Loretta J. Dunbar Papers
Inclusive: 1963
W. R. Poage Legislative Library, Baylor Collection of Political Materials
Baylor University, Waco, Texas

Summary Information
Creator
Dunbar, Loretta J.

Extent (quantity/size)
1 folder

Language
English

Abstract
The Loretta J. Dunbar papers contain a personal essay on the experiences Dunbar had during the days surrounding the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

Subjects

Administrative Information
Restrictions on Access and Use
All requests for copying of materials must be submitted to the W. R. Poage Legislative Library in writing. Please use the Request Form for Copying Materials sheet. Unpublished materials authored or otherwise produced by the creator(s) of this collection are in the public domain. There are no restrictions on use. Copyright status for other collection materials is unknown. Transmission or reproduction of materials protected by U.S. Copyright Law (Title 17, U.S.C.) beyond that allowed by fair use requires the written permission of the copyright owners. Works not in the public domain cannot be commercially exploited without permission of the copyright owners. Responsibility for any use rests exclusively with the user.

Use/Reproduction Restrictions: The collection is open for research.

Preferred Citation
When quoting material from this collection, the preferred citation is:

Loretta J. Dunbar papers, Accession #71, Box #, Folder #, Baylor Collections of Political Materials, W.R. Poage Legislative Library, Baylor University

Processing Information
Described by Emma Fenske and released on 2020-09-02.
Scope and Content
The Loretta J. Dunbar papers consist of one personal essay describing the diary entry of Loretta J. Dunbar on November 23, 1963, the day after the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. Her 4-page essay, entitled "The Unthinkable," describes her personal thoughts and feelings after watching the assassination.

Administrative/Biographical History
Loretta Dunbar was a 32-year old housewife and resident of Dallas, Texas in November 1963. She watched President John F. Kennedy’s arrival on television as well as his subsequent assassination. Dunbar documented her experience concerning the assassination of President Kennedy in her journal.

In the 1950's, both Dunbar and her husband, Dr. Robert B. Brunken, worked at Parkland Hospital in Dallas, Texas. Dunbar worked as the secretary to the Director of Nursing as well as secretary to the Professor of Surgery. Dunbar and her husband were friends with Dr. Pepper Jenkins, the anesthesiologist who pronounced President John F. Kennedy dead. The essay from Dunbar's journal expresses the significant grief she experienced at Kennedy's death and how she and the people around her responded to such a devastating tragedy.

Related Resources
Related citations
Loretta J. Dunbar papers, Accession #71, Box #1, Folder #1, Baylor Collections of Political Materials, W. R. Poage Legislative Library, Baylor University.

Archival Arrangement
The Loretta J. Dunbar papers consist of one essay and were originally filed in the collection's control folder. The essay has since been removed and placed in an acid-free folder and document box.

Item List
Box 1. Folder 1. Essay on Personal Memory of the Assassination of JFK, 1963