

Loretta J. Dunbar Papers
Inclusive: 1963
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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

Kennedy, John F. (John Fitzgerald), 1917-1963 -- Assassination.

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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