline Kennedy  
in Mexico City, 1962



Ernest Hemingway passport,  
1923



Sailboat doodle by  
President Kennedy, 1962



Map of North and South  
America showing potential  
ranges of Soviet medium-range  
and intermediate-range ballistic  
missiles from Cuba, 1962

# Types of materials in the collections include:

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| Photographic images    | Journals, diaries, and notes |
| Sound recordings       | Scrapbooks and albums        |
| Moving images          | Correspondence and letters   |
| Oral histories         | Memos and reports            |
| Books and publications | Telegrams and cables         |
| Maps and charts        | Brochures and pamphlets      |
| Posters                | Ephemera                     |

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The March on Washington, 1963

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