

## Reagan Library Topic Guide – *Challenger* Disaster

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## **Challenger Disaster**

### **WHORM SUBJECT FILE**

[FG185](#) case file 459098 (1)(2)

[SP1029](#) entire category

[SP1031](#) entire category

### **WHITE HOUSE STAFF AND OFFICE FILES**

#### **EXECUTIVE CLERK, WHITE HOUSE OFFICE OF THE**

Executive Clerk, White House Office of the: Records

Box 75

10/16/1986 H.J.R. 588 [National Day of Excellence in Tribute to  
Space Shuttle Challenger Crew]

Box 85

01/28/1987 S.J.R. 24 [National Challenger Center Day]

Box 94

12/14/1987 S.J.R. 35 [National Day of Excellence in Tribute to  
Space Shuttle Challenger Crew]

Box 97

02/09/1988 S.J.R. 201 [National Challenger Center Day]

Box 118

11/17/1988 S.J.R. 327 [National Day of Excellence in Tribute to

Space Shuttle Challenger Crew]  
11/17/1988 S.J.R. 365 [National Challenger Center Day]

COMMUNICATIONS, OFFICE OF

Hudson, Maureen: Files

Box 1

Challenger Remarks

CORRESPONDENCE, OFFICE OF

Correspondence, Office of: Records

Box 3

AVH-45D – Resolutions on “Challenger”

Box 5

AVH-66 – Money Mail for the Challenger Disaster / Single  
Contribution

AVH-66A – Money Mail for the Challenger Disaster / Multiple  
Contribution

Box 23

AVH-412 – Condolences about Challenger Crew

AVH-412A – Challenger Sympathy – Organization

AVH-412B – Challenger Sympathy with Forward of Enclosures to  
NASA

AVH-412C – Challenger Sympathy and Inquiry re: Poem from  
Remarks of the President, 01/28/1986

AVH-413 – Suggestions re: Honoring Challenger Crew

AVH-413A – Challenger Sympathy/Poems/Songs

AVH-413B – Challenger Sympathy - Poems/Songs re: Christa  
McAuliffe

AVH-413C – Challenger Sympathy with Forward of Poems/Songs  
to NASA

Box 29

YA-77 – Children’s Messages re: Challenger Disaster

YA-79 – Children’s Mail/Challenger/Poems/Songs

Box 36

P-196 – Challenger Condolences from VIP U.S. Citizens (1)(2)

P-196A – Challenger Condolences from Foreign Writers

P-196B – Challenger Condolences from Heads of State/Royalty

Box 39

YP-58 – Challenger Tragedy (From American Students/Schools

YP-59 – Challenger Condolences and Birthday Greetings Combined

Box 40

Deborah Balfour – DB-62 – In Response to Money Sent in for  
Children’s Fund for Challenger Crew

Box 51

Linda Perreault – LMP-62 – In Response to Money Sent in for  
Challenger Crew’s Childrens’ Fund

Box 52

Nancy Reagan – NR-54 – Sympathy Response re: Challenger Crew  
Letters

Box 55

Elizabeth Schaben – EMS-62 – Response to Money Sent in for  
Challenger Crew’s Children’s Fund

Box 58

Address to Nation on Explosion of Challenger 01/28/1986

Box 79

Death of American Astronauts on Board Space Shuttle Challenger

Box 81

National Challenger Center Day

Box 84

National Challenger Center Day

Higgins, Anne: Files

Box 56

Death of American Astronauts on Board the Space Shuttle Challenger

Box 61

National Challenger Center Day 1987

Box 66

National Challenger Center Day 1988

COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT, OFFICE OF

Hauser, Richard A.: Records

OA 10600

President’s Commission on the Space Shuttle Challenger (1)-(4)

OA 10601

Space Shuttle Challenger Accident (1)-(4)

[Space Shuttle:] NASA / White House Contacts on Space Shuttle  
Challenger (1)-(4)

Roberts, John G: Files

Box 9

[JGR/Challenger Shuttle \(1 of 2\)](#)

[JGR/Challenger Shuttle \(2 of 2\)](#)

MEDIA RELATIONS, OFFICE OF

Media Relations, Office of: Files

Box 53

06/25/1984 Senate Challengers and Incumbents Photo

SPEECHWRITING, OFFICE OF

Speechwriting, Office of: Research Office

Box 249

01/28/1986 Death of Space Shuttle Challenger Crew (1)-(3)

Box 250

01/31/1986 Memorial Service for Challenger Crew Josh/Carol (1)(2)

Box 303

01/28/1987 Address: NASA Employees on the Challenger Anniversary Clark/Rowena  
(1)(2)

Speechwriting, Office of: Speech Drafts

Box 249

Remarks: Death of Challenger Crew, 01/28/1986 (Noonan)(White)

Box 252

Memorial Service for the Challenger Crew (Gilder)(Hayes) 01/31/1986 (1)(2)

Box 315

Address to NASA Employees on the Challenger Anniversary (Judge)(Itchon) 01/28/1987  
(1)(2)

WHITE HOUSE OFFICE OF RECORDS MANAGEMENT: PRESIDENTIAL  
HANDWRITING FILE (COPY SET)

Box 4-Calls, Folder 058

04/07/1983 Call to Challenger Space Shuttle crew members 124861,  
PR007-02

Box 6-Calls, Folder 100

10/11/1984 Call to crew of the 41-G Space Shuttle Challenger

Mission 266314 PR007-02

Box 22-Speeches, Folder 420

01/28/1986 Death of Space Shuttle Challenger Crew 367560 SP1029

Box 22-Speeches, Folder 422

02/03/1986 Statement Regarding Formation of Presidential  
Commission on the Space Shuttle Challenger's Accident 367622  
PR014-08

Box 24-Speeches, Folder 456

06/09/1986 Presidential Commission on the Space Shuttle Challenger  
Accident 416755 FG427

Box 26-Speeches, Folder 515

01/28/1987 Address to NASA Employees on the Challenger  
Anniversary 459098 FG185

## AUDIO/VISUAL COLLECTIONS

[White House Photograph Collection Contact Sheets](#)

See Images (descriptions of images can be found in the link to the contact sheets above):

<a href="#">C8917</a>	<a href="#">C33140</a>	<a href="#">C35418</a>
<a href="#">C8921</a>	<a href="#">C33141</a>	<a href="#">C35419</a>
<a href="#">C8924</a>	<a href="#">C33142</a>	<a href="#">C35420</a>
<a href="#">C8927</a>	<a href="#">C33143</a>	<a href="#">C35421</a>
<a href="#">C8930</a>	<a href="#">C33144</a>	<a href="#">C35422</a>
<a href="#">C8933</a>	<a href="#">C33147</a>	<a href="#">C35423</a>
<a href="#">C8962</a>	<a href="#">C33152</a>	<a href="#">C35424</a>
<a href="#">C13842</a>	<a href="#">C33153</a>	<a href="#">C36113</a>
<a href="#">C22816</a>	<a href="#">C33154</a>	<a href="#">C36114</a>
<a href="#">C22817</a>	<a href="#">C33155</a>	
<a href="#">C33089</a>	<a href="#">C33156</a>	
<a href="#">C33090</a>	<a href="#">C33157</a>	
<a href="#">C33091</a>	<a href="#">C33158</a>	
<a href="#">C33092</a>	<a href="#">C33159</a>	
<a href="#">C33093</a>	<a href="#">C33160</a>	
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<a href="#">C33095</a>	<a href="#">C33162</a>	
<a href="#">C33109</a>	<a href="#">C33170</a>	
<a href="#">C33110</a>	<a href="#">C33171</a>	
<a href="#">C33111</a>	<a href="#">C33172</a>	
<a href="#">C33112</a>	<a href="#">C35417</a>	

See Videos (hosted by the Reagan Library Youtube Channel):

[President Reagan Remarks to the Astronauts on Board the Space Shuttle Challenger on April 10, 1984](#)

[President Ronald Reagan's Speech on Space Shuttle Challenger, January 28, 1986](#)

[President Reagan's Remarks to Press on Explosion of the Space Shuttle Challenger on January 28, 1986](#)

[President Reagan's Remarks at the Memorial of the Space Shuttle Challenger Crew on January 31, 1986](#)

[Cuts of President Reagan's Remarks at Memorial Service for Challenger on January 31, 1986](#)

[Announcement of the Commission on the Explosion of the Shuttle Challenger on February 3, 1986](#)

[President Reagan's Remarks on Receiving Final Report on the Space Challenger on June 9, 1986](#)

[President Reagan's Address to NASA Employees from the Oval Office on January 28, 1987](#)