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Abstract: Barbara Mae Watson was the owner and director of the African American modeling agency and charm school, Brandford Models, Inc. (later changed to Barbara Watson Models), and the first woman and first African American Assistant Secretary of State, serving under Presidents Johnson, Nixon, Ford, and Carter. The Barbara M. Watson papers document Watson's career as a business woman, lawyer, government official, and diplomat.

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Creator History

Barbara Mae Watson (1918-1983) was a businesswoman, lawyer, government executive, and diplomat. Watson was the first woman and first African American Assistant Secretary of State, serving under Presidents Johnson, Nixon, Ford, and Carter. As Acting Administrator and Administrator, Watson headed the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of [Security and] Consular Affairs from 1966-1974 and 1977-1980. From 1980-1981, she was the U.S. Ambassador to Malaysia.

Born in New York City, the eldest of Judge James S. and Violet Lopez Watson's four children, Watson was educated at Hunter Model School and High School. She earned degrees from Barnard College and New York Law School. During World War II, she made a number of broadcasts in French and English for the Office of War Information (OWI), designed to reach the peoples of Africa, Asia, and the West Indies. In 1943, she produced a half-hour weekly dramatic radio program, *I'm Your Next Door Neighbor*, for WNYC. Running for almost a year in New York City, the series focused on better understanding among all people. From 1943 to 1946, she was an interviewer with the United Seaman's Service of New York, determining if wounded merchant seamen were receiving proper medical care and rehabilitation.

From 1946 to 1955, Watson was the owner and director of the African American modeling agency and charm school, Brandford Models, Inc. (later changed to Barbara Watson Models). Founded by Watson and commercial artist Edward Brandford, Brandford Models was one of the first Black agencies of its kind to obtain modeling contracts for advertisements from nationally known, white businesses. For nine months in 1952, Watson served as Assistant Director of Research for the New York State Democratic Committee, organizing and supplying information and material to organization and candidates as well as giving lectures to women's groups on campaign issues. After closing the Barbara Watson Models agency in 1956, she served as a clerk for The Christophers of New York, a worldwide Catholic educational organization, through 1957. In 1958 until 1959, Watson served as coordinator of Student Activities at Hampton Institute. Upon graduation from law school in 1962, she worked as an attorney with three New York City government agencies, the Board of Statutory Consolidation of the City of New York, the Office of the Corporation Counsel of the City of New York, and the New York City Commission to the United Nations (where she was the director).

Watson began her State Department career as Special Assistant to the Deputy under Secretary of State for Administration, William J. Crockett, in July 1966. President Lyndon B. Johnson later appointed her to the Bureau of Security and Consular Affairs, United States Department of State where she served as Deputy Administrator from October 1966 until April 1967, Acting Administrator from April 1967 until August 1968, and Administrator until December 1974. As head of the Bureau of Security and Consular Affairs, Watson was responsible for the implementation of the laws and policies relating to visas, passports, and nationality, and the protection of and assistance to United States citizens abroad. An avowed liberal Democrat and Democratic presidential appointee, Watson served under a Republican administration from the time of her appointment. During her tenure, she was credited by liberals with having rationalized United States passport procedures and was criticized by conservatives with having interfered with security aspects of the United States Passport Office. Following the 1976 Democratic Party victory, President Jimmy Carter appointed Watson as Assistant Secretary of State for Consular Affairs in 1977, with the rank of Assistant Secretary of State, making her the first woman and first African American to achieve this status.

Upon retirement from the U.S. State Department, she entered private law practice with two Washington-based firms, specializing in international law and business development and trade. Watson served on the boards of Fordham University; Barnard College; Georgetown University, School of Foreign Service and Center for Strategic and International Studies; Radio Liberty/Radio Free Europe; World Trade

Institute; National Institute of Justice Commission; Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts; Girl Scouts of America--National Board; and the Greater Washington Educational Telecommunications Association, Inc.(GWETA), among others. She was a member of the American Bar Association, the District of Columbia Bar Association, the Bar of the State of New York, and the Bar of the District of Columbia. Besides receiving the Luther I. Replogle award, she was decorated as a Commander of the National Order of the Republic of the Ivory Coast and was the recipient of seventeen other awards from varied organizations. At the time of her death in 1983, she had received an appointment to the U.S. Department of State's Special Selection Board.

Scope and Content Note

The Barbara M. Watson papers document Watson's career as a businesswoman (1946-1955); lawyer (1962-1964, 1981-1983); government official (1966-1974, 1977-1980); and diplomat (1980-1981). In addition to career information, there are personal papers; general and family correspondence; lecture and conference participation data, including typescripts of speeches delivered by Watson; records of her board memberships and professional associations; honors and awards; and extensive printed material relating to Watson's professional and personal life. There are papers relating to Watson's career (1946-1955) as owner and director of Brandford Models, the first African American modeling agency and charm school in the United States; her position as Coordinator of Student Activities at Hampton Institute (1958-1959); and her series of positions as an attorney with New York City, as well as her private practice of law and international trade consultancy with the Washington based law firms of Italo H. Ablondi and van Kloborg and Associates after her retirement from the U.S. Department of State. The largest series, United States Department of State, is divided into five subseries beginning with the Office of Deputy Under Secretary of State for Administration.

Arrangement: Organized into thirteen series; I. Personal papers; II. General correspondence; III. I'm Your Next Door Neighbor radio program; IV. Brandford Models Inc./Barbara Watson Models; V. Hampton Institute; VI. Board of Statutory Consolidation of the City of New York; VII. Office of Corporation Counsel of the City of New York; VIII. New York City Commission to the United Nations; IX. United States Department of State; X. Lecturing and conference participation; XI. Private practice of law and consulting; XII. Board memberships and professional associations; and XIII. Honors and awards.

Key Terms

Subjects

African American government executives
African American radio broadcasters
African American women diplomats
African American women executives
African American women lawyers
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Modeling agencies

Names

Carter, Jimmy, 1924-
Cullen, Countee, 1903-1946
Hughes, Langston, 1902-1967
Johnson, Lyndon B. (Lyndon Baines), 1908-1973

McKay, Claude, 1890-1948
Watson, Barbara Mae, 1918-1983
Watson, James S., 1882-1952
Barbara Watson Models (New York, N.Y.)
Brandford Models, Inc. (New York, N.Y.)
I'm your next door neighbor (Radio Program)
United States. Department of State

Container List

Personal papers 1929-1984

This series includes biographical information that Watson provided for inclusion in *Who's Who* and other publications, commencement exercise programs, yearbooks from three schools that she attended (Hunter College High School, Barnard College, and New York Law School), and her application for admission to the District of Columbia Court of Appeals. In addition, there is a small amount of family correspondence, as well as correspondence and printed matter about Watson's friend Donald Sangster, Prime Minister of Jamaica. Also included are financial papers prepared for income tax purposes while working for the U.S. State Department (1966-1983) and papers regarding Watson's death in February 1983, which include condolences from U.S. State Department officials, colleagues, and friends, funeral plans, the order of service, and tributes. A news release regarding the first recipient of the Barbara M. Watson Memorial Award in International Relations awarded by Spelman College completes this series.

- b. 1 f. 1-2 Biographical information
- b. 1 f. 3 Curriculum vitae
- b. 1 f. 4 Miscellaneous 1930s-1975
- b. 1 f. 5 Hunter College Model School and High School 1932-1935
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- b. 1 f. 6 Yearbook 1939
- b. 1 f. 7 Class papers 1939-1943
- b. 1 f. 8 "*What the Negro Really Wants*", *Anti-Nazi Bulletin* 1944
- b. 1 f. 9 Passport application 1953
- b. 1 f. 10 New York Law School 1962-1982
- b. 1 f. 11 Application, admission to the bar 1962-1963
- b. 1 f. 12-13 Application, admission to District of Columbia Court of Appeals 1976
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- b. 2 f. 1 1929-1975
- b. 2 f. 2 1976-1982
- b. 2 f. 3 Clippings on Barbara and Grace Watson 1952-1978
Watson, Violet Lopez
- b. 2 f. 4-10 Condolence letters 1971
- b. 2 f. 11 Funeral arrangements and service 1971
- b. 2 f. 12 List of acknowledgements 1971
- b. 2 f. 13 Obituaries 1971
- b. 3 f. 1 Watson, James L. legal opinions 1981
Sangster, Donald
- b. 3 f. 2 Correspondence 1962-1967
- b. 3 f. 3 Printed matter 1955-1967
- b. 3 f. 4 U.S. State Department official information 1965-1967
- b. 3 f. 5 Funeral, memorial service, and condolences 1967
- b. 3 f. 6 Skinner, Arturo 1967-1975
- b. 3 f. 7-8 Calling cards
- b. 3 f. 9 Address book and telephone list ca. 1960s

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b. 3 f. 10 National Social Directory 1972-1980

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- b. 4 f. 1 1959
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- b. 4 f. 8 1974
- b. 4 f. 9 1975
- b. 4 f. 10 1976
- b. 4 f. 11 1977
- b. 4 f. 12 1978
- b. 4 f. 13 1979
- b. 4 f. 14 1980
- b. 4 f. 15 1981

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- b. 4 f. 17-20 Letters of condolence
- b. 5 f. 1-7 Arranged alphabetically.
- b. 5 f. 8 U.S. Department of State condolences
- b. 5 f. 9 U.S. Embassy, Malaysia, guest book
- b. 5 f. 10 Viewing guest book
- b. 5 f. 11 Funeral service
- b. 5 f. 12 List of acknowledgements
- b. 5 f. 13 Flower cards
- b. 5 f. 14 Obituaries
- b. 5 f. 15 Barbara M. Watson Memorial Award 1983-1984

General correspondence 1932-1983

This series consists of correspondence with friends and acquaintances that were not part of Watson's personal chronological file during the time she worked for the U.S. Department of State. The letters are primarily personal in nature; some of the correspondents are Ambassador Walter Annenberg, poet Countee Cullen, Justice Milagros A. German of the Phillipines, writers Langston Hughes and Claude McKay, Secretary of State Dean Rusk, South African activist and writer Helen Suzman, artists Richmond Barthe and Adja Yunkers, and actress Joan Crawford, as well as members of the U.S. government and the diplomatic corps.

Arranged alphabetically by last name.

- b. 6 f. 1 A-An 1969-1982
- b. 6 f. 2 Annenberg, Walter 1975-1981
- b. 6 f. 3 As-Az 1952-1981
- b. 6 f. 4 B-Barr 1935-1975
- b. 6 f. 5 Barthe, Richmond 1955-1976

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- b. 6 f. 6 Be-Bre 1958-1982
- b. 6 f. 7 Bri-Bu 1972-1975
- b. 6 f. 8 C-Co 1952-1981
- b. 6 f. 9 Cullen, Countee 1937-1944
- b. 6 f. 10 D 1947-1983
- b. 6 f. 11 E 1966-1971
- b. 6 f. 12 F 1949-1983
- b. 6 f. 13 G 1952-1981
- b. 6 f. 14 H-Ho 1944-1982
- b. 6 f. 15 Hughes, Langston ca. 1950-1966
- b. 6 f. 16 Hum-Hy 1941-1982
- b. 6 f. 17 I-Jo 1951-1979
- b. 7 f. 1 K 1948-1981
- b. 7 f. 2 L 1948-1982
- b. 7 f. 3 Ma 1955-1981
- b. 7 f. 4 McKay, Claude 1937
- b. 7 f. 5 Me-Mu 1961-1981
- b. 7 f. 6 N-O 1976-1982
- b. 7 f. 7 P 1967-1983
- b. 7 f. 8 R-Ro 1932-1983
- b. 7 f. 9 Ru 1954-1976
- b. 7 f. 10 S-Sk 1955-1983
- b. 7 f. 11 Sm-St 1955-1976
- b. 7 f. 12 Suzman, Helen 1976-1982
- b. 7 f. 13 T 1952-1981
- b. 7 f. 14 U-V 1947-1980
- b. 7 f. 15 W-Yo 1937-1983
- b. 7 f. 16 Yunkers, Adja ca. 1950-1980
- b. 7 f. 17 Z 1978-1979
- b. 7 f. 18 Unknown correspondents 1935-1981

I'm Your Next Door Neighbor 1944

This series primarily consists of scripts for the radio program that Watson produced on station WNYC. Some of the scriptwriters and titles of the dramatizations featured include Langston Hughes's "For This We Fight"; Gordon Heath's "Laughter Close to Tears" and "Common Man"; and Ray Thompson's "Carlotta of Equador". Additionally, there is correspondence with the public and news clippings.

- b. 8 f. 1 Correspondence 1944
- b. 8 f. 2-5 Scripts 1944
- b. 8 f. 6 Newspaper clippings 1944

Brandford Models, Inc./Barbara Watson Models 1946-1956

This series consists predominately of advertisements that featured Brandford models in African American publications. There are programs; news clippings about the agency, the models, Watson's European trip made on behalf of the modeling agency, the Brandford Home-Study Charm Course; press releases; and contracts. Also included are diet, exercise, and relaxation plans, and beauty tips for Watson's Charm and Model School.

- b. 9 f. 1 Correspondence 1948-1955
- b. 9 f. 2 Brandford Home Study Charm Course 1948
- b. 9 f. 3 Charm and Model School diet and exercise plans ca. 1948-1956
- b. 9 f. 4-6 Modeling ads 1949-1953
- b. 9 f. 7 Financial records 1953-1956
- b. 9 f. 8 Programs 1946-1953
- b. 9 f. 9 Other printed matter 1950-1955
- News clippings
- b. 9 f. 10 1946-1953
- b. 9 f. 11 1954-1955
- b. 9 f. 12 European trip 1948
- b. 10 Scrapbook

Hampton Institute 1958-1959

This series pertains to Watson's position as Coordinator of Student Activities and consists of correspondence, an annual report, a speech delivered by the president of the Student Council, and news clippings regarding Watson's work.

- b. 11 f. 1 Correspondence 1958-1959
- b. 11 f. 2 Annual report 1958-1959
- b. 11 f. 3 Printed matter 1959
- b. 11 f. 4 Newspaper clippings 1958
- b. 11 f. 5 Board of Statutory Consolidation of the City of New York 1962-1963

This series consists of notes, receipts for Watson's legal research, and a manual concerning drafting bills in New York State.

Office of the Corporation Counsel of the City of New York 1963-1964

This series consists of legal briefs for a variety of cases, Watson's notes, and memoranda that she prepared regarding opinions about then current cases.

Legal briefs

- b. 11 f. 6 Kupferman, Theodore R 1963
- b. 11 f. 7 McCleery, Betty and John 1963
- b. 11 f. 8 Young, John H., III, et. al 1963
- b. 11 f. 9 Miscellaneous 1963-1964
- b. 11 f. 10 Virginia Jones vs. Willie Simon 1964
- b. 11 f. 11 Appellate Division of the Supreme Court day calendar 1963
- b. 11 f. 12 Notes 1963-1964
- b. 11 f. 13 Memorandum 1963

New York City Commission to the United Nations 1963-1966

This series provides information about Watson's position as the Commission's executive director and consists of a news clipping regarding her appointment, correspondence, drafts of a criminal court procedure, appointment calendars, notes, invitations to a variety of receptions and events, and Watson's letter of resignation.

- b. 12 f. 1 Appointment as executive director 1964
- b. 12 f. 2 Correspondence 1964-1966
- b. 12 f. 3 Legal notes undated
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- b. 12 f. 4 1964
- b. 12 f. 5 1965
- b. 12 f. 6 Invitations 1965
- b. 12 f. 7 Printed matter 1963
- b. 12 f. 8 Clippings 1964

United States Department of State 1958-1983

The first subseries covers Watson's initial three month appointment with the State Department and consists of personnel records, congratulatory letters regarding her appointment, and newspaper clippings. The Bureau of Security and Consular Affairs (later renamed the Bureau of Consular Affairs) subseries documents Watson's duties as Acting Administrator and Administrator, with the rank of Assistant Secretary of State, and consists of what Watson called her "Personal Chronological File", which contains letters and carbon copies of her replies that are considered official, yet informal and unclassified. The correspondents are friends and acquaintances who held official positions in consulates and embassies throughout the world; government leaders; executives of corporations; and social action, cultural, ethnic, legal, political, educational and other organizations. Also documented is Watson's 1974 ouster, her job related speeches, travel vouchers, and appointment calendars indicating the scope and purposes of her extensive travels in the U.S. and abroad. Watson's long and complex ouster from her position commenced in early 1974, and finally concluded in December of that year. The process is documented beginning with a letter dated April 4, 1974, in which President Nixon accepted her pro forma resignation, two years into his second term. Also included is correspondence from other government officials and a letter from President Ford, accepting another pro forma resignation from Watson after the Nixon resignation. Of particular interest is the correspondence between Watson and her friends and supporters concerning the shock and anger they felt at her ouster. Also included is Watson's December 13, 1974, receipt of the Luther I. Replogle award, which is presented annually to the person who most effectively contributes to sound management in the U.S. Department of State. The subseries Bureau of Consular Affairs provides a framework for Watson's last position with this bureau and includes her application for the appointment, her confirmation, briefings, guest lists for the swearing-in ceremony, and congratulatory letters. As in the preceding subseries, this subseries includes a Personal Chronological File; correspondents include Doris B. Rankin Sells of the Ohio Black Women's Leadership Caucus and Judge Milagros A. German of the Philippines and President Jimmy Carter. Of particular interest are letters Watson received in 1981 concerning the 1978 Jonestown (Guyana) Peoples Temple tragedy. Assigned by President Carter to take charge of the U.S. efforts in the aftermath, Watson played a crucial role in the burial arrangements for the victims and the settlement of this incident. The U.S. Ambassador to Malaysia subseries reflects Watson's activities in this position. Included is documentation of her official nomination and appointment, background information concerning Malaysia, ambassadorial seminars, commerce and foreign policy briefings, ceremonies, daily schedules, invitations, appointment calendars, speeches Watson delivered at official functions, and newspaper clippings covering her tenure. The Special Selection Board subseries consists only of Watson's appointment and a job description.

Organized into 5 subseries: 1. Office of Deputy Under Secretary of State for Administration; 2. Bureau of Security and Consular Affairs; 3. Bureau of Consular Affairs; 4. U.S. Ambassador to Malaysia; and 5. Special Selection Board.

Office of Deputy Under Secretary of State for Administration 1966-1968, 1966-1968

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Office of Deputy Under Secretary of State for Administration (cont.)

- b. 13 f. 1 Executive inventory record, application for federal employment 1966 April-1968 July
- b. 13 f. 2 Biographical press release from State Department 1966
- b. 13 f. 3 Notification of reassignment 1966 July-October
- b. 13 f. 4 Reorganization of the Bureau of Security and Consular Affairs 1966
- b. 13 f. 5-6 Letters of congratulations for appointment as Special Assistant 1966 July
- b. 13 f. 7 Swearing-in ceremony 1966 July 13
- b. 13 f. 8 Clippings 1966 June-August
- Bureau of Security and Consular Affairs 1958-1980
- b. 14 f. 1 Appointment as Acting Administrator 1967
- b. 14 f. 2 Biographical press releases 1967-1974
- b. 14 f. 3 Officer evaluation reports 1967-1975
- b. 14 f. 4 Statement and reports 1967-1971
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- b. 14 f. 5 Biographical press releases 1968
- b. 14 f. 6 Correspondence and memoranda 1968-1971
- b. 14 f. 7 Transcript of Congressional hearing 1968 July
- b. 14 f. 8-9 Swearing-in ceremony transcription and reception 1968 August
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- b. 14 f. 15 Officer evaluation reports 1970-1975
- b. 14 f. 16 Statements and reports 1970-1973
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- b. 15 f. 1 1966 August-October
- b. 15 f. 2 1966 November-December
- b. 15 f. 3 1967 January
- b. 15 f. 4 1967 February
- b. 15 f. 5 1967 March
- b. 15 f. 6 1967 April
- b. 15 f. 7 1967 May-June
- b. 15 f. 8 1967 July-August
- b. 15 f. 9 1967 September
- b. 15 f. 10 1967 October
- b. 15 f. 11 1967 November
- b. 15 f. 12 1967 December
- b. 15 f. 13 1968 January-February
- b. 15 f. 14 1968 March
- b. 15 f. 15 1968 April-May
- b. 15 f. 16 1968 June
- b. 15 f. 17 1968 July
- b. 15 f. 18 1968 August
- b. 15 f. 19 1968 September
- b. 15 f. 20 1968 October

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b. 15 f. 22	1968 December
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b. 16 f. 4	1969 April
b. 16 f. 5	1969 May
b. 16 f. 6	1969 June-July
b. 16 f. 7	1969 August
b. 16 f. 8	1969 September
b. 16 f. 9	1969 October
b. 16 f. 10	1969 November
b. 16 f. 11	1969 December
b. 16 f. 12	1970 January-February
b. 16 f. 13	1970 March
b. 16 f. 14	1970 April
b. 16 f. 15	1970 May
b. 16 f. 16	1970 June
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b. 17 f. 2	1971 February
b. 17 f. 3	1971 March
b. 17 f. 4	1971 April
b. 17 f. 5	1971 May
b. 17 f. 6	1971 June
b. 17 f. 7	1971 July
b. 17 f. 8	1971 August
b. 17 f. 9	1971 September-November
b. 17 f. 10	1971 December
b. 17 f. 11	1972 January
b. 17 f. 12	1972 February
b. 17 f. 13	1972 March
b. 17 f. 14	1972 April
b. 17 f. 15	1972 May
b. 17 f. 16	1972 June
b. 17 f. 17	1972 July

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- b. 18 f. 2 1973 July
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- b. 18 f. 6 1973 November
- b. 18 f. 7 1973 December
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- b. 18 f. 10 1974 March 20-29
- b. 18 f. 11 1974 April
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- b. 18 f. 15 1974 August
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- b. 18 f. 17 1974 October
- b. 18 f. 18 1974 November
- b. 18 f. 19 1974 December
- Correspondence
- b. 18 f. 20 Humphrey, Hubert 1965-1969
- b. 18 f. 21 Pro forma resignation letters 1968-1972
- b. 18 f. 22 Johnson, Lyndon B 1968-1973
- b. 18 f. 23 Congressional reelection congratulatory letters 1974
- Immigration and Neutrality Act
- b. 19 f. 1 Annotated 1958 December 31
- b. 19 f. 2-3 6th edition, indexed and annotated 1969 May 1
- Passport Office
- Memoranda
- b. 19 f. 4 1968 February-October
- b. 19 f. 5 1969
- b. 19 f. 6 1970 January-April
- b. 19 f. 7 1970 May-June

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b. 19 f. 13	1971 September-November
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b. 20 f. 4	1973 May-December
b. 20 f. 5	1974 January-February
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b. 21 f. 7	1970 April-December
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- b. 24 f. 23 Georgetown University, "Health Care of American Workers and Travelers Aboard" 1969 July 20
- b. 24 f. 24 "Immigration Today" article 1969-1970
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 - b. 26 f. 7 1970
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 - b. 28 f. 1-2 Application 1977
 - b. 28 f. 3 Senate Foreign Relations Committee confirmation hearings 1977 April 5
 - Swearing-in 1977 April 13
 - b. 28 f. 4 Briefings
 - b. 28 f. 5 Guest list
 - b. 28 f. 6 Press release (biographical) 1977-1979
 - b. 28 f. 7-9 Congratulatory correspondence 1977
 - "Personal Chronological File"
 - b. 29 f. 1 1977 January-February
 - b. 29 f. 2 1977 March
 - b. 29 f. 3 1977 April
 - b. 29 f. 4 1977 May
 - b. 29 f. 5 1977 June
 - b. 29 f. 6 1977 July-August
 - b. 29 f. 7 1977 September-October
 - b. 29 f. 8 1977 November-December
 - b. 29 f. 9 1978 January-March
 - b. 29 f. 10 1978 April-June
 - b. 29 f. 11 1978 July-December
 - b. 29 f. 12-13 1979
 - b. 29 f. 14 1980
 - b. 29 f. 15 Carter, Jimmy correspondence 1976-1980

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- b. 29 f. 16 Salzburg Seminar in American Studies 1980
- b. 29 f. 17 Jonestown, Guyana 1981
- Speeches
 - b. 30 f. 1 List 1977-1980
 - b. 30 f. 2 1977 March-1978 September
 - b. 30 f. 3 1978 October-December
 - b. 30 f. 4 1979 January-February
 - b. 30 f. 5 1979 March-June
 - b. 30 f. 6 1979 July-September
 - b. 30 f. 7 1979 October-December
 - b. 30 f. 8 1980 January-May
- Travel
 - b. 30 f. 9 Schedule 1977-1980
- Vouchers
 - b. 30 f. 10 1977
 - b. 30 f. 11 1978
 - b. 30 f. 12 1979
 - b. 30 f. 13 1980
- Appointment calendars
 - b. 31 f. 1-2 1977
 - b. 31 f. 3-4 1978
 - b. 31 f. 5-6 1979
 - b. 31 f. 7-8 1980
- Invitations
 - b. 32 f. 1 1967-1977
 - b. 32 f. 2 1978-1979 March
 - b. 32 f. 3 1979 April-September
 - b. 32 f. 4 1979 October-December
 - b. 32 f. 5 1980 January-March
 - b. 32 f. 6 1980 April-May
 - b. 32 f. 7 1980 June-August
 - b. 32 f. 8 Programs 1976-1979
 - b. 32 f. 9 Interview, "Personnel Management Issues" 1979 December
 - b. 32 f. 10 Christmas cards 1980
- b. 33 f. 1-3 Seminar series, "Consular Perspective for the Eighties" 1982
- Clippings
 - b. 33 f. 4 Knight, Frances G 1977
 - b. 33 f. 5 1977
 - b. 33 f. 6 1978
 - b. 33 f. 7 1979
 - b. 33 f. 8 1980

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- b. 33 f. 9 **Books on Watson**
Includes *Women in the State Department: Their Role in American Foreign Affairs* by Homer L. Calkin and *The U.S. Consul at Work* by William D. Morgan and Charles S. Kennedy.
- U.S. Ambassador to Malaysia 1976-1981
- b. 34 f. 1 Nomination 1980 May
- b. 34 f. 2 Appointment 1980 July
- b. 34 f. 3 Transcript of Congressional remarks and press releases 1980-1981
- b. 34 f. 4 Foreign Services evaluation 1980-1981
- b. 34 f. 5 Earnings statement and foreign allowances application 1980-1981
- b. 34 f. 6 Expenditures and reimbursement vouchers 1980-1981
- b. 34 f. 7 Travel arrangements 1980-1981
- b. 34 f. 8 Administrative briefing notes 1980
- b. 34 f. 9 Foreign policy briefing 1980
- b. 34 f. 10 Foreign Service Institute Ambassadorial Seminar 1980 June
- b. 34 f. 11-12 Briefing book 1980
- b. 34 f. 13 Institute of International Education 1980 August
- b. 34 f. 14-15 Commerce briefing 1980 August
- b. 35 f. 1 Swearing in ceremony 1980 August-September
- b. 35 f. 2-4 Congratulatory correspondence 1980
- b. 35 f. 5 Official correspondence 1980 August
- b. 35 f. 6 Arrival statement and presentation of credentials 1980 September
- "Personal Chronological File"
- b. 35 f. 7-8 1980 July-September
- b. 35 f. 9-12 1980 October
- b. 35 f. 13-14 1980 November
- b. 35 f. 15 1980 December-1981
- b. 36 f. 1 Addresses and speeches 1980-1981
- Daily schedules and invitations
- b. 36 f. 2 1980 December
- b. 36 f. 3 1981 January
- b. 36 f. 4-5 1981 February
- b. 36 f. 6 1981 March
- b. 36 f. 7 Travel vouchers 1980-1981
- b. 36 f. 8-9 Appointment calendars 1980-1981
- b. 36 f. 10 Guest lists 1980-1981
- b. 37 f. 1 Information on Malaysia 1976-1981
- b. 37 f. 2 Ambassador's residence 1977-1980
- b. 37 f. 3 Refugee assistance effort 1979 August
- b. 37 f. 4 African American women appointees during Carter administration (poster) 1980
- b. 37 f. 5 Programs 1976-1980
- b. 37 f. 6 List of embassy and government personnel

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- b. 37 f. 7 Resignation 1981
- b. 37 f. 8 Expressions of regret 1981
- b. 37 f. 9-10 Farewell functions and guest book 1981
- Clippings
- b. 37 f. 11 Appointments
- b. 37 f. 12 Arrival in Kuala Lumpur 1980
- b. 37 f. 13 Presentation of credentials 1980
- b. 37 f. 14 Signing for ASEAN Plant Quarantine Center and Training Institute (PLANTI) 1980
- b. 37 f. 15 Visit to Chervas Refugee Camp 1980
- b. 37 f. 16 AMVER Awards 1980
- b. 37 f. 17 Presentation of American Association checks to charity 1980
- b. 37 f. 18 Watson as ambassador 1980-1981
- b. 37 f. 19 75,000th Vietnamese refugee 1981
- b. 37 f. 20 Senator Nunn's visit and call on Sultan of Selangor 1981
- b. 37 f. 21 Farewell audience with His Majesty the Yang di-Pertuan Agong 1981
- b. 37 f. 22 Departure 1981
- b. 37 f. 23 Special Selection Board appointment 1982-1983

Lecturing and conference participation 1940-1983

The subseries Speeches consists of addresses Watson delivered primarily to private organizations during the time she worked for the U.S. Department of State. Many speeches were presented to colleges and universities, women's and African American organizations, and foreign travel and business groups. She discussed a wide variety of contemporary problems and issues including immigration, travel, law, narcotics, and the responsibilities of the Bureau of Consular Affairs. Between 1975 and 1976, when Watson was not employed by the State Department she was under contract with a speaking bureau, the American Program Bureau, which aided in securing her paid speaking engagements. Requests for speaking engagements and her itinerary cover this time period. The Conferences subseries consists of speeches, correspondence, printed material, and other supporting documentation regarding conferences in which Watson participated mostly between 1973 and 1976. One of the major conferences represented in this subseries is the International Convention of Women located in Grahamstown, South Africa, in December 1975. The purpose of the conference was to celebrate International Women's Year and to provide a critical appraisal of women in the professions and their role in shaping the future. Watson delivered an address, "Female Liberation and Human Survival". She also made visits to other countries in Africa and Europe on behalf of the convention. Watson was a participant in the "U.S. at 200" Symposium held in Singapore in 1976 for which she delivered an address, "American Life and Culture within the U.S.". Addresses by Watson and others are included in the subseries. Also documented is Watson's participation in the United States-South Africa Leader Exchange Program, held in 1976, which serves as a non-governmental means of cooperation among professional, civic, and business leaders of all races in the two countries.

Arranged into 2 subseries: 1. Speeches and 2. Conferences.

Speeches 1940-1980

- b. 38 f. 1 List of speaking engagements for private organizations 1977-1980
- Requests
- b. 38 f. 2 1974
- b. 38 f. 3 1975
- b. 38 f. 4 1976-1977
- b. 38 f. 5 1940s-1950s

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- b. 38 f. 6 1966-1967
- b. 38 f. 7-8 1968
- b. 38 f. 9-10 1969
- b. 38 f. 11 1970
- b. 38 f. 12 1971
- b. 39 f. 1 1971
- b. 39 f. 2 1972
- b. 39 f. 3-4 1973
- b. 39 f. 5-6 1976
- b. 39 f. 7 1977
- b. 39 f. 8-11 1978
- b. 40 f. 1-3 1979
- b. 40 f. 4-5 1980
- b. 40 f. 6 undated

Conferences 1973-1983

- b. 41 f. 1 Abidjan World Conferences on World Peace through Law 1973 August
- b. 41 f. 2 American Assembly on Law and Changing Society II 1975 June
- b. 41 f. 3 Washington World Law Conference 1975 October
- b. 41 f. 4 Girl Scouts of America 1975 October
- b. 41 f. 5-18 International Convention of Women, Grahamstown, South Africa 1975 December
- b. 42 f. 1-9 United States and South Africa Leader Exchange Program 1975-1976
Includes addresses by Henry Kissinger and Mangosuthu G. Buthelezi and papers by H. W. E. Ntsanwisi.
- b. 42 f. 10 Symposium on Justice, Values and Education in Our Third Century 1976 October
- b. 43 f. 1-5 "The U.S. at 200" symposium 1976 November
- b. 43 f. 6-7 Seminar on U.S. trade laws and regulations 1981 July 14
- b. 43 f. 8 TransAfrica Boston Forum, Symposium of the Black American Ambassadors 1983 February
- b. 43 f. 9-12 Appointment calendars 1975-1977
- b. 43 f. 13 Clippings about speeches and conferences 1973-1976

Private law practice and consulting 1979-1983

The Italo H. Ablondi subseries consists of correspondence, memos, printed material, and one case file gathered from Watson's tenure with the firm. Many of Watson's cases dealt with immigration and establishment of proof of U.S. citizenship. The subseries van Kloberg and Associates contains correspondence, reports, press releases, printed material, and client files for countries and organizations that the firm represented, such as Jamaica, Nigeria, Guyana, Nepal, and the University of the District of Columbia. Watson's appointment calendars complete this sub-series.

Arranged into two subseries: 1. Italo H. Ablondi and 2. van Kloberg and Associates.

Italo H. Ablondi 1980-1983

- b. 44 f. 1 Announcement of Watson joining firm 1981 December
- b. 44 f. 2-3 Correspondence 1981-1983
- b. 44 f. 4 International Trade Commission 1980-1982

Private law practice and consulting (cont.)
Italo H. Ablondi (cont.)

- b. 44 f. 5 Least developed countries legal representations ca. 1981-1983
- b. 44 f. 6 Kinney, Arlan L 1981-1982
van Kloberg & Associates 1979-1983
- b. 45 f. 1 Press release about Watson joining firm 1982
- b. 45 f. 2 Description of firm 1982
- b. 45 f. 3 Correspondence 1982-1983
- b. 45 f. 4 Employment requests and curriculum vitae 1982
- b. 45 f. 5 Report 1982 November
- b. 45 f. 6 Press releases 1982-1983
- b. 45 f. 7 Printed matter on Edward van Kloberg 1979-1982
- b. 45 f. 8-9 COSSMHO Benefit Ball 1982 September
- b. 45 f. 10 Friends of the National Museum of African Art fundraising committee 1983
- b. 45 f. 11 Guyana 1980-1982
- b. 45 f. 12-13 Jamaica 1981-1982
- b. 45 f. 14 Lesotho 1982-1983
- b. 45 f. 15 Nepal 1982-1983
- b. 45 f. 16 Nigeria 1981-1982
- b. 46 f. 1 Pakistan 1979-1983
- b. 46 f. 2 Somalia 1982-1983
- b. 46 f. 3 South Africa 1982
- b. 46 f. 4 Sri Lanka 1982-1983
- b. 46 f. 5 Swaziland 1982
- b. 46 f. 6 University of the District of Columbia 1982
- b. 46 f. 7 Zaire 1982
- b. 46 f. 8-9 Appointment calendars 1982-1983

Board memberships and professional associations 1954-1983

This series consists principally of correspondence and printed matter pertaining to organizations for which Watson served as a director or in other capacities. The range of her interests is reflected in the diversity of these organizations which include the fields of higher education, child development, international cultural exchange, women's concerns, law, and the arts. In 1977, when Watson was again appointed Administrator of the Bureau of Consular Affairs, she resigned from many of her board memberships in order to avoid any conflict of interest.

- b. 47 f. 1 List of board memberships 1974-1976
- b. 47 f. 2 Resignation letters 1977 January
- b. 47 f. 3-4 American Bar Association, Commission on a National Institute of Justice, Executive Standing Committee 1972-1976
- b. 47 f. 5 American Council for Nationalities Services, Board of Directors 1974
- b. 47 f. 6 American Immigration and Citizenship Conference, Board of Directors 1973-1974
- b. 47 f. 7 Barnard College Board of Trustees 1968-1981
- b. 47 f. 8 Bureau of National Affairs, Board of Judges for scholarships 1973-1974
- b. 47 f. 9 Catherine L. O'Brien Award, competition for Stanley Home Products, Board of Judges 1969-1973
- b. 47 f. 10 Commission of United States and Latin American Relations 1974

Board memberships and professional associations (cont.)

- b. 47 f. 11 Committee for Charter Revision, Implementation Planning 1975-1976
- b. 47 f. 12 David Lawrence Memorial Scholarship Board of Judges 1974
- b. 47 f. 13 Day Care and Child Development Council of America Board of Directors 1970-1973
- b. 47 f. 14 Delta Sigma Theta honorary membership 1969-1971
- b. 47 f. 15-16 Federal Woman's Award Board of Trustees 1970-1976
- b. 48 f. 1-2 Fordham University Board of Trustees 1979-1983
- b. 48 f. 3 Friendship House Board of Directors 1970-1973
- b. 48 f. 4 Georgetown University Center for Strategic and International Study 1982
- b. 48 f. 5 Georgetown University School of Foreign Service, Board of Visitors 1974-1976
- b. 48 f. 6 Ghana Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children 1973
- b. 48 f. 7 Girl Scouts of America, National Board of Directors 1975
- b. 48 f. 8 Greater Washington Educational Telecommunications Associations (GWETA), Board of Directors 1973-1979
- b. 48 f. 9 International Club of Washington Program Committee 1972-1981
- b. 48 f. 10 Islam Centennial Fourteen, National Committee 1981
- b. 48 f. 11 National Capital United Services Organization Inc., Board of Directors 1974-1975
- b. 48 f. 12 National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Potomac 1970-1972
- b. 48 f. 13 Office of Economic Opportunity, Women's Advisory Committee 1970-1971
- b. 48 f. 14 Philadelphia Museum of Art, Treasures of Ancient Nigeria Advisory Committee, Honorary Members 1981-1982
- b. 48 f. 15 Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty Inc., Board of Trustees 1976
- b. 48 f. 16 Ralph Bunche Awards Program, Planning Committee 1976
- b. 48 f. 17 United Mutual Life Insurance Company 1954
- b. 48 f. 18 Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, Director 1972-1980
- b. 48 f. 19 World Trade Institute, Port Authority of New York and New Jersey Advisory Committee 1971-1974

Honors and awards 1956-1981

This series consists of correspondence and printed matter documenting recognition of Watson's outstanding achievements in a wide variety of fields by approximately eighteen organizations. Watson received awards from African American, Jewish, legal, women's, and business organizations, as well as the government of the Ivory Coast. Watson also held honorary doctorates from the University of Maryland and Mount Saint Mary College.

- b. 49 f. 1 List of awards 1966-1973
- b. 49 f. 2 New York Law School 1961-1981
- b. 49 f. 3 National Association of Women Lawyers 1961 February
- b. 49 f. 4 American Bar Association 1962-1963
- b. 49 f. 5 New York County Lawyers Association 1966 April
- b. 49 f. 6 Distinguished Citizen Award 1968
- b. 49 f. 7 Tenth Street Baptist Church Courage and Devotion Award 1968 February
- b. 49 f. 8 Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Lola M. Parker Achievement Award nomination 1968 March
- b. 49 f. 9 Hadassah Myrtle Wreath Award 1968 December

Honors and awards (cont.)

- b. 49 f. 10 Delta Sigma Theta Sorority 1969 August
- b. 49 f. 11 National Council of Negro Women, Black Woman's Distinguished Service Award 1971 April
- b. 49 f. 12 Caribbean American International Organization 1972 August
- b. 49 f. 13 Hebrew Immigrant and Aid Society (HIAS), Rev. Zvi Hirsch Masliansky Award 1972 March
- b. 49 f. 14 National Order of the Ivory Coast Republic decoration 1973 October
- b. 49 f. 15 New York State Beauty Culturists Association, Woman of the Year Honoree 1973 February
- b. 49 f. 16 Mount St. Mary College, doctorate of humane letters 1973 December
- b. 49 f. 17 Princeton University Rockefeller Public Service Award 1973
- b. 49 f. 18 Utility Club Inc., Woman of the Year 1979 June
- b. 49 f. 19 Mid-America Enterprises, "Black Women at the Top" 1980
- b. 49 f. 20 Consular Officers' Association 1981
- b. 50 Oversized 1956-1980