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Collection: Papers of James W. Mangan Mangan [NAID 293518128]

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Digitization note:

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Biographical note:

James W. Mangan (b. July 25, 1928, Honesdale, Pennsylvania - d. Sept. 4, 2015, San Antonio, Texas) was a journalist who worked for the Associated Press (AP) for 36 years. Mangan served in the U.S. Army in the years after World War II before joining the AP in 1952. He served as a Assistant Bureau Chief in Dallas from 1963 to 1965, then Bureau Chief in New Orleans from 1965 to 1967 and in Dallas from 1969 to 1977. He was Bureau Chief in Germany for two years, and then returned to the U.S. to serve as a vice president in charge of membership for the AP until his retirement on Jan. 1, 1989.

Scope and content note:

This collection includes audio cassettes and textual materials related to the investigation of the 1948 Senate race in Texas by Associated Press reporter James W. Mangan. The nine audio cassettes were recorded in the 1970s and consist largely of James Mangan's interviews with Luís Salas, an associate of Texas political boss George B. Parr. They concern Salas's involvement with vote counting in Jim Wells County and the "Box 13" of late votes received from Alice, Texas that resulted in the election of Lyndon Johnson to the U.S. Senate. The cassettes also include recordings of related discussions between James Mangan and others, several unrelated press briefings, and related and unrelated commercial radio broadcasts.

The textual materials consist of two folders: one containing notes, correspondence, and clippings related to James Mangan's reporting; and one containing reproductions of a presentation scrapbook, the original of which was transferred to the LBJ Library Museum. The scrapbook was presented to James Mangan by the Associated Press and contains clippings of his reportage.

James W. Mangan's reporting on the events in these materials represent the first public reporting on the topic of the Box 13 incident. They were donated by his son, Peter Mangan, and also include notes from Peter Mangan regarding his father's reporting.

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- Date range of collection: 1976-77
- Less than 1 linear foot
- Available for research
- Two series: Scrapbook and Correspondence, Sound Recordings

SERIES 1: Scrapbook and Correspondence, two folders:

Box 1	"[Presentation scrapbook]" – this folder consists of scans of a presentation scrapbook presented to Jim Mangan by the Associated Press containing clippings of his reportage. The original has been transferred to the Museum.
Box 1	"[Correspondence and clippings from James and Peter Mangan]" - this folder contains notes from Peter Mangan on his father's reporting; correspondence from and to James Mangan; and a copy of James Mangan article in the <i>Houston Post</i> , July 31, 1977.

SERIES 2: Sound Recordings, nine audio cassette tapes:

Tape 1, side A: Sound recording of interview with Luís Salas, 7/29/1977

Tape 1, side B: Sound recording of interview with Luís Salas, continued, 7/29/1977

Tape 2, side A: Sound recording of interview with AP reporter James Mangan by Joe Ewalt, circa 1977

Tape 2, side B: Sound recording of interview with AP reporter James Mangan by Joe Ewalt, continued, circa 1977

Tape 3, side A: Sound recording of Joe Ewalt's radio broadcast, circa 1977

Tape 3, side B: Blank cassette side, undated

Tape 4, side A: Sound recording, three segments including notes of James Mangan re: Luís Salas, 9/23/76

Tape 4, side B: Unintelligible noise, undated

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Tape 5, side A: Sound recording of interview with Luís Salas, 2/23/1977

Tape 5, side B: Sound recording, three segments including interview of Luís Salas, 2/23/1977, continued

Tape 6, side A: Sound recording of interview with Luís Salas, undated

Tape 6, side B: Sound recording of interview with Luís Salas, continued, undated

Tape 7, side A: Sound recording, two segments including notes of Max Skelton re: Luís Salas, 9/23/76

Tape 7, side B: Sound recording, fragments of commercial radio broadcasts from KEYH 85, 1976

Tape 8, side A: Sound recording of interview with Luís Salas, 5/27/1977

Tape 8, side B: Sound recording of interview with Luís Salas, continued, 5/27/1977

Tape 9, side A: Sound recording of interview with Luís Salas, circa 1977

Tape 9, side B: Sound recording of interview with Luís Salas, continued, circa 1977