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Richard Morefield Papers: A Guide to His Papers at the Jimmy Carter Library

Collection Summary

Creator: Morefield, Richard H. (Richard Henry), 1929

Title: Richard Morefield Papers

Dates: 1979-1981

Quantity: 5 linear feet, 5 linear inches, 10 containers

Identification:

Accession Number: 97-07

National Archives Identifier: 590481

Scope and Content:

The material in the collection represents the files collected by Richard H. Morefield and Dorothea B. Morefield from 1979-1981. The material relates to the 1979 Iranian hostage crisis in which Richard Morefield was one of the 52 U.S. captives who were held for 444 days. The collection contains correspondence, including letters to and from Richard and Dorothea during the crisis. Also included is Dorothea Morefield's personal diary she kept while Richard was held hostage. Other material includes newspapers, press clippings, magazines, photographs, videos, cassette tapes, and artifacts. The artifacts consist mainly of gifts given to Richard Morefield by the federal government and California state and local governments.

Creator Information: Richard Henry Morefield

Richard H. Morefield was born in Venice, California in 1929 and grew up in San Diego, California. He graduated from the University of San Francisco in 1951 with a degree in history and then served in the U.S. Army for two years. After receiving his master's from University of California, Berkeley in 1954, he joined the United States Foreign Service in 1956. Morefield was serving as the U.S. Consul General to Iran in Teheran when he was captured with 66 others on November 4, 1979. Upon his release after 444 days, Morefield returned to the U.S. where he was made the head of the State Department's Office of Caribbean Affairs in Mexico. Richard Morefield passed away at the age of 81 in 2010. He and his wife Dorothea have five surviving children.

Restrictions:

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Related Material:

Related materials in this repository: Robert C. Ode Papers

Index Terms:

Limited to major topics under each category
Persons: Richard Morefield, Dorothea Morefield

Subjects: Iran Hostage Crisis

Organizations: Family Liaison Action Group (FLAG)

Places: San Diego, California, Washington D.C., Iran

Types of Material: Correspondence, press clippings, newspapers, magazines, diary, award certificates, photographs, videos, cassette tapes, and artifacts.

Removed Material: Artifacts were transferred to the museum; video cassettes and photographs were transferred to the audio visual area

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 Richard Morefield signed December 3, 1997.

Processing information: The collection was opened in 2013.

System of Arrangement:

The records of the Richard Morefield Papers are divided into 2 series:

Series Title	National Archives Identifier
Richard Morefield’s Files	593061

Detailed Description of the Collection

[Richard Morefield's Files](#)

Scope and Content: Containers 1-4. This series was opened in 2013. This series includes correspondence, press clippings, newspapers, magazines, and award certificates. The material in this series contains familial correspondence during Morefield's time in captivity and other material relating to various welcome home ceremonies after the hostages were released. Also included is the personal diary of Morefield's wife, Dorothea Morefield. Arranged alphabetically by folder title.

[Richard Morefield Audio Visual Files](#)

Scope and Content: Containers 1-5. This series was opened in 2013. This series includes audio cassette tapes, Betamax videos, and photographs. The material in this series relates to media coverage of the ongoing Iranian hostage crisis and homecoming events after the hostages were released. (The betamax videos are not able to be viewed with the machines available at the Jimmy Carter Library.) Arranged by material type.

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Container List

Richard Morefield Files

Container 1

ABC News on the Hostage Crisis, 9/15-19/80
ABC News on the Hostage Crisis, 1/16/81-2/16/81
American Airlines Notebook
Audio Visual Material (List of Material Transferred to Audio Visual)
Award for Valor - Department of State
Consejo Directivo Award
Diary - Dorthea Betty Morefield (DBM)
Escape Map
Family Circle File
Family Liaison Action Group (FLAG) - Miscellaneous Information
FLAG - Offers
Honorary AFTRA Membership - DBM
Freedom Foundation Scrapbook - Letters
Freedom Foundation Scrapbook - Newspaper Clippings
Freedom Foundation Scrapbook - Paraphernalia
Gifts Presented to Richard H. Morefield (List of Material Transferred to Museum)
Homecoming - Photographs
Hostages, 1989
Iran Correspondence, 1980-1981
Iran Correspondence - During Crisis [1]

Container 2

Iran Correspondence - During Crisis [2]
Iran Correspondence - Homecoming [1]
Iran Correspondence - Homecoming [2]
Iran Correspondence - Lawyers
Letters and Mail Items - Family [1]
Letters and Mail Items - Family [2]
Magazines [1]

Container 3

Magazines [2]
Magazines [3]
Magazines [4]
Miscellaneous Letters, Pamphlets, Brochures, etc. from Hostage Crisis
Newspaper Clippings [1]
Newspaper Clippings [2]
Newspaper Clippings [3]
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Container 4

Newspaper Clippings [5]
Newspaper Clippings [6]
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Newspaper Clippings [8]
Newspaper Clippings [9]
Newspaper Clippings Scrapbook [1]
Newspaper Clippings Scrapbook [2]
New York Times Recapitulation Prints
Proclamation - Mayor Wilson at Moorefield's 25th Wedding Anniversary
Special Mail
Victor Awards - Photograph
Welcome Home Scrapbook - Miscellaneous Text
Welcome Home Scrapbook – Photographs

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Richard Morefield Audio Visual Files

Container 1

Audio Cassette Tapes:

San Diego Luncheon - Morefield
Newsweek - Janet Huck
Day 444 - Novak/Cohen, 1981
Dorothea Morefield
KFMB - Mom's Telephone Interview
American Hostages Christmas Tribute Broadcast - WHYD - Columbus, GA, 12/24-25/80
93/KHJ Morefield Interview with Jackie Rich - 32 minutes, 2/4/1981
General Session Breakfast - America Held Hostage, ANPA 94th Annual Convention [1]
General Session Breakfast - America Held Hostage, ANPA 94th Annual Convention [2]
Boyd Harvey, 7/31/1980
State Department Good Friday Service, 4/4/1980
To Richard Morefield
One Year Hostage Special - Jackie Rich
Newsweek Interview - Janet Huck
Richard, 10/13
President Reagan Welcomes Morefield
KHTZ/KHITS 97 FM Grapevine with Nikki Wine - Hostage Crisis, 1/4/80 [1]
KHTZ/KHITS 97 FM Grapevine with Nikki Wine - Hostage Crisis, 1/4/80 [2]
R. Morefield Interview, 1/30/81
The United Nations (U.N.) View - Secretary General Kurt Waldheim, ANPA 94th Annual Convention
The View from the State Department - Hodding Carter III, ANPA 94th Annual Convention
Public Broadcasting System (PBS) Show - Susan Davis

CBS News - Richard Morefield Interview with Barry Peterson, 1/21/81
Interview with Fred Lewis [1]
Interview with Fred Lewis [2]
J. Cordeaux Interview with Mr. and Mrs. Morefield - Australia, 3/25/81
Morefield Year-End

Betamax Video Tapes:

News Coverage - Iran and the Hostages [1]
News Coverage - Iran and the Hostages [2]
News Coverage - Iran and the Hostages [3]
News Coverage - Iran and the Hostages [4]
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News Coverage - Iran and the Hostages [6]

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News Coverage - Iran and the Hostages [27]
Dick Morefield Brief with Cronkite - Day 444
NBC News - Morefield Review, 2/18/81
Nightline 1st Show
Frontline
Iran Miscellaneous #1
Mid-Morning LA "The Morefields", 2/4/81
Escape from Iran - The Canadian Caper [1]

Escape from Iran - The Canadian Caper [2]
“A Tribute to Dorothea Morefield”- The News Eight Staff, 1/21/81
Home - 1
Channel 10, 1/25/81
CBS Sunday Morning - San Diego Interview

Container 4

American Airlines Cassette Tape
Freedom Foundation Scrapbook
Homecoming
Special Mail
Victor Awards
Welcome Home Scrapbook

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San Diego Union Tribune - Oversized Photo Album

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