



THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE ARCHIVES

NAME OF COLLECTION	Fraser, John Malcolm (Rt Hon.)
ACCESSION NO	105/103
CATEGORY	Community and Political, individuals
ACTIVITY	Prime Ministers, Politicians, Farmers
DATE RANGE	1976–1982
SIZE OF COLLECTION	4 metres (42 boxes)
HISTORICAL NOTE	<p>John Malcolm Fraser was born in Toorak, Melbourne on 21 May 1930.</p> <p>His grandfather, Sir Simon Fraser (1832–1919), had emigrated from Canada in 1853, initially to work as a prospector, but later moving into business, farming and politics. He was elected to the Victorian Legislative Assembly in 1874 and later served as a delegate to the Australasian Federal Convention (1897–1898) and a senator representing the Free Trade Party (1901–1913).</p> <p>Malcolm’s father, John Neville Fraser (1890–1962), studied law at the University of Oxford, but on his return to Australia concerned himself largely with his work as a pastoralist. In 1926, he married Una Woolf. Neville and Una had two children: Lorraine (1926–) and (John) Malcolm (1930–).</p> <p>The Fraser family lived at Balpool-Nyang near Moulamein in New South Wales before moving to ‘Nareen’, a station in western Victoria, in 1943. During this period Malcolm attended Tudor House School in New South Wales (1940–1943) and Melbourne Grammar (1944–1948). In 1949, he was admitted to the University of Oxford to study ‘Modern Greats’ (Politics, Philosophy and Economics).</p> <p>After graduating, Malcolm Fraser returned to Victoria and decided to embark on a political career. He succeeded in being elected as Liberal member for the seat of Wannon in western Victoria at his second attempt in 1955. A backbencher under Menzies for ten years, Fraser gained his first cabinet post as Minister for the Army under Prime Minister Harold Holt in 1966. He went on to become Minister for Education and Science (1968–1969 and 1971–1972) and Minister for Defence (1969–1971).</p>

	<p>Following the Labor government's election win in 1972, he served as Shadow Minister for Industrial Relations. He became leader of the Liberal Party in March 1975 and in November became caretaker Prime Minister after the Governor-General, Sir John Kerr, dismissed the Whitlam government. He was returned to office through election victories in 1975, 1977 and 1980, before losing to Bob Hawke at the 1983 election. He resigned from politics in March 1983.</p> <p>Following his formal political career, Malcolm Fraser has continued a presence on the world stage, as Chair of the United Nations Panel of Eminent Persons on the Role of Transnational Corporations in South Africa (1985); as Co-Chair of the Commonwealth Group of Eminent Persons campaigning for an end to apartheid in South Africa (1985–1986); and Chair of the UN Secretary-General's Expert Group on African Commodity Issues (1989–1990). In 1987 he founded CARE Australia, the country's largest non-political and non-religious overseas aid organisation and was president of CARE International from 1990 to 1995. In 1997, he led a Commonwealth Observer Mission to Pakistan to monitor the national elections.</p> <p>Malcolm Fraser remains actively interested in issues associated with human rights, multiculturalism and reconciliation with indigenous Australians. He has been highly critical of the Howard government's involvement in the war in Iraq, as well as of its treatment of asylum seekers.</p>
DATE OF TRANSFER	March 2005
ACCESS CONDITIONS	Open
DESCRIPTION	These photograph albums document official overseas visits made by Mr Fraser during his Prime Ministerial terms. Many of them are official albums, being either gifts from host nations or official sets of photographs produced by the Australian Information Service. Some of the albums are of Mr Fraser's personal photographs taken while on official trips. These have been retained with the official sets in order to maintain the context in which they were created.

Box No	Series No	Description	Date
		Photographs of Official Overseas Visits	1976–1982
	PA/144	In commemoration of the official visit of the Right Honourable the Prime Minister of Australia and Mrs J. M. Fraser Album, 27 x 36.5 x 4.5 cm 26 colour photographs Photographer: Government of Japan	15 Jun 1976–20 Jun 1976
	PA/145	In commemoration of the official visit of the Right Honourable the Prime Minister of Australia and Mrs J. M. Fraser Album, 27 x 39 x 5 cm 26 colour photographs Photographer: Government of Japan	15 Jun 1976–20 Jun 1976
	PA/146	[Official visit by Prime Minister J. M. Fraser and Mrs Tamie Fraser to China] Album, 30.0 x 38.0 x 1.5 cm 19 colour and black and white photographs Photographer: Government of China	1976
	PA/147	[Official visit by Prime Minister J. M. Fraser and Mrs Tamie Fraser to China] [Decanted to Albox archival album] 50 colour and black and white photographs Photographer: Unknown	1976
	PA/148	[Visit by Malcolm and Tamie Fraser to Canada] [Decanted to Albox archival album] 146 colour photographs Photographer: Unknown	Aug 1976– Jan 1977
	PA/149	The official visit of the Right Honorable the Prime Minister of Australia and Mrs Fraser Album, 29.0 x 41.5 x 2.2 cm 33 colour photographs Photographer: Official White House Photographs	Jul 1976
	PA/150	To Mrs Tamara Fraser: A souvenir of your visit to Taman Mini, Indonesia Indan [Signed Ibu Tien Soeharto] Album, 33.0 x 28.0 x 2.0 cm Decanted to Albox archival album 44 colour photographs Photographer: Unknown	8 Oct 1976
	PA/151	[Official Visit to Indonesia] Album, 33.0 x 28.5 x 1.8 cm Decanted to Albox archival album 40 black and white photographs Photographer: Departemen Penerangan [Department of Information], Republik Indonesia	7 Oct 1976–11 Oct 1976
	PA/152	P. T. James Hardie, Indonesia	8 Oct 1976

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		Album, 43.0 x 30.0 x 1.8 cm 35 colour and black and white photographs; also brochures and press cuttings Photographer: James Hardie Pty Ltd.	
	PA/153	[Visit by Tamie Fraser to the Blohm + Voss AG shipyard and launch of the ship 'Australian Progress' in Hamburg] Album, 31.0 x 27.0 x 3.7 cm 69 colour and black and white photographs Photographer: Blohm and Voss AG Shipyard	5 Apr 1977
	PA/154	Brussels 1977 Album, 31.5 x 41.8 x 5.7 cm 79 black and white photographs Photographer: Unknown	1977
	PA/155	On the occasion of the visit of the Right Honorable the Prime Minister of Australia and Mrs Fraser Album, 38.0 x 31.0 x 2.1 cm 20 colour photographs Photographer: White House	22 Jun 1977
	PA/156	Visit of His Excellency the Rt Honourable Malcolm Fraser, CH, MP, Prime Minister of Australia and Mrs Tamara Fraser to India Album, 28.5 x 40.5 x 5.5 cm 60 black and white photographs Photographer: Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India	25 Jan 1979–2 Feb 1979
	PA/157	Udaipur Rajasthan visit of Mr Malcolm Fraser, Prime Minister of Australia Album, 35.5 x 46.0 x 5.2 cm 64 colour and black and white photographs Photographer: Director, Public Relations, Rajasthan, Jaipur	30 Jan 1979–31 Jan 1979
	PA/158	[Official visit by Malcolm Fraser and Tamie Fraser to India] Album, 34.4 x 29.1 x 2.8 cm 119 colour photographs Photographer: Malcolm Fraser and family	1979
	PA/159	Official visit of His Excellency Malcolm Fraser, Prime Minister of Australia [Visit to the Philippines] Album, 33.0 x 27.6 x 2.3 cm [Decanted to Albox archival album] 29 black and white photographs Photographer: National Media Production Centre [Philippines]	9 May 1979–11 May 1979
	PA/160	Utah trip, June 1979 [2 photographs missing from album] Album, 28.3 x 31.5 x 4.7 cm 22 colour and black and white photographs	Jun 1979

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		Photographer: Unknown	
	PA/161	Visit of the Rt Hon. Malcolm Fraser and Mrs Fraser to Oyo State of Nigeria Album, 31.9 x 37.7 x 7.5 cm 34 black and white photographs Photographer: Government of Nigeria	29 Jul 1979
	PA/162	[Photographs of wildlife taken during visit to Nigeria] Decanted to Albox archival album 88 colour photographs Photographer: Malcolm Fraser	Aug 1979
	PA/163	Overseas visit by the Right Honourable Malcolm Fraser, CH, MP Prime Minister of Australia and Mrs Fraser [Nigeria and Zambia; includes CHOGM in Lusaka] Album, 25.8 x 35.3 x 4.5 cm 65 colour photographs Photographer: Australian Information Service	26 Jul 1979–11 Aug 1979
	PA/164	[Photographs of wildlife taken during official visit to Nigeria] [Decanted to Albox archival album] 75 colour photographs Photographer: Malcolm Fraser	Aug 1979
	PA/165	[Photographs of people and wildlife taken during official visit to Nigeria] Decanted to Albox archival album 94 colour photographs Photographer: Malcolm Fraser	Jun 1980
	PA/166	Overseas visit by the Right Honourable Malcolm Fraser, CH, MP, Prime Minister of Australia [Includes visits to America's Cup and Commonwealth Heads of Government Regional Meeting in New Delhi] Album, 26.0 x 35.5 x 6.5 cm 61 colour and black and white photographs Photographer: Australian Information Service	30 Aug 1980–10 Sep 1980
	PA/167	Visit of the Rt Hon. Malcolm Fraser, Prime Minister of Australia to India for Participation in the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting, New Delhi Album, 27.5 x 40.0 x 6.2 cm 15 colour and black and white photographs Photographer: Photo Division, Press Information Bureau, Government of India	4 Sep 1980–8 Sep 1980
	PA/168	Visit of the Rt Hon. the Prime Minister of Australia and Mrs Fraser to the White House, Washington, USA Decanted to Albox archival album 19 colour photographs Photographer: Official Photographer, White House, Washington	30 Jun 1981
	PA/169	On the occasion of the visit of the Right Honourable the	30 Jun 1981

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		Prime Minister of Australia and Mrs Fraser Red presentation case, 36.7 x 29.0 x 2.5 cm 40 colour photographs Photographer: White House, Washington	
	PA/170	Sr Malcolm Fraser, Mexico – Australia, visita oficial Album, 26.7 x 34.5 x 1.7 cm 56 colour photographs Photographer: Government of Mexico	23 Jun 1981–26 Jun 1981
	PA/171	Sr Malcolm Fraser, Mexico – Australia visita oficial Album, 26.7 x 34.5 x 1.7 cm 78 black and white photographs Photographer: Government of Mexico	23 Jun 1981–26 Jun 1981
	PA/172	[Award of Honorary Doctorate at the University of South Carolina] [Decanted to Albox archival album] 32 colour and black and white photographs Photographer: University of South Carolina Photographic Division	1981
	PA/173	Visit of His Excellency the Rt Hon. Malcolm Fraser, CH, MP, Prime Minister of Australia and Mrs Fraser to India, Presented by Vasant Sathe, Minister of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India Album, 40.5 x 28.3 x 6.6 cm 16 black and white photographs Photographer: Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India	4 Aug 1981
	PA/174	US 1981; US, Japan, Korea 1982 [Includes photographs of the beginning of construction of the new Parliament House in Canberra] Album, 34.4 x 29.0 x 4.0 cm 133 colour photographs Photographer: Unknown	1981–1982
	PA/175	Overseas visit by the Right Honourable Malcolm Fraser, CH, MP, Prime Minister of Australia [Honolulu, Washington, Japan, Korea] Album, 25.8 x 35.3 x 6.0 cm 81 colour and black and white photographs Photographer: Australian Information Service	15 May 1982–26 May 1982
	PA/176	[Visit of the Right Honourable Malcolm Fraser, MP, CH, Prime Minister of Australia, to Japan] Album, 33.0 x 32.0 x 2.5 cm [Decanted to Albox Archival album] 23 colour photographs Photographer: Photograph Office, Prime Minister's Official Residence, Tokyo, Japan	May 1982
	PA/177	The Official Visit of the Right Honourable Malcolm Fraser, Prime Minister of Australia, to the Republic of	23 May 1982–25 May 1982

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		Korea Album, 32.9 x 29.6 x 3.2 cm [Decanted to Albox archival album] 28 colour photographs Photographer: Government of the Republic of Korea	
	PA/178	Pohang Iron and Steel Company Album, 33 x 33 x 3.5 cm 29 colour photographs Photographer: Pohang Iron and Steel Company	1982
	PA/179	In commemoration of the official visit to of the Rt Hon. Malcolm Fraser, CH, MP, Prime Minister of Australia Album, 36 x 46 x 2 cm 28 colour photographs Photographer: Government of Japan	20 May 1982– 23 May 1982
	PA/180	Overseas visit by the Right Honourable Malcolm Fraser CH, MP, Prime Minister of Australia [Malaysia, China, Philippines, New Zealand] Album, 25.8 x 35.3 x 4.5 cm 47 black and white and colour photographs Photographer: Australian Information Service	1 Aug 1982–10 Aug 1982
	PA/181	Official visit of the Right Honourable Malcolm Fraser, Prime Minister of Australia to Malaysia [Decanted to Albox archival album] 58 colour photographs Photographer: Government of Malaysia	1 Aug 1982–4 Aug 1982
	PA/182	Official visit of the Right Honourable Malcolm Fraser, Prime Minister of Australia to Malaysia [Decanted to Albox archival album] 58 colour photographs Photographer: Government of Malaysia	1 Aug 1982–4 Aug 1982
	PA/183	[Visit to the Lancia factory by the Rt Hon. Malcolm Fraser, Prime Minister of Australia] Album, 29 x 31.5 x 4.5 cm 47 black and white and colour photographs Photographer: Fiat Automotive Group	c. 1980
	PA/184	[Visit to Singapore] Album 38 colour photographs, 2 black and white photographs loose in album Photographer: unidentified	1973
	PA/185	To the Honourable Mr J M Fraser Secretary of the Australian Armed Forces with the compliments of Maj. Gen. Hoang Xuan-Lam CG I Corps & 1 st Tactical Zone [Album documenting a visit by J M Fraser as Minister for the Army to Vietnam from 10 June–10 July 1966] Album, 21.7 x 30.0 x 2.0 cm 16 black and white photographs	1966

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		Photographer: unidentified	
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