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**Dates:** 1951-2014  
**Creator:** Dukert, Betty Cole  
**Collection Size:** 23 cubic feet, 4 oversize items

**Introduction**  
Papers of a University of Missouri School of Journalism graduate who spent much of her career working for NBC’s *Meet the Press* from 1956-1998. Dukert held several positions at *Meet the Press* and retired from the show as executive producer. The papers include transcripts, weekly briefs, correspondence, clippings, audio and video recordings, and miscellaneous professional material.

**Donor Information**  
The papers were donated to the State Historical Society of Missouri by Betty Cole Dukert.

**Restriction**  
Video and audio tapes of *Meet the Press* interviews cannot be re-broadcast publicly or distributed for such re-broadcast without the permission of the NBC Television Network in New York City or of NBC’s *Meet the Press* office in Washington, D.C.

**Box List**

**Box 1**  
*Meet the Press* Anniversaries  
10th Anniversary Book  
20-24th  
25-29th  
30-34th  
35-39th  
40th  
41-44th  
45-49th  
50th  
“Book Box” (includes video and promotional material)  
Miscellaneous material  
60th  
Audience mail  
Awards/MTP  
Awards/ADL/HHH  
Budget

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*The State Historical Society of Missouri Manuscript Collection*  
6/18/2020
Christmas
Clippings–MTP
Correspondence–MTP
Craig, May
Credits
*Drury Magazine*, 1994 (issue devoted to Dukert and MTP)
Education
Egypt
Elections, 1980s
Feeds (2 folders)
Foreign affairs

**Box 2**
Formats
Gallery, MTP
Governors–Misc.
Guests
Categories
Chronological
Foreign
France
Great Britain
History and highlights–MTP
Impact of MTP
Interns
Issues
General
Vietnam
Library of Congress
Correspondence/records
Index of MTP Recordings
Manning (NBC)
Mayors
MTP–Miscellaneous facts
Moderators
General (includes, Brooks, Monroe, Kalb, Mudd, Wallace, Utley)
Bios
Rountree
Russert (2 folders)
Spivak
General
Bios
Personal and Family (3 folders)
Legal and Medical
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Box 3
Moderators
  Spivak
    Retirement
    Death and Memorial (3 folders)
NBC News (policy and personnel)
Newspapers
Office operations
Panelists
  MTP
  Potential
Permissions
Personnel
  Crew
  Other (producers, secretaries, production assistants, etc.)
  Researchers (some became producers)
Photos (stills) (2 folders)
Press/publicity
Production

Box 4
Programming (2 folders)
Radio
Remotes
Research files
Resumes
Roundtable
Satellites
Sets
Special editions
Sponsors
Stationery–MTP
Stations
Storage
Time changes
Transcripts (almost full set of transcripts from 1956-1998)
TV Interview Shows
TV News
MTP Video Recordings (Index)
Dukert
  Awards
  Biographies

Box 5
Dukert
  Clippings/BCD
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Correspondence (2 folders)
Final Program
Programming Memos
Retirement
Videos
Organizations
  ANWC (3 folders)
 Appearances, misc.
  Atlanta/Univ. Women
  AWRT
  Capital Speakers
  Drury College/Univ. Bd. of Trustees (5 folders)
  Iona House
  International Women’s Media Foundation (IWMF)
  Lindenwood College

Box 6
Dukert
Organizations
  Memorabilia
  National Academy Television A&S
  National Press Club
  Newseum
  Pi Beta Phi
  Public Members Assoc. of USA Foreign Service (PMA)
  Randolph School (Huntsville, Ala.)
  Retirement
  RFK Journalism Awards
  Speeches
  RTNDA and Foundation (Radio TV News Directors Assoc.)
  Springfield Public Schools Award and programs (6 folders)
  SPJ
  State Dept., 1952 (USIA)
  Trinity College
  University of Missouri (3 folders)

BCD, Other Pgm. Ideas
AWP
Speech material
Writing samples
Journalism/G
TV News
TV Programs—Congress
TV Programs—President

Box 7
Who’s Who
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BETTY COLE DUKERT PAPERS

WRC/WRC TV
ANWC Roast, 2003-2004 (2 folders)
“The Times of New York,” 1948 (college essay)
Miscellaneous Files, 1951-1968

Box 8
Miscellaneous Files, 1969-1986

Box 9
Miscellaneous Files, 1987-1998

Box 10
Miscellaneous Files, 1999-2014
Vanessa Brown
Contract with America, 1994
Cartoons
Reagan Transcripts
Documents
Nixon Transcripts
Photographs
Walter Lippmann
TV miscellaneous
Early TV technical
Miscellaneous
Meet the Press T-shirt
Quotes and Facts cards

Box 11
White House Christmas favors for press (hat, gloves, scarf, stocking), 1984-1988
MTP guest notebooks
Countries
  Greece
  Israel
  Iran
  Mexico
  Middle East
  Nicaragua
  Saudi Arabia
  South Africa
  Syria
  USSR
Misc. DVDs, audio cassettes, and audio tape (some Dukert personal, some MTP)

Box 12
Video cassettes (mostly MTP)
Gift Shirt from Yasser Arafat in gold box (unworn)

Box 13
NBC Election Materials

Box 14
NBC/Meet the Press souvenirs
Buttons and pins
Meet the Press guest lists
Meet the Press transcripts, 1951, 1959-1971 (13 folders)
Presidential Inaugural Ball souvenirs, 1973, 1981
Meet the Press guest list cards

Box 15
Meet the Press transcripts, 1972-1981 (10 folders)

Box 16
Meet the Press transcripts, 1982-1987 (6 folders)
Meet the Press weekly briefs, 1989-1991 (3 folders)

Box 17
Meet the Press weekly briefs, 1991-1996 (4 folders)
First Ladies and the Press: The Unfinished Partnership of the Media Age by Maurine H. Beasley, 2005 (inscribed by author)

Box 18
Meet the Press weekly briefs, (2 folders)
Meet the Press transcripts, 1996-1997 (6 folders)
Awards—Dukert
Expenses—Dukert, 1975-1994 (4 folders)

Box 19
Expenses—Dukert, 1995
MTP 50th Anniversary Book
Sidebar
End Papers
Maps
Open
Outline (2 folders)
Draft
1940s-1990s (4 folders)
Comments
First Pass
Second Pass
Final Draft

Box 20
NBC News policy guidebook and telephone directory, 1990s
NBC souvenirs (Christmas ornament and NBC logo)
Appointment books/diaries, 1990s
Ferdinand and Imelda inauguration souvenir medal, 1965
Video cassettes
  Meet the Press (4)
  Betty Cole Dukert Interview, Archive of American Television, 2003 (5)

Box 21
Anniversaries
  10th-39th
  40th
  41st-49th
  50th (4 folders)
Subject files
  Audience mail
  Budget
  Craig, May
  Formats
  Gallery, MTP NBC
  Guests—Chronological
  Governments
  Guests, Categories
  Guests, Foreign
  History and Highlights
  Library of Congress
  Manning
  Misc. facts
  Moderators (2 folders)
  Russert, Tim (2 folders)
  Spivak, Lawrence (3 folders)
  NBC News
  Office Operations
  Panelists, MTP
  Pentagon Papers
  Personnel (4 folders)
  Photos
Miscellaneous

Box 22
Chronological files, 1951-2010
Meet the Press transcripts, 1988-1990 (3 folders)
Box 23
*Meet the Press* transcripts, 1991-1995 (10 folders)

OVERSIZE ITEMS
Certificate, University of Missouri Honor Award for Distinguished Service in Journalism, 1993 (Location: UO-16)
Photograph, Class of 1945 57th reunion, 2002 (Location: UO-16)
White House Christmas print/card, 1998 (Location: UO-15A)
First Amendment Service Award, 1998 (Location: UO-11)