Records of the White House Photograph Office
Vice Presidential Photographs of the Signing of the 1993 Oslo Accords

Extent
27 contact sheets containing approximately 715 photographs

Access
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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, March 2015. Previously restricted materials are added as they are released.
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Scope and Content
After months of negotiations to resolve the conflict between Israel and the Palestinians, the Declaration of Principles on Interim Self-Government Arrangements, also known as the Oslo Accords, was signed on September 13, 1993 on the South Lawn at the White House. This historic Middle East peace deal between Israeli Prime Minister Yitzak Rabin and Yasser Arafat, the leader of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), resulted in each side officially recognizing the other and renouncing the use of violence. The agreement was signed by PLO Executive Council Member Mahmoud Abbas and Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres. These photographs document the signing ceremony, a meeting with Arab and Israeli-American leadership and subsequent press conference held in the Old Executive Office Building (OEOB) as well as a White House reception and dinner. Notable world leaders and well known individuals in attendance include: President Bill Clinton; Yitzhak Rabin; Yasser Arafat; Mahmoud Abbas; Shimon Peres; Russian Foreign Minister Andrey Kozyrev; Secretary of State Warren Christopher; Vice President Al Gore; First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton; Leah Rabin; Tipper Gore; former President George H.W. Bush; former President Jimmy Carter; Rosalynn Carter; former President Gerald Ford; Betty Ford; Chelsea Clinton; White House communications director George Stephanopoulos; White House photographer Sharon Farmer; Chairman of the Joints Chief of Staff Colin Powell; Alma Powell, and former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger.

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:

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