

## Three unique Associated Press collections are available to researchers for the first time

### The Vietnam War and American Foreign Policy module features the Associated Press Saigon Bureau Records

In the early 1970s, amidst the chaos of the end of U.S. involvement in Vietnam, Associated Press Saigon correspondent Peter Arnett saved the records of the AP's Saigon bureau. Now, some 40 years later, ProQuest is honored to have the opportunity to digitize and present these records to researchers. The Saigon Bureau Records, reproduced from the holdings of the Associated Press Corporate Archives in New York City, represent one of the most complete day-to-day accounts of the Vietnam War in existence. They contain nearly all of AP's original reporting between 1960 and 1972 before it was transmitted to the New York Foreign Desk, as well as the message wire traffic between Saigon, Singapore, Tokyo, and New York. The energetic Saigon Bureau produced such an extensive amount of copy each day that only a portion of their stories were sent to AP-member newspapers and radio stations. Consequently, the records in History Vault contain stories that were never published. Among the journalists represented are bureau chief Malcolm Browne (Pulitzer 1964), photographer Horst Faas (Pulitzer 1965), correspondent Peter Arnett (Pulitzer 1966) and correspondent George Esper, who arrived in 1965 and departed in June 1975 after he was forced out by the North Vietnamese.

The AP provided numerous perspectives on the war in Indochina, reporting on cultural and societal transformations in addition to the military situation. Its wide-ranging and inclusive coverage included stories on refugees in Cambodia, anti-Americanism, the freedom of the Vietnamese press, the thriving black market, and the touring German National Circus. The reporting is also a rich source for examining the conflicts between the government, military, and the press during the last war in which the press had comparative freedom of movement.

Researchers can locate some of the gems of the Saigon Bureau records with the following searches:

- "Agent Orange"
- "Battle of Hamburger Hill" or "Operation Apache Snow"
- "Battle of Hue"
- "Battle of Khe Sanh"
- "Buddhist protests"
- "Cambodian incursion" or Cambodia operations
- "Ho Chi Minh Trail"
- "Ia Drang"
- "Ngo Dinh Diem coup 1963"
- "Operation Cedar Falls" or "Operation Junction City"
- "Operation Lam Son 719"
- "Operation Rolling Thunder"
- "Tet Offensive"
- "Tet 1969"

*The Saigon Bureau Records contain detailed coverage of the Buddhist protests against the Diem regime in the summer of 1963. Saigon Bureau Records, AP Corporate Archives, New York. Included in ProQuest History Vault, Folder ID# = 105463-007-0661*



*Quang Duc, a Buddhist monk, sets himself on fire to protest the Diem regime, June 11, 1963. AP Photo by Malcolm Browne.*

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## American Politics and Society from Kennedy to Watergate includes two Associated Press collections:

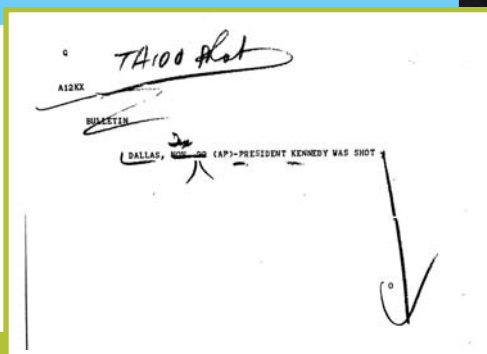
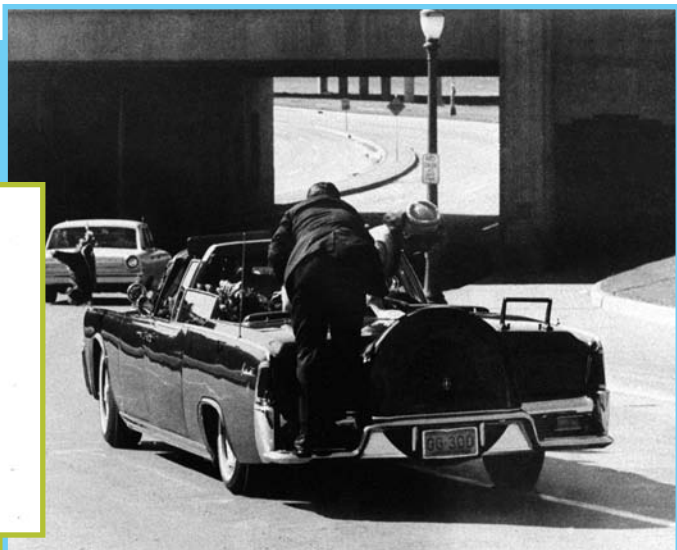
**W**ire Copy on the Assassinations of President John F. Kennedy and Senator Robert F. Kennedy, and Cape Canaveral Bureau Records, 1959-2000, alongside collections documenting the presidencies of John F. Kennedy, Lyndon B. Johnson, and Richard Nixon, as well as other collections on the major social, political, and economic developments of the 1960s and early 1970s.

**The Associated Press Wire Copy on the Assassinations of President John F. Kennedy and Senator Robert F. Kennedy Records** is a small but important collection of print and broadcast (radio) wire copy reporting on the assassination of President John F. Kennedy in Dallas on November 22, 1963. The historical value of the copy was recognized by AP editors instantly; many covering sheets bear the typewritten command, "Preserve."

In the first 12 hours after the shooting, the AP moved 219 stories totaling more than 63,000 words. Although most of this copy originated in Washington and Dallas, nearly every bureau took part. There were 133 datelines.

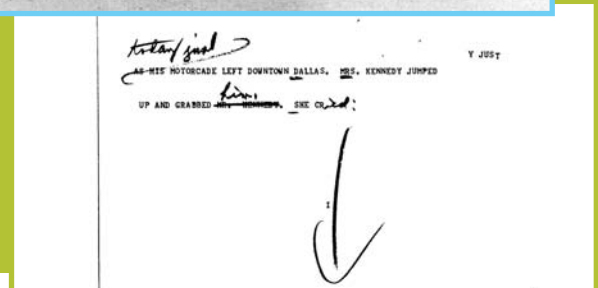
This AP copy, reproduced in History Vault, is notable for its remarkable range of content: political analysis (by Frank Cormier and Jack Bell); reaction from living former presidents and statesmen; man-on-the-street interviews; the Wall Street response; Oswald's capture and his sudden murder; and the President's majestic funeral, recounted by Doug Cornell. Two folders of New York bureau copy document the stunned reaction to the President's death across the metropolitan area in interviews with Wall Street titans, civic leaders, and ordinary individuals. Also present are three folders of now largely anonymous messages and stories from the New York General Desk, the nerve center of the news operation manned by Sam Blackman and Herb Barker. One folder of World Desk cable dispatches documents the spreading international impact of the story and of AP itself.

*John F. Kennedy's open limousine speeds toward Parkland Hospital, with Secret Service agent Clinton Hill on the left rear bumper as Mrs. Kennedy climbs out of the back seat, just after the president was shot, November 22, 1963. AP Photo by Ike Altgens.*



*Two images in a series of A-wire copy, edited in pencil for the TTS circuit.*

*In the first image, the editor, working quickly, pulled out the page before all the letters had been typed; so they spill down the side of the paper. Here, the word "today" is only partially typed as "T O". The second image shows the continuation of the story. President John F. Kennedy and Senator Robert F. Kennedy Assassination Wires, AP Corporate Archives, New York. Included in ProQuest History Vault, Folder ID=105776-001-0193.*



# The Associated Press Cape Canaveral Bureau Records

The Associated Press Cape Canaveral Bureau Records comprise a nearly comprehensive account of AP's coverage of space exploration from 1957 to 2000 through manned flights, unmanned spacecraft, and satellites. They were organized and maintained by AP Aerospace writer Howard Benedict, who was based at Cape Canaveral, and include the writings of some legendary science correspondents, including John Barbour, Harry Rosenthal, Alton Blakeslee, Vern Haugland, Hugh Mulligan, Paul Recer, and many others. The collection is composed primarily of original wire copy interfiled with NASA publications (press releases, briefings, information summaries), which makes it an excellent source for studying the modern history of NASA and the scientific and technological revolution ushered in by weather, communications, navigation, and spy satellites. Files also contain transcripts of interviews with astronauts, biographical material, and technical information on a number of space missions. First-hand accounts provide insight into Alan Shepard's pioneering suborbital flight into space, John Glenn's first orbiting of the earth, the Apollo 11 landing on the moon, and the launch of the first communications satellite.

The following searches highlight the exciting content in the Associated Press Cape Canaveral collection.

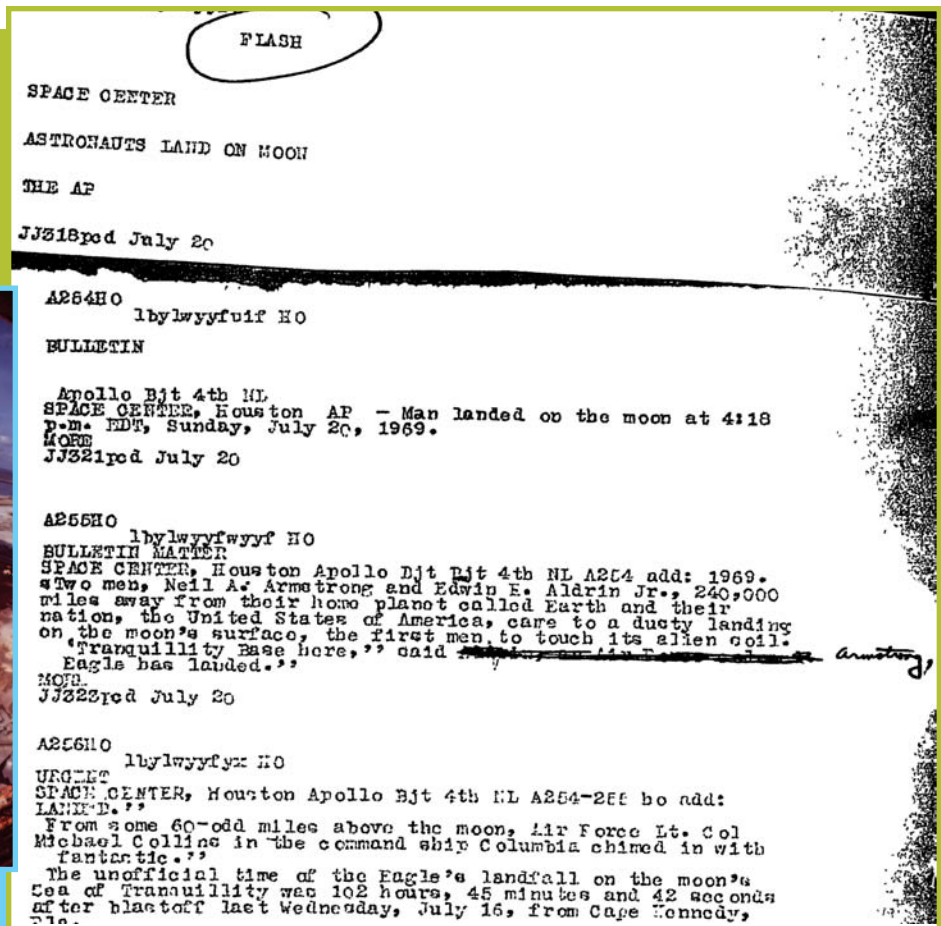
- "Apollo Program"
- "Gagarin, Yuri"
- "Gemini Program"
- "Glenn, John"
- "Mercury Program"
- "Pioneer Program (NASA) "
- "Shepard, Alan"
- "Skylab Program"
- "Soyuz Program"
- "Space shuttle"
- "Space Shuttle Challenger Disaster, 1986"
- "Voyager Program"

Taken together, these three collections provide researchers in history, political science, Asian studies, history of science, and journalism, with a fascinating view of several of the most important events and developments in the history of the 20th century.

Moon landing Flash and Bulletin by AP Aerospace Writer Howard Benedict, Space Center, Houston, July 20, 1969. Cape Canaveral Bureau Records, AP Corporate Archives, New York. Included in ProQuest History Vault, Folder ID#=104793-011-0001.



Blastoff of Apollo 11, July 16, 1969. AP Photo/NASA.



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