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# Resources at the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library



# Gerald R. Ford (August 9, 1974 – January 20, 1977)

## Foreign

The Cold War  
The Helsinki Accords  
Strategic Arms Limitations Talks (SALT)  
Visits to Mao's China  
The Vietnam War  
Operation Babylift



## Domestic

Civil Rights (esp. E.R.A.)  
Native American Legislation  
Nixon Pardon  
Swine Flu Immunization Program  
The 25<sup>th</sup> Amendment  
The U.S. Bicentennial





# Where to Find All This?

[FordLibraryMuseum.gov](http://FordLibraryMuseum.gov)

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# Under “Collections”, choose “Digital Collections”

A screenshot of a web browser displaying the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library &amp; Museum website. The browser's address bar shows the URL "fordlibrarymuseum.gov/index.aspx". The website header includes the National Archives logo and the text "NATIONAL ARCHIVES" with a button that says "Explore our Websites". Below this is a dark blue banner with an American flag on the left and the text "Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library &amp; Museum". A navigation bar contains links for "Collections", "Education", "Events", "Exhibits", and "Plan an E". The "Collections" link is active, and a dropdown menu is open, showing three options: "Library Collections", "Digital Collections" (which is highlighted in blue), and "Museum Artifacts". In the background, a red banner with a white warning triangle icon and the text "Visitors are now" is partially visible, along with the text "For schoo" at the bottom right.



# Search Using Google, or Dive Right In

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library & Museum website. The browser's address bar shows the URL `fordlibrarymuseum.gov/collections-digital.aspx`. The website header includes the National Archives logo and the text "Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library & Museum". A navigation menu contains links for Collections, Education, Events, Exhibits, Plan an Event, President & Mrs. Ford, Contact Us, Museum Store, and Search. The main content area is titled "Digital Collections" and includes a paragraph about digitized materials. Below this, there are three columns of links under the heading "Library Digital Program": "Ford Presidency" (with sub-links for General, Foreign Affairs & National Security, and Domestic Affairs & Politics), "Pre and Post-Presidency" (with sub-links for Gerald & Betty Ford's Early Lives, Congressional & Vice Presidential Years, and Post-White House Years), and "Search across Ford Library digital collections:". The search bar is highlighted with a red box and contains the text "ENHANCED BY Google". Below the search bar, there is a section for "Student Online Research Projects" with a link to "Selected Research Topics". The footer contains contact information for the National Archives and Records Administration and the Gerald Ford Presidential Foundation, along with social media links for Facebook, YouTube, and Tumblr, and a link for "eNews Sign-Up".



# Foreign Affairs & National Security

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Digital Collections

## Ford Presidency - Foreign Affairs and National Security

### Systematic Digitization

- Henry Kissinger Public Papers  
*speeches, testimony, and press conferences*
- Theodore Marris Files related to Indochina Refugees
- NSA, Kissinger Reports on USSR, China, and Middle East Discussions
- NSA, Memoranda of Conversations
- NSA, National Security Council Meetings
- NSA, National Security Study and Decision Memoranda
- NSA, Presidential Correspondence with Foreign Leaders
- NSA, Presidential Transition File (1974)

### Exhibits / Select Items

- Queen Elizabeth II
- White House State Dinners
- Visits to Mao's China
- 1974 Vladivostok Summit Meeting on Arms Control
- Conference on Cooperation and Security in Europe (CSCE)  
*Helsinki Accords*
- European Trip, 7/26-8/4/1975  
*West Germany, Poland, Finland, Romania, and Yugoslavia*
- Strategic Arms Limitation Talks (SALT)
- Intelligence community investigations and reforms
- Vietnam War  
*selected documents*
- Operation Babylift  
*Vietnam orphan airlift*
- "A Day in the Life of a President"  
*April 28, 1975 - the day Saigon fell*
- Foreign Relations of the United States (FRUS)  
*Ford volumes*

### Selected External Sources

Department of State Telegrams

Donald Rumsfeld Papers

Nixon Administration: National Security Study & Decision Memoranda

General Accounting Office Report on Seizure of the Mayaguez

CIA Declassified Study of Director William Colby

Helsinki Final Act Web Resource

Helsinki Agreement (via the Internet Archive "Wayback Machine")

Closing Weeks of the Vietnam War (via the Internet Archive "Wayback Machine")

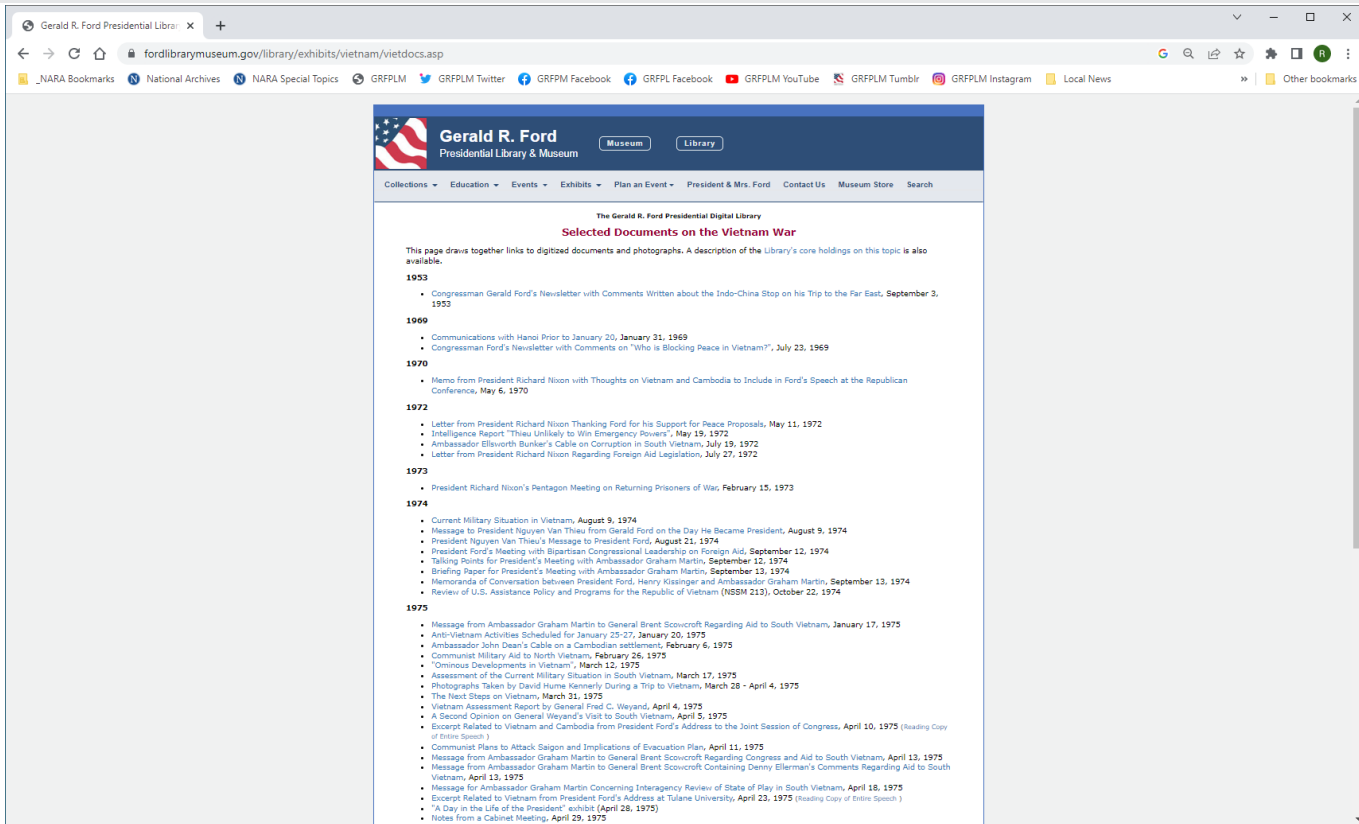
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# The Vietnam War... beginning before Presidency



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The Gerald R. Ford Presidential Digital Library

**Selected Documents on the Vietnam War**

This page draws together links to digitized documents and photographs. A description of the Library's core holdings on this topic is also available.

- 1953**
  - Congressman Gerald Ford's Newsletter with Comments Written about the Indo-China Stop on his Trip to the Far East, **September 3, 1953**
- 1969**
  - Communications with Hanoi Prior to January 20, **January 31, 1969**
  - Congressman Ford's Newsletter with Comments on "Who is Blocking Peace in Vietnam?", **July 23, 1969**
- 1970**
  - Memo from President Richard Nixon with Thoughts on Vietnam and Cambodia to Include in Ford's Speech at the Republican Conference, **May 6, 1970**
- 1972**
  - Letter from President Richard Nixon Thanking Ford for his Support for Peace Proposals, **May 11, 1972**
  - Intelligence Report "Thieu Unlikely to Win Emergency Powers", **May 19, 1972**
  - Ambassador Ellsworth Bunker's Cable on Convulsion in South Vietnam, **July 19, 1972**
  - Letter from President Richard Nixon Regarding Foreign Aid Legislation, **July 27, 1972**
- 1973**
  - President Richard Nixon's Pentagon Meeting on Returning Prisoners of War, **February 15, 1973**
- 1974**
  - Current Military Situation in Vietnam, **August 9, 1974**
  - Message to President Nguyen Van Thieu from Gerald Ford on the Day He Became President, **August 9, 1974**
  - President Nguyen Van Thieu's Message to President Ford, **August 21, 1974**
  - President Ford's Meeting with Bipartisan Congressional Leadership on Foreign Aid, **September 12, 1974**
  - Talking Points for President's Meeting with Ambassador Graham Martin, **September 12, 1974**
  - Briefing Paper for President's Meeting with Ambassador Graham Martin, **September 13, 1974**
  - Memoranda of Conversation between President Ford, Henry Kissinger and Ambassador Graham Martin, **September 13, 1974**
  - Review of U.S. Assistance Policy and Programs for the Republic of Vietnam (HSSM 213), **October 22, 1974**
- 1975**
  - Message from Ambassador Graham Martin to General Brent Scowcroft Regarding Aid to South Vietnam, **January 17, 1975**
  - Anti-Vietnam Activities Scheduled for January 25-27, **January 20, 1975**
  - Ambassador John Dean's Cable on a Cambodian settlement, **February 6, 1975**
  - Communist Military Aid to North Vietnam, **February 26, 1975**
  - Ominous Developments in Vietnam", **March 12, 1975**
  - Assessment of the Current Military Situation in South Vietnam, **March 17, 1975**
  - Photographs Taken by David Hume Kennerly During a Trip to Vietnam, **March 28 - April 4, 1975**
  - The Next Steps on Vietnam, **March 31, 1975**
  - Vietnam Assessment Report by General Fred C. Weyand, **April 4, 1975**
  - A Second Opinion on General Weyand's Visit to South Vietnam, **April 5, 1975**
  - Excerpt Related to Vietnam and Cambodia from President Ford's Address to the Joint Session of Congress, **April 10, 1975** (Reading Copy of Entire Speech)
  - Communist Plans to Attack Saigon and Implications of Evacuation Plan, **April 11, 1975**
  - Message from Ambassador Graham Martin to General Brent Scowcroft Regarding Congress and Aid to South Vietnam, **April 12, 1975**
  - Message from Ambassador Graham Martin to General Brent Scowcroft Containing Denny Ellerman's Comments Regarding Aid to South Vietnam, **April 12, 1975**
  - Message for Ambassador Graham Martin Concerning Interagency Review of State of Play in South Vietnam, **April 18, 1975**
  - Excerpt Related to Vietnam from President Ford's Address at Tulane University, **April 23, 1975** (Reading Copy of Entire Speech)
  - "A Day in the Life of the President" exhibit (**April 28, 1975**)
  - Notes from a Cabinet Meeting, **April 29, 1975**



# Domestic Affairs & Politics

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The main content area is titled "Digital Collections" and "Ford Presidency - Domestic Affairs and Politics". It is divided into three columns:

- Systematic Digitization:**
  - Benton Becker Papers (includes material on Nixon pardon, Nixon Papers, 1976 campaign)
  - James Cannon Files (domestic policy, the 1976 campaign, reviews of the Federal budget)
  - Charles Goodell's Presidential Clemency Board Subject File
  - Carla Hills Speeches (Secretary of Housing and Urban Development)
  - Bradley Patterson Files on Native Americans
  - President Ford Committee Weekly Reports to the President from the Richard Cheney Files
  - Michael Raoul-Duval Papers (1976 Campaign and Ford-Carter Debate series)
  - Stanley Scott Speeches (Special Assistant to the President for Minority Affairs)
  - Robert Teeter's 1976 Presidential Campaign Memoranda
  - Weekly Briefing Note on U.S. Domestic Developments from the William J. Baroody Files
  - White House Special Files Unit: Presidential Files re: campaign debates, selected issues, Federal budget
  - Energy Advisor Frank Zarb Papers
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  - Nixon Pardon
  - Women's Rights
  - Swine Flu Immunization Program
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# Women's Rights

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**Women's Rights**

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During the 1970s debate over women's economic and civil rights, social role, and political power became a more prominent part of the public agenda. The Ford White House faced these issues in many guises: an Equal Rights Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, development of Title IX regulations barring sex discrimination in education, military academy admissions, abortion policy, and credit and property law, for examples.

The substantive and the symbolic intertwined on such matters as the appointment of women, communication with women voters, and participation in the United Nations International Women's Year, 1975. First Lady Betty Ford was the focus of conflicting reactions and expectations for her candor on some social, political, and health issues. Throughout the Ford administration, women office-holders such as Housing Secretary Carla Hills, the first woman appointed to the Cabinet in 20 years, sought to exercise greater power on issues unrelated to gender.



First Lady Betty Ford addresses the Greater Cleveland Congress of International Women's Year, 10/22/1975 (White House photograph A7012-06)

**Digitized Holdings Related to Women's Rights**

**General:**

- Betty Ford White House Papers
- Betty Ford speeches from the Frances Kaye Bullen Files
- Sheila Widenfeld Files (Betty Ford daily events, trips, and general information on East Wing handling of women's issues)
- Philip Buchen Files, folder Women's Groups
- James Cannon Files, folder Women's Rights
- Betty Ford White House Papers, folder Women in 1974 - Citizen's Advisory Council on the Status of Women
- Women's Equality Day Proclamations, 1974-1976
- Photograph of President Gerald R. Ford Signing the Proclamation on Women's Equality Day, 1974 in the Cabinet Room, August 22, 1974

**Abortions:**

- Folders from the Philip Buchen Files
  - Abortion (1)
  - Abortion (2)
  - Defense Department - Abortion Policy (1)
  - Defense Department - Abortion Policy (2)
- Folders from the James Cannon Files
  - Abortion (1)
  - Abortion (2)
  - Abortion - Meeting with Catholic Bishops, September 9, 1976
- Richard Cheney Files, folder Abortion
- Vernon Loan and Charles Lippart Files, folder Abortion
- Folders from the Ron Nissen Papers
  - Abortion (from Box 1)
  - Abortion (from Box 117)
- Folders from the Robert Tester Papers (Richard Nixon 1972 Presidential Campaign Memoranda)
  - August 11, 1972 - H.R. Haldeman - Abortion
  - August 15, 1972 - H.R. Haldeman - Abortion Memo



# Native American Legislation

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the website for the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library & Museum. The page is titled "Ford Presidency - Domestic Affairs and Politics" under the "Digital Collections" section. A navigation menu at the top includes "Collections", "Education", "Events", "Exhibits", "Plan an Event", "President & Mrs. Ford", "Contact Us", "Museum Store", and "Search".

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# Bradley H. Patterson, Jr. Files (1974-1976)

## SERIES DESCRIPTIONS

### Native American Programs File, (1973) 1974-76. (Boxes 1-6, 2.2 linear feet)

Correspondence exchanged between Patterson and representatives of Native American tribes and federal officials from 1973-74, when Patterson served under Leonard Garment, and 1976 when he was special assistant. The 1976 material also includes printed materials, pamphlets, and other items sent to him, and copies of hand-typed notes to friends and associates. The files portray the living conditions of Native Americans and legal, social, and economic problems of specific tribes and reservations. Patterson's efforts to channel complaints to appropriate federal officials, monitor legislation, and arrange meetings with national and regional Indian organizations are well documented.

Arranged alphabetically by subject.

## CONTAINER LIST

The Library has digitized this collection. [Click on folder titles to view contents.](#)

### Box 1 - Native American Programs File

- American Indian Movement
- Agriculture Department Programs
- Alaska Native Claims
- American Indian Policy Review Commission
- Arizona Water Rights
- Association on American Indian Affairs
- Borgstrom Memorandum (OMB Policy on Indians)
- Bureau of Indian Affairs
- California Mission Indians
- Canada
- Chemawa Historic Preservation
- Cherokee Constitution
- Cherokee - Eastern Band
- Correspondence, 1973
- Correspondence, January-June 1974
- Correspondence, July 1974
- Correspondence, August-September 1974
- Correspondence, October 1974
- Correspondence, November 1974
- Correspondence, August-October 1976
- Correspondence, November-December 1976
- Delaware Indians

### Box 2 - Native American Programs File

- Early Retirement Bill - H.R. 5465 (1)
- Early Retirement Bill - H.R. 5465 (2)
- Economic Development Administration (Commerce)
- Education - Bureau of Indian Affairs
- Education - FICE Convention
- Education - National Advisory Commission
- Education - National Indian Education Association: Albuquerque Convention
- Education - Office of Indian Education
- Energy Research and Development Administration - Training Program
- Environmental Protection Agency
- Fishing Rights - U.S. v. Washington
- Flathead Reservation, Montana
- Form Letters
- Health Care Legislation - S. 522 (1)
- Health Care Legislation - S. 522 (2)
- Health Care Legislation - S. 522 (3)

### Box 3 - Native American Programs File

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- Health Services
- Housing (1)
- Housing (2)
- Indian Affairs Coordinator
- Indian Claims Commission
- Indian Leaders
- Indian Leaders - Meeting of July 16, 1976
- Indian Preference at Bureau of Indian Affairs (1)
- Indian Preference at Bureau of Indian Affairs (2)
- Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970
- Jurisdiction Over Indian Lands (PL 280) - General
- Jurisdiction Over Indian Lands (PL 280) - Notes
- Jurisdiction Over Indian Lands (PL 280) - Patterson Letter
- Land Issues
- Law Enforcement Assistance Administration
- Legislative Developments
- Lumbee Indians

### Box 4 - Native American Programs File

- Manpower
- Mescalero Apache Lands
- Mineral Leases and Royalties
- Namen Case
- Native American Awareness Week
- National Congress of American Indians Convention
- National Indian Youth Council
- National Tribal Chairman's Association
- Navajo Nation
- Newsclips (1)
- Newsclips (2)
- Newsclips (3)
- North American Indian Women's Association
- Northern Cheyenne - Coal
- Office of Minority Business Enterprise (Commerce)
- Office of Native American Programs (HEW)
- Oneida Nation
- Osage Tribal Council
- Papago Tribe
- Passamaquoddy / Penobscot Land Claims
- Pine Ridge - Economic Development
- Pine Ridge - Harper's Ferry Meeting

### Box 5 - Native American Programs File

- Pine Ridge - Lakota Views
- Pine Ridge - Treaty Review Commission
- Pitt River Tribe
- Policy Issues
- Political Matters
- Potawatomi Band
- Public Works Act
- Pueblos
- Puyallups Occupation of Tacoma Hospital (1)
- Puyallups Occupation of Tacoma Hospital (2)
- Recognition Policy
- Revenue Sharing
- Rosebud Sioux Tribe
- San Carlos Apache Tribe
- Schedule Proposals
- Self-Determination Act

# For More Information...

Not everything is digitized yet, and not everyone can come to Ann Arbor.

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