Records of the White House Photograph Office

Vice Presidential Photographs of the Nelson Mandela Presidential Inauguration

Extent
26 contact sheets containing approximately 854 photographs

Access
Collection is open to all researchers. Access to Gore Vice Presidential records is governed by the Presidential Records Act (PRA) (44 USC 22, as amended) and the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) (5 USC 552, as amended) and therefore may be restricted in whole or in part in accordance with legal exemptions.

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Provenance
Official records of the Albert Gore, Jr. vice presidency are in the custody of the Presidential Materials Division in Washington, DC and administered by the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) under the provisions of the Presidential Records Act (PRA).

Processed By
Staff Archivists, January 2015. Previously restricted materials are added as they are released.
Scope and Content
Vice President Al Gore led the official United States delegation to Pretoria, South Africa for the presidential inauguration of Nelson Mandela on May 10, 1994. The delegation included Mrs. Tipper Gore, First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, Agriculture Secretary Michael Espy, Commerce Secretary Ronald Brown, civil rights leader Jesse Jackson, former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Colin Powell, and various others. The photographs processed depict the following events that occurred on May 10, 1994: a staff briefing at the United States Ambassador’s residence, a breakfast for the world delegates attending the inauguration, Vice President Gore meeting with United Nations Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Gali, Mandela’s inauguration at the Union Building, a lunch hosted by the newly inaugurated Mandela, a one-on-one meeting between Gore and Mandela, and an embassy party at the United States Ambassador’s residence. World leaders and other well-known individuals in these images include: South African Vice President Thabo Mbeki; former State President of South Africa Frederik Willem de Klerk; Bishop Desmond Tutu; Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh; Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto of Pakistan, Chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization Yasser Arafat; President Fidel Castro of Cuba, Haitian President Jean-Bertrand Aristide; and Nelson Mandela’s daughter Zenani.

These photographs were taken by White House photographer Callie Shell.

System of Arrangement
These records are part of the Vice Presidential records collection of the White House Photograph Office.

The White House Photograph Office assigned each roll of 35 mm film a unique roll number. The roll numbers for the Vice Presidential photographs begin with “V” in order to distinguish them from the Presidential photographs taken by White House photographers during the administration. The office created a contact sheet for each roll of film and organized them in binders by film type (color or black and white) and roll number. The contact sheets are arranged by binder book number, and thereunder, by roll number. The Photograph Office left gaps in the roll numbers for unexplained reasons.

Archival processing is done at the contact sheet level.

The following is a list of photograph contact sheets processed for events on May 10, 1994:

Gore Vice Presidential Records: White House Photograph Office Vice Presidential Photographs

**Book 9 B/W (V003785-V004745)**
- V004493 May 10, 1994
- V004494 May 10, 1994
- V004495 May 10, 1994

**Book 34 (V004414-V004511)**
- V004481 May 10, 1994
- V004482 May 10, 1994
- V004483 May 10, 1994
- V004484 May 10, 1994
- V004485 May 10, 1994