Série O 22: Special Project Office, 1978-1984, vols 1-16

The Special Projects Office files documents the Trudeau PMO's approach to organizing events which were attended by the Prime Minister and/or visiting dignitaries during the 1980-1984 period.

Until 1980, the Special Project Office section seems not to have existed at all, at least not under any special section in the PMO. It appears that prior to 1980 most of the work which encompassed organizing the PM's schedule was handled by Madeleine Lafleur, the appointments secretary. Following the Liberals return to power in 1980, a Planning Office was apparently established to oversee planning within the PMO for the Prime Minister's trips and for the state visits, The Planning Office remained responsible for such planning until the end of the second Trudeau ministry, in 1984. It appears that the Special Project Office emerged as a part of this reorganization within the PMO.

The chief officer in the Special Projects section was the co-ordinator. From 1980-1981 the position appears to have been occupied by Marie-Helen Fox, from 1981-1983 by Bea Cleary and from 1983-1984 by Pauline Isaacs. (All dates are approximate).

The Special Project Office Series is arranged in two sub-series: Events Files, 1978-1984, vol. 1-15, file 4 Research Material/Working Papers, 1979-1983, vol. 15, file 5 to vol. 16

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These files document the events which were attended or hosted by the Prime Minister or another representative of the Canadian government.

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These are subject file which include reports such as media analysis, information book, lists of contacts and Christmas card lists.

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This series includes material that was found at the end of the project and for convenience another serie was created. Similar types of documents can be found in the Correspondence Division Series, Briefing Books and Other Memoranda Series, Presss Office Series, 1968-1978, Priority Correspondence Series and 1978-1979 Correspondence Series. This series is arranged according to the preceding series in five sub-series:

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