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Miller Center Documents¹

- Terri Robinson Timeline.
- Terri Robinson Fact Sheet.

Secondary Source Materials

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- Anne Strauss interview, Kennedy Oral History Project, Miller Center, University of Virginia, 04/10/2008.
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- Barbara Souliotis interview, Kennedy Oral History Project, Miller Center, University of Virginia, 07/12/2005.
- Charles Tretter interview, Kennedy Oral History Project, Miller Center, University of Virginia, 08/08/2005.
- David Burke interview, Kennedy Oral History Project, Miller Center, University of Virginia, 06/19/2007.
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TERRI (HADDAD) ROBINSON TIMELINE

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1960 **Terri Haddad** (now **Terri Robinson**) moves from Quincy, MA, to Washington, D.C. She goes on to work in the John F. Kennedy Administration in the Executive Office of the President. (*The Boston Globe*, 11/06/1988; *The Washington Post*, 11/14/1992; Terri Robinson Real Estate, <<http://www.terrirobinsonrealestate.com/About-Me.aspx>> (06/16/2009))

1962

March Edward M. Kennedy (EMK) resigns as Assistant District Attorney in Suffolk County and announces that he is running for JFK's unexpired Senate seat. (James MacGregor Burns, *Edward Kennedy and the Camelot Legacy*, New York: W.W. Norton & Company, Inc., 1976, pp. 77-79)

September EMK beats Massachusetts Attorney General Edward McCormack by a landslide in the Massachusetts Democratic Senatorial Primary, gaining 69 percent of the vote. (*The New York Times*, 09/20/1962)

November EMK defeats Republican George Cabot Lodge in the Massachusetts general election for U.S. Senate on the 6th. He is sworn into the Senate the following day. (*Congressional Elections 1946-1996*, Congressional Quarterly, Inc., p. 88)

Winter **Terri Robinson** joins EMK's Senate office staff. Other early staffers include John Culver, Ed Moss, Bill Evans and Barbara Souliotis, as well as two holdovers from Senator Ben Smith's (D-MA) office, Milton Gwirtzman and administrative assistant Joseph McIntyre. Gwirtzman leaves after the first year but remains available to EMK for speechwriting and special assignments.

Joan Kennedy finds a house for the family to rent in Georgetown. (Adam Clymer, *Edward M. Kennedy: A Biography*, New York: William Morrow, 1999, p. 46)

1963 Important issues EMK works on this year include the NASA Electronics Research Center, fishery research and development, and the Northeast Airlines Boston-Miami route.

EMK becomes a member of the Labor and Judiciary Committees, as well as the Special Committee on Aging.

Summer Joan Kennedy and the children spend much of the summer at the house in Hyannis Port. EMK remains in Washington, D.C. and is able to spend a lot of time with JFK. (Clymer, p. 51)

- September* EMK speaks to the Interparliamentary Union at Belgrade, Yugoslavia on civil rights. Joan Kennedy joins EMK on the trip. (Clymer, p. 49)
- November* While presiding over the Senate floor on the 22nd, EMK receives word that JFK has been shot in Dallas. Unable to find a working phone line in the Senate building, Gwartzman drives EMK and Claude Hooton to EMK's Georgetown home. EMK also calls **Robinson** to his home to help. While EMK tries to find an active phone line, Gwartzman picks up Joan Kennedy, who is at a beauty parlor preparing for the Kennedys' fifth anniversary party scheduled for that night. Gwartzman returns and drives EMK to the White House, where it is confirmed that JFK has died. After speaking with Robert F. Kennedy, EMK calls Rose Kennedy and arranges to fly to Hyannis Port with Eunice Kennedy Shriver later that day. EMK and Eunice Kennedy Shriver tell Joseph P. Kennedy the next morning that JFK had been assassinated. RFK and Jean Kennedy Smith, meanwhile, stay with Jacqueline Kennedy and the children, and Sargent Shriver takes care of the funeral arrangements. (Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy, *Times to Remember*, Garden City, NY: Doubleday & Company, Inc., 1974, pp. 441-446; Arthur M. Schlesinger, Jr., *Robert Kennedy and His Times*, New York: Ballantine Books, 1978, pp. 608-609; Gwartzman interview, 1/19/1966, pp. 42-44; Burns, pp. 103-104; Clymer, pp. 52-53)
- EMK returns to Washington, D.C. the night before the funeral and drives to the Rotunda with Joey Gargan, Gwartzman, and Edward Moss to view the casket. (Gwartzman, 01/19/1966, p. 44)
- EMK and RFK escort Jacqueline Kennedy from the White House to JFK's funeral at St. Matthew's Cathedral in Washington, D.C. and burial at Arlington National Cemetery. After the funeral, EMK spends time up at Hyannis Port. (Burns, p. 104; Clymer, p. 54)
- December* EMK attends a Christmas Eve ceremony renaming New York's Idlewild Airport the John F. Kennedy International Airport. (Clymer, p. 56)
- 1964** Important issues EMK works on this year includes his maiden speech on the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Boston Navy Yard.
- May* EMK travels to Europe with his friend, William vanden Heuvel, to raise money for the John F. Kennedy Library and Museum. During the trip, EMK retraces JFK's steps during JFK's trip to Ireland the previous year. (Burns, p. 108; Clymer, pp. 56-57)
- June* EMK's back is broken in a plane crash on the 19th that kills his aide Edward Moss and pilot Edwin Zimny. EMK had just voted on the civil rights bill in the Senate and was flying to accept his party's endorsement at the Democratic state convention in West Springfield, Massachusetts. Recovery is estimated at six to

ten months. (Rose Kennedy, pp. 455-459; Clymer, pp. 59-64; Gwartzman interview, 12/23/1971, p. 22)

Running unopposed, EMK is endorsed for nomination by acclamation at the Democratic State Convention. (*The New York Times*, 06/21/1964, *Congressional Elections 1946-1996*, p. 127)

- July* EMK is transferred to the New England Baptist Hospital in Boston. Luella Hennessey, EMK's childhood nurse, comes to help EMK recover in the hospital. EMK remains busy with work while recuperating and receives a number of visitors, including LBJ. Professors Sam Beer, Jerome Weisner and John Kenneth Galbraith hold one-on-one seminars for EMK on government, economics, and science. EMK also provides RFK with some advice on his New York Senate campaign. Joan Kennedy plays a major role in EMK's reelection campaign against former Republican state representative Howard Whitmore, Jr. EMK had been unchallenged in the Democratic primary. (Rose Kennedy, p. 141, 456; Clymer, pp. 61-63; Schlesinger, p. 654; Gwartzman, p. 40; *The New York Times*, 12/04/1964)
- August* RFK announces that he is running for the U.S. Senate in New York. (Clymer, p. 58; Schlesinger, p. 658)
- October* Volunteers gather signatures in support of EMK's candidacy for re-election to the Senate. Campaign literature centers around EMK's votes for civil rights, aid for education and mass transit, and Social Security-funded health care, as well as a Federal space research center in the Boston area. (*The Washington Post*, 10/01/1964)
- Holding his first press conference since the crash, EMK answers questions about the accident and expresses optimism for Democratic victories in races around the country and in Massachusetts. (*The Wall Street Journal*, 10/20/1964)
- November* EMK is elected to his first full Senate term with 74 percent of the vote over Whitmore. RFK is also elected to the Senate with 55 percent of the vote. Two of EMK's longtime friends are also elected to the House of Representatives – John Culver in Iowa and John Tunney in California. (Burns, p. 347; Clymer, p. 63)
- December* EMK takes his first steps since the accident and later walks out of the hospital to spend the holidays at home. (*The New York Times*, 12/04/1964, 12/17/1964)
- Winter* Milton Gwartzman hires David Burke, who had previously worked in the JFK Administration, as EMK's legislative assistant.
- 1965** Important issues EMK works on this year include the Voting Rights Act and repeal of the poll tax, the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), Higher Education Act, Appalachian Development Act, New England regional

development, Oceanography Development and Coordination Act, Teacher Corps, appeal of denial of Medicare benefits, Older Americans Act, Immigration Reform Act, and his trip to Vietnam.

EMK becomes chairman of the Senate Subcommittee on Refugees and Escapees.

January With the help of a cane, EMK is sworn into the Senate with RFK. They serve together on the Labor and Public Welfare Committee. (Clymer, p. 65, 72; Schlesinger, pp. 676, 680-681)

Fall LBJ nominates Boston Municipal Judge and Kennedy family friend Francis Morrissey for a federal judgeship. EMK, who had recommended the nomination to LBJ in 1964, works to build support for Morrissey in the Senate. Morrissey's nomination is later withdrawn after his qualifications for the position are strongly criticized. JFK had previously considered nominating Morrissey in 1961 at the request of JPK, but decided the nomination would be too controversial. (Clymer, pp. 73-77; Schlesinger, pp. 683-685; Gwirtzman, pp. 61-74; David Burke Oral History Interview, John F. Kennedy Library, 12/08/1971, pp. 12-14)

October Serving as Chairman of the Judiciary Committee's Subcommittee on Refugees and Escapees, EMK travels to South Vietnam for his first inspection tour from the 23rd to the 27th. While supportive of U.S. involvement in the region, EMK had led a successful effort for the Johnson Administration to develop a refugee program to better care for displaced Vietnamese people. Representatives Culver and Tunney join EMK on the trip, as well as Senator Joseph Tydings (D-MD), with whom EMK had recently argued over the Morrissey nomination. (Burns, p. 348; Clymer, pp. 79-82)

Mid-1960s Robinson leaves EMK's staff and begins a career in real estate in the Washington, D.C. area.

1966

July EMK's and Joan Kennedy's third child, Patrick Joseph Kennedy, is born on the 14th. (Clymer, p. 95)

EMK and Joan Kennedy work on plans to move out of their Georgetown house and to build a new house in McLean, Virginia, about a mile away from RFK and Ethel Kennedy's home. Joan Kennedy works on the house's furnishing and interior design. (Clymer, pp. 95-96)

1968

June RFK is assassinated in Los Angeles, California.

- 1969** After becoming a real estate agent, **Robinson** enters the “million dollars sales club.” (Terri Robinson Real Estate, <<http://www.terrirobinsonrealestate.com/About-Me.aspx>> (06/16/2009))
- January* EMK is elected Senate Majority Whip.
- July* Chappaquiddick.
- 1975** **Robinson** helps newly-elected Senator Gary Hart (D-CO) find a home in Bethesda, MD. Later high-profile clients include Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-CA), composer/conductor Marvin Hamlisch, Sheik Hamad bin Jassim bin Jabar Al-Thani of Qatar, and former president and first lady Bill and Hillary Clinton. (*The Washington Post*, 02/08/1975, 11/14/1992, 01/20/2001, 09/22/2006; *The New York Times*, 12/07/2008; *Washington Life Magazine*, 04/2001)
- 1994**
- November* Patrick Kennedy is elected to the U.S. House of Representatives from Rhode Island's 1st District, where he still currently serves. **Robinson** helps him find and furnish an apartment. (Clymer, p. 559, 577)

TERRI (HADDAD) ROBINSON FACT SHEET

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Positions with EMK

- **Senate office staff**, c. 1962-1965 (specific dates of employment unknown).

Other positions

- **JFK Administration**, position unknown, c. 1961-1962 (specific dates of employment unknown). (*The Washington Post*, 11/14/1992)
- **Democratic National Committee**, Finance Committee, dates unknown.
- **Real estate broker**, c. 1968-present. According to her website, Robinson is in the top 1 percent of sales agents in the U.S. She became a member of the “million dollars sales club” in 1969, and now has more than \$1 billion in sales. Past clients include former Senators Gary Hart (D-CA) and Dianne Feinstein (D-CA), composer/conductor Marvin Hamlisch, Sheik Hamad bin Jassim bin Jabar Al-Thani of Qatar, and former President and First Lady Bill and Hillary Clinton. She also reportedly helped Rep. Patrick J. Kennedy (D-RI) find an apartment in D.C. following his election to the House in 1994.

Major EMK legislative issues, 1963-1965

- **1963**: NASA Electronics Research Center, fishery research and development, and the Northeast Airlines Boston-Miami route.
- **1964**: maiden speech on the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Boston Navy Yard.
- **1965**: Voting Rights Act and repeal of the poll tax, the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), Higher Education Act, Appalachian Development Act, New England regional development, Oceanography Development and Coordination Act, Teacher Corps, appeal of denial of Medicare benefits, Older Americans Act, Immigration Reform Act, the Morrissey nomination, and trip to Vietnam.

EMK personal timeline

- **1962**: EMK is elected to the U.S. Senate.
- **1963**: JFK is assassinated in Dallas, Texas.
- **1964**: EMK’s back is broken in a plane crash in Massachusetts.
- **1965**: RFK enters the U.S. Senate.

EMK'S SENATE OFFICE STAFF, 1963-1964

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1963

McIntyre, Joseph	Administrative Assistant
Culver, John	Legislative Assistant
Marsh, Jeremiah ²	Legislative Assistant
Gwirtzman, Milt	Legislative Assistant (in title)
Duris, Mary Jane	Personal Secretary
Burns, Kathleen	
Corkrean, Margaret I.	
Evans, Bill	
Grimmel, Mary	
Haddad, Theresa	
Lahage, Barbara	
Luce, Diane	
Moss, Edward	
Scarinci, Mary	
Souliotis, Barbara	
Stalcup, Margaret	
Stoddard, Diane	

1964

McIntyre, Joseph ³	Administrative Assistant
Moss, Edward ⁴	Administrative Assistant
Evans, Bill	Executive Assistant
Marsh, Jeremiah ⁵	Legislative Assistant
Duris, Mary Jane	Personal Secretary
Burns, Kathleen	
Corkrean, Margaret	
Greenly, Theresa	
Grimmel, Mary	
Haddad, Theresa	
Lahage, Barbara	
Luce, Diane	
Scarinci, Mary	
Souliotis, Barbara	
Stalcup, Margaret	
Stapleton, Louise	
Strauss, Anne	

² Culver brings Marsh in later in the year to be his replacement as l.a.

³ McIntyre died of a heart attack on 12/11/1966.

⁴ Moss, who is listed as a.a. in Clymer, p. 59, died in a plane crash 06/19/1964.

⁵ After Marsh leaves, he is replaced as l.a. by Win Turner and then David Burke in 1965.