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## Boston Marathon Bombing response mail

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### Historical Note

On April 15, 2013, two bombs exploded near the Boylston Street finish line of the Boston Athletic Association's Boston Marathon, killing three individuals and injuring 264 others. On April 18, the Federal Bureau of Investigation identified two alleged bombers, triggering a manhunt that shut down the cities of Boston, Cambridge, and Watertown on April 19. During this manhunt, the suspects allegedly shot and killed an MIT police officer. In the months following the bombings and the manhunt, individuals and groups sent letters, gifts, and other items to Boston City Hall. All mail addressed to City Hall or Mayor Thomas Menino was delivered to the Mayor's Office of Constituent Services, which filed the mail, and sent a response to each correspondent.

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### Scope and Contents note

This collection consists of international and domestic mail sent to the Mayor's Office after the April 15, 2013 Boston Marathon Bombing. It includes letters, cards, posters, banners, gifts, and some printed emails. Correspondents include government dignitaries and officials as well as members of the general public. A large portion of the collection is comprised of mail sent by groups of children.

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## Arrangement note

Within series, materials are arranged by geographic origin.

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### I: Letters, 2013

#### International, 2013

##### Box

1	Argentina
1	Australia
1	Bahrain
1	Bolivia
1	Canada
1	General
1	Asemblee Nationale (Quebec)
1	Willow Way Elementary School (Ontario)

##### FlatBox

1	China
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##### Box

1	Colombia
1	France
	<u>Germany</u>

##### Box

1	General
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##### FlatBox

1	Kooperative Gesamtschule Schneverdingen (Schneverdingen)
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##### Box

1	Greece
1	Guam: Protestan Youth of the Chapel (Yigo)
1	Guatemala
1	Hungary
1	India
1	Ireland
1	Israel

1 Italy  
1 Kazakhstan  
1 Kenya: International School of Kenya (Nairobi)  
1 Mexico  
1 Netherlands  
1 New Zealand  
1 Slovakia  
1 South Africa  
1 South Korea: Hanmi Foreign Language Academy  
1 Spain  
1 Sweden  
1 Taiwan  
1 Turkey  
1 Ukraine  
United Kingdom

Box

1 General  
1 Letters sent to the Ambassador from the United States

United States

Alabama

Box

2 General  
2 Valley Grande Baptist Church (Valley Grande)

2 Alaska

Arizona

Box

2 General  
2 Girl Scout Troop 1569 (Casa Grande) (2 folders)  
2 Rancho Gabriela Elementary School (Surprise)  
2 Saguaro Christian Church (2 folders)

2 Arkansas

California

Box

2 General  
2 Ann Street Elementary School (Los Angeles)  
2 A.P. Giannini Middle School (San Francisco) (2 folders)  
2 Canyon Hills Junior High School (Chino)  
2 Carmen Dragon Elementary School (Abtucig)  
2 Crystal Cathedral Congregation Children's Ministry (Garden Grove)  
2 Encinal High School (Alameda)  
2 Girl Scout Brownie Troop 1780 (Carlsbad)  
2 Holy Spirit Catholic Church (Fresno)  
2 Horizon Christian Academy (San Diego)  
2 Richmond Charter Academy (Richmond)

- 2 St. Lucy Catholic School (Long Beach)
- 2 Unknown school (Pismo Beach), sent by Mr. Kevin Foote
- 3 Valley Christian Academy, fourth grade (San Jose)

FlatBox

1

Colorado

Box

- 2 General
- 2 Boulder
- 2 Chatfield Elementary School (Grand Junction)

Connecticut

Box

- 2 General
- 2 Lakeside Middle School (Norwalk) (3 folders)
- 3 University of Connecticut (10 folders)

4 Delaware

Florida

Box

- 4 General
- 4 Bishop Moore Honor Society (Orlando) (3 folders)
- 4 Mayport Coastal Sciences Middle School (Atlantic Beach)
- 4 Oxbridge Academy Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Students (West Palm Beach)
- 4 Port Malabar Elementary (Palm Bay)

Georgia

Box

- 4 General
- 4 Renaissance Elementary School (Fairburn)
- 4 Uplifting the Community Inc (Atlanta)
- 4 Hawaii: Waikoloa Elementary and Middle School (Waikoloa)

Illinois

Box

- 4 General
- 5 Madison Junior High School (Naperville)
- 5 Mt. Olive High School (Mt. Olive)
- 5 Sykuta High School (Country Club Hills) (2 folders)

Indiana, 2013

Box

- 5 General
- 5 North Miami Middle School (Denver)
- 5 Kentucky: Westport Road Baptist Church (Louisville)
- 5 Louisiana
- 5 Maryland

Maine

Box

5 General  
5 Gorham Middle School

Massachusetts

Box

5 General  
5 Ashland Middle School (Ashland)  
5 Framingham (6 folders)  
6 Haverhill High School (Haverhill)  
6 Seven Hills Foundation (Worcester) (4 folders)  
7 Western Massachusetts Correctional Alcohol Center (Springfield)  
7 Worcester Public Schools (Worcester) (3 folders)

FlatBox

1 Michigan

Box

7  
Box  
7 Minnesota  
7 Mississippi  
Missouri

Box

7 General

FlatBox

1  
7 St. Louis Charter School (St. Louis)

Nebraska

Box

7 General  
7 North Park Elementary School (Columbus)  
7 Nevada  
7 New Hampshire  
7 New Jersey  
7 New Mexico  
New York

Box

8 General  
8 Christian Brothers Academy (Syracuse) (10 folders)  
9 Crossroads Center for Children (Schenectady)  
9 Isaac E Young Middle School (New Rochelle)  
9 LIN Post (Brookville)  
9 Mentoring Matters (Riverhead)  
9 Robertson, Lauren (North Tonawanda) (4 folders)  
9 Ward Melville High School (Setauket) (4 folders)

North Carolina

Box  
10 General  
10 Department of Environment and Natural Resources  
10 North Dakota  
Ohio

Box  
10 General  
10 St. Anthony Parish School of Religion (Fairpoint Harbor)  
10 Sylvania Schools (Sylvania) (5 folders)  
Oklahoma

Box  
10 Bethel Upper Elementary School  
11 Girl Scout Troop 1511 (Tulsa)  
FlatBox  
1  
11 North Intermediate School (Bixby)  
11 St. Cecilia Catholic Church (Claremore)  
11 Timberlake High School (Helena) (3 folders)

Oregon

Box  
11 General  
11 Blanchet Catholic School (Salem)  
11 First Church of the Nazarene (Medford)

Pennsylvania

Box  
11 General  
11 Girls on the Run, Barkley Elementary School (Phoenixville)  
11 Rhode Island  
11 South Carolina  
11 South Dakota

Tennessee

Box  
11 General  
11 Powell Elementary School (Powell)

Texas

Box  
11 General  
11 Plano  
12 Alief ISD (Houston)  
12 Cedar Ridge High School (Round Rock)  
O-6  
12 Children of San Antonio (2 folders)  
12 Dunn Elementary School (Arlington)  
12 First Baptist Church (Savoy)

12 Girl Scout Troop 5058 (San Angelo)  
 12 Jasper Junior High School (Jasper)  
 12 Leander ISD, Mason Elementary School (Cedar Park)  
 12 Sealy Junior High School (Sealy)  
 12 University of Texas (Austin) (9 folders)  
 13 Utah  
 13 Vermont  
Virginia  
 Box  
 13 General  
 13 Parkview Elementary School (PennLaird)  
 13 St. Gregory the Great Catholic School (Virginia Beach) (2 folders)  
Washington, D.C.  
 Box  
 14 General  
 14 KIPP Promise Academy  
Washington  
 Box  
 14 General (2 folders)  
 14 Eisenhower Middle School (Everett) (9 folders)  
 15 McClure Middle School (Seattle)  
 15 St. Joseph Catholic Church (Waterville)  
West Virginia  
 Box  
 15 General  
 15 St. Paul's School (Weirton) (2 folders)  
Wisconsin  
 Box  
 16 General  
 16 St. Baron's Parish (Milwaukee)  
 16 Unknown origin (3 folders)  
 16 Mayor's response

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**II: Posters and banners, 2013**

California

Shelf  
 20/3/1 Helix High School (La Mesa)  
 Drawer  
 2/B/024 Lampoc  
 2/B/024 Santa Rosa

Florida

Shelf

20/3/1 City of Trapan Springs, 201  
 20/3/1 National Council on Compensation Insurance (Boca Raton) (2 posters)  
 20/3/1 Georgia: Unity Church and Spiritual Center (Conyers)  
 20/3/1 Illinois: Broadview: "We are the Chicago Red Sox..."  
 Drawer  
 2/A/027 Iowa: Longfellow Elementary (Iowa City)  
 Shelf  
 20/3/1 Nevada: Navin, Cathy  
 Drawer  
 2/B/024 New Hampshire: Phillips Exeter Academy (Exeter)  
 2/A/027 Ohio  
 2/B/24 Unknown  
New York  
 Shelf  
 20/3/1 "The Mighty Run"  
 20/3/1 Warm 101.3 (Rochester)  
 20/3/1 Covert School (Rockville Center)  
North Carolina  
 Shelf  
 20/3/1 Department of Environment and Natural Resources (Raleigh)  
 20/3/1 Mecklenberg Medical Group  
 20/3/1 Ohio: Hamilton County Developmental Disabilities Services  
 Drawer  
 2/A/027 Rhode Island: Meyon County  
 Shelf  
 20/3/1 Tennessee: RC-Moon Pie Festival (Bell Buckle)  
Texas  
 Shelf  
 20/3/1 Horando Middle School (El Paso)  
 Drawer  
 2/A/027 McKinney  
 Shelf  
 20/3/1 Winfree Academy Charter School (Grand Prarie)  
 20/3/1 Washington: Washington High School (Tacoma)  
 20/3/1 Unknown: "Prayers for all"

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### III: Gifts, 2013

#### International

Box  
 O-4 Afghanistan: Bagram Air Field

O-4 Australia  
18  
O-4 Portugal  
18  
O-5 Spain  
18

United States

Box  
O-1 Alaska (Wasilla)  
18

Arizona

Box  
O-1 Sedona  
18  
O-1 Rancho Solano Preparatory School (Scottsdale)  
18  
17 California  
18 St. Mark's Lutheran Church (Chula Vista)  
O-1  
18 Judy's Sewing and Vacuums (Santa Cruz)  
O-2  
18 Menlo Park Presbyterian Church (Menlo Park)  
18 Sunset Lawn Chapel (Sacramento)  
18 Connecticut (Newtown)  
O-1

Florida

Box  
18 Fort Meyers Memorial Garden Funeral Home and Cemetery (Fort Meyers)  
O-1 Lake City County  
18  
O-1 Shoal River Middle School (Crestview)  
18

O-1 Georgia (Augusta)  
18

O-1 Illinois  
18

18 Kansas (Garden City)  
O-2 Kentucky: Eastside Middle School (Mt. Washington)  
18

O-2 Maryland: Frederick County  
18

Massachusetts

Box

18	Arlington
O-2	
18	Burlington High School (Burlington)
O-2	
O-2	Newton
18	
18	Taunton
O-2	
18	Unknown
O-2	
18	Mississippi: Hebron Christian School (Pheba)
O-3	
O-3	Missouri: Brownie Troop 3481
18	
18	Nevada: Pahrump and Nye County
O-3	
O-3	New Hampshire
18	
O-3	New Jersey (South River)
18	
O-6	
	<u>New York</u>
Box	
O-3	Brooklyn
18	
O-3	Chad Foundation for Athletes and Artists (New York City)
18	
18	Hornell
O-3	
O-3	P94 Elementary School (New York City)
18	
18	North Carolina (Davidson)
18	Rhode Island (East Greenwich)
18	Texas, 2013
O-3	
O-5	Utah
18	
	<u>Washington</u>
Box	
18	Lakes High School (Lakewood)
O-5	Mountain View Funeral Home (Lakewood)
18	

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