

Guide to Conducting Research on Brazil at the John F. Kennedy and Lyndon B. Johnson Presidential Libraries (1961-1969)

Introduction

The John F. Kennedy and Lyndon B. Johnson libraries, also known respectively as the JFK Presidential Library and the LBJ Presidential Library, are two of thirteen Presidential Libraries administered by the National Archives and Records Administration. Each institution acquires, preserves, arranges and describes, and provides access to primary-source materials in all formats that document the lives, political careers, and legacies of the 35th (Kennedy, 1961-1963) and 36th (Johnson, 1963-1969) presidents of the United States

The JFK Library's holdings include the papers of John F. Kennedy, Robert F. Kennedy, Jacqueline Bouvier Kennedy Onassis, Joseph P. Kennedy, and Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy, as well as over 400 other collections of personal papers and institutional records: those of other Kennedy family members; Kennedy administration officials, staff, and associates; and relevant individuals, authors, and institutions. The LBJ Library holds 45 million pages of historical documents, including the presidential papers of Lyndon Baines Johnson as well as some material from when he was vice president in the Kennedy administration.

The Kennedy and Johnson administrations were both closely involved with the political developments that shaped Brazil from the inauguration of President Jânio Quadros in 1961 to his resignation that same year; to the contested ascension to the presidency of Quadros' vice president João Goulart; to the 1964 coup that deposed Goulart; and finally to the consolidation of an authoritarian military regime between 1964-1968. Thus, both presidential libraries are crucial repositories for researchers seeking to better understand the political history of twentieth-century Brazil, especially regarding the Cold War, developmentalism, and US-Brazil relations. While the JFK and LBJ libraries organize their holdings in slightly different ways, this guide has been standardized for the sake of clarity.

JFK Presidential Library

The Kennedy Library contains documents related to Brazilian politics, diplomatic relations, the Alliance for Progress, and the Peace Corps. Among the Kennedy administration's signature foreign policies, the Alliance for Progress and Peace Corps were especially consequential for Latin America and Brazil in particular. Also of note are

the National Security Files within the Presidential Papers of John F. Kennedy collection. These documents, constituting the working files of McGeorge Bundy, Special Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs, represent the primary foreign policy files of the Kennedy White House. They are organized in the following series: Countries, Regional Security Files, Trips and Conferences, Departments and Agencies, Subjects, Meetings and Memorandums, and staff files of Chester V. Clifton, Carl Kaysen, William H. Brubeck, Ralph Dungan, McGeorge Bundy, Robert W. Komer, Henry Kissinger, Charles Johnson, and Bromley K. Smith.

Below are the materials at the JFK Library related to Brazil organized by collection name:

Papers of John F. Kennedy. Presidential Papers. National Security Files

Countries

• Brazil	Box 12	Documents: 160
	Box 12A	Documents: 230
	Box 13	Documents: 308
	Box 13A	Documents: 190
	Box 14	Documents: 264
	Box 14A	Documents: 86

Ralph A. Dungan files

• Brazil: 3/62-9/62	Box 390	Documents: 77
• Brazil: 10/62	Box 391	Documents: 61
• Brazil: 11/62-12/62		
• Brazil: Undated		
• Brazil: Brazil Trip 11/62, 10/61-12/62		
• Brazil: 1/63-6/63		
• Brazil: 7/63-10/63 & undated		
• Brazil: Draft Brazil, 12/9/63	Box 391	Documents: 36
• Brazil: 12/63-9/64 & undated		

Trips and Conferences

- President's trip: Proposed Brazil trip (1 of 2 folders), May 4-July 20 1962¹

¹ This folder contains telegrams from Department of State officials, including United States Ambassador to Brazil Lincoln Gordon, regarding a proposed trip to Brazil by President John F. Kennedy and the subsequent postponement due to political unrest in the country. Topics include suggested itineraries, including stops in the cities of São Paulo, Recife, Natal, and Brasilia; meetings between President Kennedy and President of Brazil João Goulart; and potential security issues. Also included in this folder is a draft statement announcing the postponement and a memorandum to President Kennedy from White House Press Secretary Pierre Salinger regarding Salinger's trip to Brazil and meeting with President Goulart.

- President's trip: Proposed Brazil trip (2 of 2 folders), July 29, 1962-November 17, 1963²

Richard N. Goodwin Personal Papers

Subject File, 1961-1965

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| • Brazil: 1961: April 10-May 13 | Box 3 | Documents: 37 |
| • Brazil: 1961: May 14 | | |
| • Brazil: 1961: May 15-June 10 | | |

Lincoln Gordon Personal Papers

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| • Ambassador to Brazil, 1960-1966 ³ | 27 Boxes | Documents: TBD⁴ |
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Peace Corps

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| • Administrative Reports | Box 6 | Documents: 2 |
| • Training Materials | Box 26 | Documents: 2 |
| • Volunteer Information | Box 31 | Documents: 16 |

² This folder contains telegrams from Department of State officials, including United States Ambassador to Brazil Lincoln Gordon, regarding proposed trips to Brazil in July and November 1962 by President John F. Kennedy and subsequent postponements. Topics include a schedule for the advance security and planning teams; suggested itineraries for President Kennedy; staff designations for coordination between the White House and Brazil; and the form of scope, talking, position, and background papers in preparation for the President's trip. Also included in this folder is a press release of an exchange of letters between President Kennedy and President of Brazil João Goulart regarding the postponement of the November 1962 trip due to the Cuban Missile Crisis.

³ This series consists of materials relating to Lincoln Gordon's role as Ambassador to Brazil, a position in which he served from September 1961 to June 1966. Groups of material include articles and publications, clippings, chronological files, photographs, speech files, and subject files. Many of the documents are written in Portuguese. Articles and publications files include works written by Gordon while he was ambassador, as well as some articles written prior to his 1961 appointment that relate to Brazil. Topics in the chronological files mainly relate to Harvard University, book publishing, recommendations, invitations to conferences and events, and various reports relating to Brazil and economics. Speech files document the Ambassador's speaking engagements from his appointment in September 1961 to his farewell speech in 1966, and most files have copies of the speech in both English and Portuguese. Subject files include topics relating to Gordon's various interests, mainly relating to Brazil and Latin America, as well as consulting work and organizations he was involved in while serving as Ambassador.

⁴ Because Lincoln Gordon's personal papers have only recently been made public, Opening the Archives has not yet been able to determine the precise number of documents contained therein.

Papers of John F. Kennedy. Presidential Papers. White House Central Subject Files

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Brazil (CO 37): Executive, 1/20/61-1/31/62• Brazil (CO 37): Executive, 2/1/62-4/15/62• Brazil (CO 37): Executive, 4/16/62-12/31/62• Brazil (CO 37): Executive, 1/1/63-7/31/63• Brazil (CO 37): Executive, 8/1/63-11/6/63• Brazil (CO 37): General, 1/20/61-3/31/62 | Box 42 | Documents: TBD |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Brazil (CO 37): General, 4/1/62-5/31/62• Brazil (CO 37): General, 6/1/62-8/25/62• Brazil (CO 37): General, 8/26/62-11/31/62• Brazil (CO 37): General, 12/1/62-11/26/63 | Box 43 | Documents: TBD |

LBJ Presidential Library

The Johnson administration built on many of the policies the Kennedy administration established toward Latin America. President Johnson recognized the new Brazilian regime that deposed democratically-elected president João Goulart in 1964, for example, building on the Kennedy administration's policy of supporting Goulart's opponents. Johnson was also president during the crucial first four years of the military regime in Brazil as the dictatorship consolidated itself and became increasingly more repressive toward political dissidents. As such, the LBJ Library is a crucial repository for researchers working on Brazil in the 1960s and the early years of the dictatorship in particular.

NSF, Country File, Latin America

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Brazil | Box 9 | Documents: 241 |
| | Box 10 | Documents: 441 |
| | Box 11 | Documents: 222 |
| | Box 12 | Documents: 89 |

NSF, Special Head of State Correspondence

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Brazil | Box 5 | Documents: 85 |
| | Box 6 | Documents: 238 |

NSF, International Meetings and Travel File*

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Brazil: "Possible Visit of POTUS," 8/68 | Box 25 | Documents: 4 |
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NSF, Intelligence File

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Student Unrest [Argentina, Brazil] | Box 3 | Documents: 3 |
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NSF, National Intelligence Estimates File (NIEs)

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| • Brazil | Box 9 | Documents: 9 |
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NSF, National Security Council Meetings

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| • U.S. Policy Toward Brazil and other
general topics, 4/2/64 | Box 1 | Documents: 6 |
| • Various Topics (Panama, etc), 4/3/64
[Brazil, Cuba] | Box 1 | Documents: 9 |

White House Central Files (WHCF) – Subject File Countries (CO)*

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| • CO 37 Brazil | Box 16-17 | Documents: |
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Foreign Affairs (FO)

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| • FO 3-2 Mutual Security [foreign aid,
subdivided by country] | Box 22
Box 25
Box 26 | Documents:
Documents: |
| • FO 3-2-1 Alliance for Progress | Box 30-31 | Documents: |

Legislation (LE)*

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| • LE/CO 1-8 South American
[Latin American Summit, 1967] | Box 35 | Documents: |
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Speeches (SP)

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| • SP 3-102 Anniversary,
Alliance for Progress, 8/17/65 | Box 177 | Documents: |
| • SP 3-146
Alliance for Progress, 8/17/66 | Box 183 | Documents: |
| • SP 3-196
Alliance for Progress Anniversary, 8/17/68 | Box 190 | Documents: |

Trips (TR)

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| • TR 49 Brazil, May 1965 (cancelled) | Box 20 | Documents: |
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White House Central File, Name File

- Lincoln Gordon
- Thomas C. Mann
- Globo
- Artur da Costa e Silva

Office Files of the White House Aides

This collection consists of files from various White House aides, those who maintained their own office files separate from the White House Central Files. Researchers should also consult the Aides Files finding aid (although it is quite vague) for folders on foreign aid and foreign affairs – some of which will have material relating to Latin America.

Researches should note that collections for which there are finding aids available through the Johnson Library website (<http://www.lbjlib.utexas.edu/johnson/archives.hom/holdings/presiden.asp#III>) are noted with an asterisk (*).

Advertising Council*

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| • Alliance for Progress | Box 1 | Documents: |
| • Round Table in Rio (May) | Box 2 | Documents: |

Ceil Bellinger*

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| • Alliance for Progress | Box 1 | Documents: |
| • Latin American Summit Meeting – April 11, 1967 | Box 20 | Documents: |

Richard Goodwin*

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| • State Department – AID, Alliance for Progress | Box 26 | Documents: |
| • Reports: “Partners of the Alliance, Alliance for Progress,” Vol. 3, 4, 5 | Box 36 | Documents: |

Charles Horsky

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| • Report of the 2 nd Inter-American Conference, | | |
| • Partners of the Alliance, Alliance for Progress | Box 57 | Documents: |

Harry McPherson

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| • U.S.I.A. [Brazil] | Box 17 | Documents: |
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Bill Moyers

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| • Brazil | Box 81 | Documents: |
| • AID Material [Brazil, Chile] | Box 108 | Documents: |
| • Alliance for Progress [5/11/64] | Box 125 | Documents: |

Fred Panzer

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| • Alliance for Progress | Box 472 | Documents: |
| • Latin American Development and Hemisphere Trade | Box 573 | Documents: |

Mildred Stegall (FBI Files)

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| • Brazil and Related Matters 1966-1968 | Box 63 | Documents: |
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President’s Appointment File (Diary Backup)

These files contain backup material for the President’s appoints; such as schedules, briefing materials, and memoranda of conversations. The folders in this collection are organized by date with most amount of foreign policy-related material around 1966-68. In addition to documents regarding the Punta del Este Conference (April 12-14, 1967) this collection also contains material from President Johnson’s meetings with Latin American heads of states. Below are folders that have been scanned for the Opening the Archives project. Researches looking for other events and or dates should consult the

Diary Cards in the LBJ Reading Room which has an alphabetically arranged name index to the President's appointments – from there researches can match the date of an appointment to the appropriate box in the collection by using the "Diaries and Logs" finding aid.

- January 26, 1967, President-elect Silva of Brazil Box 53 **Documents:**
- March 31-April 2, 1967, Latin American Ambassadors visit the LBJ Ranch [4 folders] Box 59 **Documents:**
- April 11-14, 1967, General Backup for South American Trip [4 folders] Box 61 **Documents:**

Cabinet Papers

The following are Cabinet Meetings that pertained to Brazil. The files in this collection include minutes from many meetings between 1967 and 1968 (a time period that produced a significant amount of foreign policy discussion during the Johnson administration).

- Cabinet Meeting, 4/5/67 [Latin America] Box 8 **Documents: 34**

Administrative Histories

This collection contains a history of each department and agency, its activities and accomplishments during the Johnson administration.

Department of State

- Volume I, Chapter VI – Inter-American Relations (including sections on the Alliance for Progress) Box 2 (2 of 2) **Documents: 8**

White House Press Office Files

These files include background briefings by the White House Press Secretary and others. Below are briefings related to Brazil and the Punta del Este Conference.

- 12/2/65 – Rio Conference and Food Problem Box 81 **Documents:**
- 4/2/67 – Punta del Este Conference Box 82 **Documents:**

Vice Presidential Papers, 1961-1963

These files pertain to Lyndon B. Johnson's term as Vice President to the United States. Some of these documents are still being processed and researches should consult the finding aid (located in the LBJ Reading Room) to check on their status.

1962 Subject File

- Brazil Box 137 **Documents:**

Personal Papers

The Personal Papers is a collection of papers, documents, images, etc., and was brought to the Lyndon B. Johnson Library separate from President Johnson's papers. Note that not all of these papers have been processed or are open to the public. Researchers should consult the finding aid for availability or contact the archivist directly as these papers are being processed periodically and the finding aid might not be updated in time to reflect those changes.

George Ball

- AID, Alliance for Progress, Brazil Box 1 Documents:

Drew Pearson

- Alliance for Progress Box G 276 (1/2) Documents:
- Brazil Box G 54 (2 /4) Documents:

President Johnson's National Security Advisors

National Security Council

- The President: Lyndon B. Johnson
- The Vice President: Hubert Humphrey (1965-69)
- Secretary of State: Dean Rusk (1963-69)
- Secretary of Defense: Robert S. McNamara (1963-68),
Clark M. Clifford (1968-69)
- Director, Office of Emergency Planning:
Edward A. McDonald (1963-65) Bufford Ellington (1965-66)
Farris Bryant (1966-68) Prince Daniel (1968-69)
- OFFICIALS:
- Special Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs:
-McGeorge Bundy (1963-66)
-William W. Rostow (1967-69)
- Executive Secretary: Bromley Smith (1963-69)

Central Intelligence Agency

- Director: John A. McCone (1963-65)
Vice Admiral William F. Rabord, Jr., USN Ret. (1965-67)
Richard N. Helms (1967-69)
- Deputy Director: Lt. Gen. Marshall S. Carter, USA (1963-65)
Richard N. Helms (1965-67)
Vice Adm. Rufus L. Taylor, USN (1967-69)

Key Words

The following are the 100 most used key words that are found on documents in this collection on Brazil.

1. Adhemar de Barros
2. Agrarian reform

3. Agriculture
4. Alliance for Progress
5. Ambassador
6. ARENA
7. Argentina
8. Arraes
9. Bahia
10. Bilac Pinto
11. Brizola
12. Belo Horizonte
13. Cabinet
14. Carlos Lacerda
15. Carvalho Pinto
16. Cassation
17. Castello Branco
18. Chamber of Deputies Coffee
19. Communism
20. Communist
21. Constitution
22. Corruption
23. Costa e Silva
24. Cuba
25. Dantas
26. Delfim Neto
27. Democracy
28. Deputy Election
29. Drew Pearson
30. Education
31. Embassy
32. Faria Lima
33. Frente Ampla
34. Gama e Silva
35. George Ball
36. Goias
37. Gordon
38. Goulart
39. Governor
40. Globo
41. Guanabara
42. IA-5
43. Inflation
44. Institutional Act
45. Institutional Act No. 2
46. Janio Quadros
47. Johnson
48. Jornal do Brasil

49. Juracy Magalhães
50. Juscelino
51. Kubitschek
52. Labor
53. Lacerda
54. Leonel Brizola
55. Lincoln Gordon
56. Magalhães Pinto
57. Mann
58. MDB
59. Medici
60. Miguel Arraes
61. Minas Gerais
62. Military
63. Ney Braga
64. Northeast
65. OAS
66. Opposition
67. Parana
68. Pedro Aleixo
69. Pernambuco
70. PDC
71. Porto Alegre
72. President
73. Press
74. Press coverage
75. Punta del Este
76. PSD
77. PTB
78. Quadros
79. Recife
80. Reform
81. Richard Goodwin
82. Rio de Janeiro
83. Rio Grande do Sul
84. Roberto Campos
85. São Paulo
86. Senate
87. Sodre
88. Students
89. Subversion
90. SUDENE
91. Supreme Court
92. Thomas C. Mann
93. UDN
94. Ultima Hora

- 95. UNE
- 96. Uruguay
- 97. Vietnam
- 98. United States
- 99. USAID
- 100. Washington