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.

**Arrangement note**

Within series, materials are arranged by geographic origin.

**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

Box
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Box
1 Colombia
1 France
1 Germany
1 General

FlatBox
1 Kooperative Gesamtschule Schneverdingen (Schneverdingen)

Box
1 Greece
1 Guam: Protestant 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
1 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)

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)

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 (Abtuicg)
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

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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)

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
5 Maine
Box 5
  General
  Gorham Middle School

Massachusetts

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

Box 6
  General
  Haverhill High School (Haverhill)
  Seven Hills Foundation (Worcester) (4 folders)
  Western Massachusetts Correctional Alcohol Center (Springfield)

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

Box 7
  General
  Haverhill High School (Haverhill)
  Seven Hills Foundation (Worcester) (4 folders)
  Western Massachusetts Correctional Alcohol Center (Springfield)

Box 8
  General
  Christian Brothers Academy (Syracuse) (10 folders)
  Crossroads Center for Children (Schenectady)
  Isaac E Young Middle School (New Rochelle)
  LIN Post (Brookville)
  Mentoring Matters (Riverhead)
  Robertson, Lauren (North Tonawanda) (4 folders)
  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 Slyvania Schools (Slyvania) (5 folders)

Oklahoma
Box 10 Bethel Upper Elementary School
11 Girl Scout Troop 1511 (Tulsa)
FlatBox
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)
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
13 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

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

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Portugal
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Spain
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United States

Box
O-1
18
Alaska (Wasilla)

Arizona

Box
O-1
18
Sedona

O-1
18
Rancho Solano Prepatory School (Scottsdale)

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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
18
Lake City County

O-1
18
Shoal River Middle School (Crestview)

18

Georgia (Augusta)

18

O-1

Illinois

18

O-1

Kansas (Garden City)

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

18

O-2
18
Maryland: Frederick County

Massachusetts
18 Arlington
O-2

18 Burlington High School (Burlington)
O-2

18 Newton
O-2

18 Taunton
O-2

18 Unknown
O-2

18 Mississippi: Hebron Christian School (Pheba)
O-3

18 Missouri: Brownie Troop 3481
O-3

18 Nevada: Pahrump and Nye County
O-3

18 New Hampshire
O-3

18 New Jersey (South River)
O-3

18 New York
O-6

Box

18 Brooklyn
O-3

18 Chad Foundation for Athletes and Artists (New York City)
O-3

18 Hornell
O-3

18 P94 Elementary School (New York City)
O-3

18 North Carolina (Davidson)
O-3

18 Rhode Island (East Greenwich)
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18 Texas, 2013
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18 Utah
O-5

18 Washington

Box

18 Lakes High School (Lakewood)
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18 Mountain View Funeral Home (Lakewood)
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