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Mary Finch Hoyt Papers: A Guide to Her Papers at the Jimmy Carter Library

Collection Summary

Creator: Hoyt, Mary Finch, 1924-

Title: Mary Finch Hoyt Papers

Dates: 1977-1981

Quantity: 2 linear feet, 7 linear inches, 6 containers

Identification:

Accession Number: 03-01

National Archives Identifier: 1525352

Scope and Content:

This collection consist of correspondence, press releases, newspaper clippings, handwritten notes, memos, social office scheduling updates, trip reports, and press materials relating to the Carter family. The material relates to Mary Hoyt's role as Press Secretary to the First Lady. Topics include the scheduling and updating of social office events, releasing press information, memorandums regarding the Carter family, and other specific memorandums from Hoyt to Rosalynn Carter.

Creator Information: Mary Finch Hoyt

Mary Hoyt was born in 1924 in Visalia, California. She was the Director of Radio and Television for the Peace Corps from 1966-1968. In 1967, she was also Press Secretary to Mrs. Muskie (Vice Presidential campaign); and Press Secretary to Mrs. McGovern (Chicago Convention). Hoyt served as the Washington Bureau Chief for the Ladies Home Journal from 1969-1971. From 1971-1972, she was Press Secretary to Mrs. George McGovern (Presidential Campaign); and Press Secretary to Mrs. Edmund Muskie (Primary Campaign). She was an author and independent writer from 1972-1974. From 1974-1976, she was a partner in the public affairs consulting firm, McClure, Schultz and Hoyt, Inc., for non-profit clients. In 1976, she was hired as the campaign coordinator for Rosalynn Carter. She served as Press Secretary to Mrs. Carter during the Carter Administration, 1977-1981.

Restrictions:

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Related Material:

Related materials in this repository: First Lady Collection, Mary Hoyt’s Subject Files

Index Terms:

Limited to major topics under each category
Persons: Rosalynn Carter, Amy Carter

Organizations: Democratic National Convention

Subjects: Equal Rights Amendment, Mental Health

Places: Latin America Countries

Types of Material: Correspondences, memorandums, newspaper clippings, press releases, notes, and trip reports

Administrative Information:

Preferred citation: [Type of Document], [Names of Sender and Recipient or Title of Document], [Date], [Collection Title], [Series Title], [Folder Title], [Box Number], Jimmy Carter Presidential Library.

Acquisition information: These donated historical materials were received under provisions of the instrument of gift that Mary Finch Hoyt signed October 10, 2002.

Processing information: The first series of the collection was opened on September 18, 2007.

System of Arrangement:

The records of the Mary Finch Hoyt Papers contain one series:

Series Title	National Archives Identifier
Mary Hoyt’s Subject Files	1487578

Detailed Description of the Collection

[Mary Hoyt's Subject Files](#)

Scope and Content: Containers 1-6. This series was opened on August 14, 2007. This series consists of correspondence, press releases, memorandums, newspaper clippings, handwritten notes, and social office updates. Of special interest to researchers, this series contains Rosalynn Carter's reaction to the "Playboy" interview with Jimmy Carter, and written notes after President Carter's election loss. Other topics include the aged, mental health, Rosalynn's Latin American trip, and the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA). Arranged alphabetically by folder title.

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Mary Hoyt's Subject Files

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Carter, Amy and Carter Family - Press Memos, 6/76-12/92
Carter, Rosalynn - News Clippings
Carter, Rosalynn - Notes and News Clippings, 1977-1980
Communication with Mary Hoyt
Critics Clippings, 1979
Democratic National Convention, 1980
First Lady's Staff
First Ladies Conference - Sponsored by Mrs. Gerald Ford

Container 2

Guidance for White House Social Aides
House - Grounds, Staff, Art
Hoyt, Mary - Activities
Hoyt, Mary and Carter, Rosalynn - Activities
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Issues - 1978 - Mental Health, 10/76-7/78
Issues - 1980 - Debate Briefing Materials
Issues and Answers ABC News, 12/18/1977
Latin American Trip - Brazil, 6/77
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Latin American Trip - Costa Rica, 5/77-6/77
Latin American Trip - Ecuador, 5/77-6/77
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Latin American Trip - Overview and Press Clippings, 2/77-9/77

Container 3

Magazine Features
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Political Speeches, 1980
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Container 4

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Student Tribute to Rosalynn Carter, 5/80

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