

**Guide to the Post Presidential Correspondence with Rev.
Billy Graham
(1974-1990)**

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Descriptive Summary

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Abstract: This collection consists of correspondence between President Richard Nixon and Rev. Billy Graham. Topics include China, Rev. Graham's 1982 trip to the U.S.S.R., *Real Peace, No More Vietnams*, Rev. Graham's ministry, and assorted biographical endeavors.

Administrative Information

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Biography

Richard Nixon was born in Yorba Linda, California, on January 9, 1913. After graduating from Whittier College in 1934, he attended Duke University Law School. After passing the bar exam he joined the firm of Bewley, Knoop, & Nixon in Whittier, CA leaving to enter the Navy from 1942 to 1944. He was elected to Congress in 1947 serving until 1950. Nixon then became a Senator (1951-1953) and in 1952 joined Eisenhower as the Vice-presidential Candidate on the Republican presidential ticket. After losing a 1960 bid for the Presidency and a 1962 California Gubernatorial election Nixon joined the law firm of Mudge, Stern, Baldwin, and Todd in New York. Nixon decided to enter the 1968 presidential election and was elected 37th President of the United States. He resigned; facing impeachment charges for possible involvement in a cover-up in August 1974 after the Watergate scandal broke.

After his resignation President Nixon wrote several best selling books. Beginning in the 1980's he served as an "elder statesman" offering his thoughts and opinions to various Presidents until his death in 1994.

Nixon biographical sketch compiled from *RN: A Memoir*, and the collection.

William (Billy) F. Graham was born November 7, 1918, and reared on a dairy farm in Charlotte, North Carolina. In the fall of 1934, at age 16, Mr. Graham made a personal commitment to Christ through the ministry of Mordecai Ham, a traveling evangelist, who visited Charlotte for a series of revival meetings. Ordained in 1939 by a church in the Southern Baptist Convention, Mr. Graham received a solid foundation in the Scriptures at Florida Bible Institute (now Trinity College in Florida). In 1943 he was graduated from Wheaton College in Illinois and married fellow student Ruth McCue Bell, daughter of a missionary surgeon, who spent the first 17 years of her life in China.

After graduating from college, Mr. Graham pastored the First Baptist Church in Western Springs, Illinois, before joining Youth for Christ, an organization founded for ministry to youth and servicemen during World War II. He preached throughout the United States and in Europe in the immediate post war era, emerging as a rising young evangelist.

The Los Angeles crusade in 1949 launched Mr. Graham into international prominence. Scheduled for three weeks, the meetings were extended to more than eight weeks, with overflow crowds filling a tent erected downtown each night.

Many of his subsequent early crusades were similarly extended, including one in London which lasted 12 weeks, and a New York City crusade in Madison Square Garden in 1957 which ran nightly for 16 weeks. Mr. Graham founded the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association (BGEA) in 1950 which was headquartered in Minneapolis, Minnesota, until relocating to Charlotte, North Carolina in 2003.

Mr. Graham has preached the Gospel to more people in live audiences than anyone else in history—over 210 million people in more than 185 countries and territories—through various meetings, including Mission World and Global Mission. Hundreds of millions more have been reached through television, video, film, and web casts. Mr. Graham has written 24 books, many of which have become top sellers.

He and his wife, Ruth, had three daughters, two sons, 19 grandchildren and numerous great grandchildren.

Adapted from the official Billy Graham Evangelical Association Profile.
<http://www.billygraham.org/mediaRelations/bios.asp?p=1>

Scope and Content Summary: This collection consists of the post-Presidential correspondence between and relating to President Richard Nixon and Rev. Billy Graham between 1974 and 1990. There are also several letters from Ruth Bell Graham. Topics discussed include China, Rev. Graham's 1982 trip to the U.S.S.R., *Real Peace, No More Vietnams*, and Rev. Graham's ministry. The collection also includes birthday greetings and assorted biographical endeavors regarding Rev. Graham.

Related Collections:

Billy Graham Center Archives
Wheaton, IL

Container List

Post-Presidential Correspondence:

Rev. Billy Graham

1974-1979 Billy Graham (2 Folders)
Special People A-K. Graham, Billy and Ruth
1980-1990 (4 folders)

Box: Folder

1:1-2

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