

## MS50 Kennedy Collection

### About the collection:

A small collection of facsimile items and photographs relating to President John F. Kennedy's Presidential visit to Ireland in June 1963, five months before his assassination on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 1963.

The collection includes a poem transcribed on the reverse of an itinerary for a state visit to Italy in July 1963, a speech given before the Irish Parliament on 28<sup>th</sup> June 1963 and photographs of John F. Kennedy with well-wishers in County Wexford, Cork and Galway.

The facsimiles and photographs were deposited with Queen's University, Belfast in 2009 by the [John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum, Boston](#) to be exhibited in support of a memorial lecture given by Dan Fenn, former Staff Assistant to President Kennedy, in the Great Hall on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2009.



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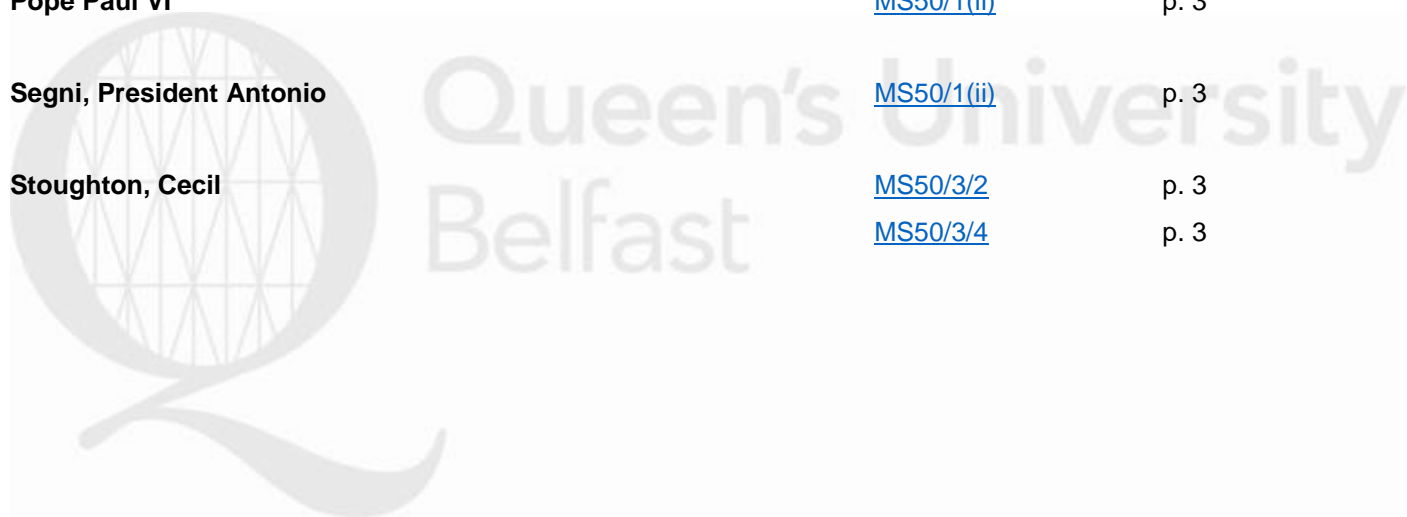
<b>MS50/1</b>	<b>Miscellaneous</b>	
<b>MS50/1(i)</b>	29/06/1963	<p><u><a href="#">Tis it is the Shannon's brightly glancing stream</a></u></p> <p>Poem transcribed by hand by President Kennedy on the back of an itinerary for his state visit to Italy.</p> <p>President Kennedy read the poem during his farewell remarks at Shannon Airport before leaving Ireland on 29<sup>th</sup> June 1963. He told his audience that the poem had been shared with him by Mrs de Valera, the Irish President's wife.</p> <p>Audio file available courtesy of John F. Kennedy Presidential Library:  <a href="#">Remarks at Shannon Airport Upon Leaving Ireland, 29 June 1963</a></p> <p>Eamon de Valera later spoke of the occasion during an interview with Joseph O'Connor for the John F. Kennedy Library on 15<sup>th</sup> September 1966.</p>
<b>MS50/1(ii)</b>	02/07/1963	<p>Typescript itinerary</p> <p>Itinerary for President Kennedy's state visit to Italy on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 1963. The itinerary details travel and meal arrangements, meetings with the Italian President, Antonio Segni, and Pope Paul VI, as well as a contingency plan 'in case there is no Pope'.</p>
<b>MS50/2</b>	<b>Speech</b>	
	28/06/2017	<p>Speech given before the Irish Parliament in Dublin with handwritten notes, 28<sup>th</sup> June 1963.</p> <p>Audio file available courtesy of John F. Kennedy Presidential Library:  <a href="#">Address Before the Irish Parliament in Dublin, 28 June 1963</a></p>
<b>MS50/3</b>	<b>Photographs</b>	
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MS50/3/2	27/06/1963	<p>President Kennedy in Dunganstown, Ireland</p> <p>Credit: Photograph by Cecil Stoughton, White House photographer; John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum, Boston.</p>
MS50/3/3	27/06/1963	<p>President Kennedy in Wexford, Ireland</p> <p>Credit: Photograph by Robert Knudsen, White House photographer; John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum, Boston.</p>
MS50/3/4	28/06/1963	<p>President Kennedy greets well-wishers in Cork, Ireland</p> <p>Credit: Photograph by Cecil Stoughton, White House photographer; John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum, Boston.</p>
MS50/3/5	28/06/1963	<p>President Kennedy greeted in Cork, Ireland</p> <p>Credit: Photograph by Robert Knudsen, White House photographer; John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum, Boston.</p>
MS50/3/6	29/06/1963	<p>President Kennedy in Galway, Ireland</p>

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