

**John Kennedy Toole Papers**

**(1937-1969)**

**Manuscript Collection 740**

**Personal and family correspondence**

***A Confederacy of Dunces and The Neon Bible***

**1930-1980**

**18 linear feet**

**22 manuscript boxes, 2 oversize boxes, and 2 oversize volumes**

John Kennedy Toole (JKT) wrote *A Confederacy of Dunces (COD)* and *The Neon Bible (NB)*, which were published after his death through the efforts of his mother, Thelma Ducoing Toole (TDT). *A Confederacy of Dunces* eventually was awarded the Pulitzer Prize in 1981. This collection contains his correspondence, personal materials, and all extant collateral material related to his works. It also includes correspondence and materials belonging to his mother, who donated this collection to Tulane, and her family.

**Scope**

The JKT collection contains letters, typescripts, and other memorabilia that Thelma Ducoing Toole kept concerning her son. She kept everything from his baby cup to his undergraduate honors thesis. The letters that he wrote to his parents discussing his writing project and correspondence with Robert Gottlieb, his first editor, are of primary interest to most researchers. Letters and articles concerning the personal and legal battle between TDT and who she termed as JKT's "forced airs" are also in this collection. Large portions of the collection consist of reviews and other articles from national and international newspapers about Toole and his works. The collection also contains the correspondence of Mrs. Toole and memorabilia that belongs to her and her family.

Restricted portions of this collection include unpublished short works by Toole and the various printers' copies of *A Confederacy of Dunces*. Restricted items cannot be copied in any form and must be read while in the library. Researcher should also be aware that Novelist Walker Percy's letters are in this collection and that permission to quote from them must be obtained from the Percy estate.

**Citation**

John Kennedy Toole Papers, Manuscripts Collection 740, Manuscripts Department, Howard-Tilton Memorial Library, Tulane University, New Orleans LA 70118.

**Provenance**

No part of John Kennedy Toole's life was too private or too mundane for his mother. She kept everything of his from his childhood juice cup, to his letters, to his unpublished writing. Following his death, she made it her life's work to get his book, *A Confederacy of Dunces*, published. Following the publication of this book, she collected everything that was written about him and his book. At one point, she offered the collection to Louisiana State University but according to a letter from Walker Percy, they declined the donation. She later made arrangements for the collection to be donated to Tulane University. Prior to her death, several people including Rhoda Faust, Maple Street Bookstore owner, and Kenneth Holdith, emeritus professor, helped arrange and organize the materials.

### **Brief Outline of Contents**

- Box 1-5:** JKT correspondence, military paperwork, personal items, and photographs.
- Box 6-8:** unpublished manuscripts, *COD* manuscripts [RESTRICTED]
- Box 9-10:** collateral printed materials for *COD*
- Box 11:** *NB* materials, JDT personal items, and TDT correspondence through Feb. 1981
- Box 12-14:** TDT correspondence and personal items
- Box 15-16:** JKT notebooks
- Box 17:** TDT and family photographs
- Box 18-20:** TDT personal items
- Box 21:** Garvey/Ducoing family and Walker Percy items
- Box 22:** Margaret (Dolly Ducoing) Garvey postcard collection and child's items
- Oversized collection:** large books, photographs, and posters

## Contents

**Box 1** of the collection contains John Kennedy Toole's personal letters to various people from 1955-1967. The largest portion of letters were written to his mother during his years in Puerto Rico. This box also contains the letters from Robert Gottlieb that TDT claimed were the cause of his suicide. Also included in this box are his Army papers and some pre-college school materials.

**Folder 1: JKT Correspondence:                      11 pieces**  
**Nov. 1956 - June 1962**

*Tulane Hullabaloo*. Nov. 9, 1956. Contains a cartoon by JKT  
Letter to his uncle, Arthur Ducoing. Oct. 18, 1960. Discusses his work at Hunter College, Krushchev's visit to NY, and his relative's new home  
Letter to parents. Mar. 1, 1961. Discusses his teaching, taxes and salary  
Letter to his uncle, Arthur Ducoing. Mar. 24, 1962. Thanks them for a check and encloses a newspaper clipping that describes what he is doing in the Army  
*San Juan Star*. Mar. 23, 1962. "P.R. Recruits Busy Learning English" w/ photo  
Letter to parents. May 22, 1962. Discusses his work and some recruits  
Letter to parents. June 24, 1962. Discusses teaching English to recruits; refers to "operation alert" and a "major issue" that seemed to be code for some family business that did not make JKT happy

**Folder 2: JKT Correspondence:                      9 pieces**  
**July 1962**

Letter to parents. July 1, 1962. Discusses work with recruits; proclaims to be "saddened" over the amount of rain; discusses his request for a clerical position in lieu of teaching; questions the "Arena litigation"  
Letter to parents. July 5, 1962. Discusses the heat and clerical position; relates that he was chosen as "Soldier of the Month" and that he received \$10 for this honor; discusses Puerto Ricans in general  
Letter to parents. July 10, 1962. Discusses a recruit that was taken away by ambulance probably from a change in diet; mentions a movie *Light in the Piazza* and a new refrigerator  
Letter to parents. July 14, 1962. Discusses his parents need for money and an allotment that he is sending them; relates that he was chosen "Antilles Command Soldier of the Month" and that he received \$20 and an all-expense paid three day vacation to Aruba as reward  
Letter to parents. July 25, 1962. On Aruba hotel letterhead; describes Aruba; mentions President LBJ's visit to Puerto Rico and the possibility of the military closing the school

**Folder 3: JKT Correspondence: 4 pieces**  
**Aug. 1962**

Letter to parents. Aug. 6, 1962. Discusses Marilyn Monroe's death

Letter to parents. Aug. 14, 1962. Discusses inspections, new responsibilities, and his First Sergeant

**Folder 4: JKT Correspondence: 12 pieces**  
**Sept. 1962**

Letter to parents. Sept. 3, 1962. Discusses the horrid conditions brought about by Inspector General inspections

Letter to John Toole (father). Sept. 4, 1962. Discusses his dad's health problems especially shingles

Letter to parents. Sept. 11, 1962. Discusses promotion to Specialist 4 (SP4); asks about Dad's health and mom's teaching

Letter to parents. Sept. 14, 1962. Discusses his role as acting Sergeant and the number of instructors electing to leave the military; discusses "beautifying" of assigned company area

Letter to parents. Sept. 20, 1962. Discusses public relations Air Force trip; mentions additional rumors of training center closing; requests the book, *The Earl of Louisiana* by A.J. Liebling

Letter to parents. Sept. 24, 1962. Discusses public relations Air Force trip to Ramey Air Force Base in the Dominican Republic; requests a "boar's hair hairbrush" and a *Picayune*; mentions more rumors of closing the training center

**Folder 5: JKT Correspondence: 15 pieces**  
**Oct. B Nov. 1962**

Letter to parents. Oct. 16, 1962. Discusses letters from J.C. Broussard and Joel Fletcher, visit by Senator Kefauver of Tennessee visit, and movie, *David Copperfield*

Letter to parents. Nov. 3, 1962. Discusses heat and new cycle (similar to a semester) of Puerto Rican recruits; mentions preparing for visit by marines, sailors, and airmen; discusses the cost of possibly visiting New Orleans in December and the impact the Cuban crisis has had on tourists to Puerto Rico

Letter to parents. Nov. 7, 1962. Discusses heat, new cycle and his position of supervisor rather than teacher; mentions Brown leading Nixon in California and hoping for the end of Nixon; mentions voting via absentee ballot and visit by other military services; asks for ticket money to come home for visit

Letter to parents. Nov. 9, 1962. Discusses a package that arrived from home, an evening in which he dined out, and a theatre production that he attended; mentions the loss of his Tulane ring

Letter to parents. Nov. 12, 1962. Discusses getting money for airfare and spending the day at the beach; mentions a former colleague's spru (tropical intestinal disease)

Letter to parents. Nov. 18, 1962. Discusses weather; mentions an interservice tour that included a dance with "girls" recruited for the occasion; discusses that he is still waiting on plane fare

Letter to parents. Nov. 26, 1962. Discusses buying his plane ticket and his leave (authorized time away from military duties)

**Folder 6: JKT Correspondence: 3 pieces**  
**Dec. 1962**

Letter to parents. Dec. 3, 1962. Discusses arrival of money order

Letter to parents. Dec. 10, 1962. Asks his mother to clean his winter clothes prior to his return; mentions an amateur version of *Bye Bye Birdie*, Puerto Ricans, and a gift from his uncle, Arthur Ducoing

**Folder 7: JKT Correspondence: 10 pieces**  
**Mar. -Apr. 1963**

Letter to parents. Mar. 23, 1963. Discusses the monsoon season; discusses his writing which he describes as “very good” and “amusing and well paced”; discusses the amount of time he has left in the military which is 120 days; requests some pictures

Letter to parents. Apr. 4, 1963. Mentions a “reading” that was a success [presumably one that his mother gave] and inspections; mentions his writing, which he says relaxes him and that he likes what he is working on because he thinks it “is very funny” and it’s saving him money [presumably because he is no longer going out as often]

Letter to parents. Apr. 10, 1963. Discusses the possible closing of his unit and the heat; discusses his writing which he describes as progressing “feverishly”

Letter to parents. Apr. 17, 1963. Discusses the arrival of a requested photograph, the weather, and current teaching cycle

Letter to parents. Apr. 25, 1963. Discusses the current cycle break, lack of instructors, and the upcoming loss of typewriter that he had been using for his writing project which “is now over 100 pages and is still going strong”

**Folder 8: JKT Correspondence: 6 pieces**  
**May 1963**

Letter to parents. May 8, 1963. Discusses buying new typewriter; mentions letter of acceptance to teach at Hunter College, which he will probably turn down; requests information from New Orleans private schools; mentions possibility of having to give up barracks to American refugees and parents of a fellow instructor whom he describes very unflatteringly

Letter to parents. May 15, 1963. Discusses his Army position and his writing which is “more than simple psychic therapy” and “it is an unusual and entertaining first draft that is, at the very least, a solid foundation for whatever revision, additions, and editing may be needed; “wants a civilian situation that will allow him to continue working on the novel; degrades the writing efforts of a friend (fellow soldier); realizes how self-centered his letters have been

Letter to parents. May 27, 1963. Discusses his separation physical, inspections, and his writing which “comes only with great difficulty these days”.

**Folder 9: JKT Correspondence: 9 pieces**

**June 1963**

- Letter to parents. June 4, 1963. Discusses teaching recruits, the current command, a mini-vacation to Condado Beach, promotion to Specialist 5 (SP5), and his writing “which has been somewhat slowed at the current time”
- Letter to parents. June 6, 1963. Requests the book, *Only Yesterday* by F. L. Allen.
- Letter to parents. June 11, 1963. Discusses his separation orders and his eagerness for them; berates the current cycle of “really bad” Puerto Rican recruits; mentions shipping some of his belongings home
- Letter to parents. June 23, 1963. Discusses the heat, the end of the cycle, and his separation post
- Letter to parents. June 30, 1963. Discusses the new cycle and shipping of goods; says about his writing, “I have experienced as a ‘renaissance’, and have been regularly adding to the manuscript page by page”. Plans to stay in New Orleans to continue working on it and says, “About the thing I am writing I have on conviction: it is entertaining and publish-able, and I have more than a degree of faith in it”. Discusses his growth while in the Army.

**Folder 10: JKT Correspondence: 16 pieces**

**July - Aug. 1963; July 1967**

- Letter to parents. July 4, 1963. Discusses the heat, construction, and the Army-Navy beach
- Letter to parents. July 7, 1963. Discusses the weather and the movie, *Peyton Place*; mentions the health of instructors and their petty complaints
- Envelope postmarked June or July 8 with no letter.
- Letter to parents. July 9, 1963. Discusses leaving the island for Ft. Jackson on Aug. 7, the weather, and a possible trip to Virgin Islands; mentions the upcoming marriage of friend “Cary” and not receiving money from Arthur saying, “for, although I innocently shook the envelope several times, my efforts to extract anything save the letter were fruitless”.
- Letter to parents. July 15, 1963. Discusses leaving Puerto Rico, taking a trip to St. Thomas and comparing it to Puerto Rico; discusses Puerto Ricans as being “really hopeless. They have neither looks, charms, manners, sense, intelligence, nor decency”. Mentions getting his personal belongings ready for his return
- Letter to parents. July 27, 1963. Discusses his release and shipment of goods home. [This letter may not be complete and the signature at the end may have been added later because the ending is very abrupt and the paper has been torn, neither of which is typical of the other letters.]
- Letter to parents. July 31, 1963. Discusses his salary teaching position at Dominican College; wants to buy a car; discusses the security that his new job will provide so that he can write
- Letter to parents. Aug. 4, 1963. Discusses Hurricane Arlene and the process that he must go through in order to leave the military
- Postcard to Angela Gregory. Postmarked 20 July 1967. From Madison, Wisconsin
- Postcard to parents. Postmarked 20 July 1967. From Madison, Wisconsin.

**Folder 11: JKT Correspondence: 7 pieces**  
**Gottlieb Letters**

These letters are on Simon and Schuster, Inc. letterhead and are all addressed to JKT:

from Jean Ann Jollett. June 9, 1964. Discusses his upcoming visit to New York to meet with Mr. Gottlieb; states that she “laughed, chortled, collapsed” as she read *COD*

from Robert Gottlieb. June 15, 1964. Discusses the fact that he and JKT were unable to meet and provides some specific suggestions for revising the manuscript

from Jean Ann Jollett. June (10 strikeover) 17, 1964. Mentions an enclosure but does not specify what that enclosure is and mentions and the possibility of her meeting JKT

from Robert Gottlieb. Dec. 14, 1964. Discusses what works and what doesn't work in the book and says, “I think you've done an excellent job” but that “[i]t is still not right”. Mentions having another literary agent read the manuscript who has the same reactions that Gottlieb has toward the book. Discusses his primary concerns in the book which are Ignatius, the Levi's, length, and that “it isn't really about anything.” Invites JKT to New York to discuss revisions

from Robert Gottlieb. Mar. 23, 1965. Discusses telephone call and visit by JKT to office where Gottlieb was mortified about JKT's performance; mentions still being sympathetic and appears to try to correct any misconceptions JKT may have concerning the ability to revise book [second page is missing]

from Robert Gottlieb. Jan. 17, 1966. Encourages JKT to keep working and that Simon and Schuster is still interested

**Folder 12: JKT Correspondence: 5 pieces**  
**Letters to Joel Fletcher**

Jul. 9, 1961. Thanks Joel Fletcher for invitation to visit, but JKT rejects the invitation because he plans to write

Feb. 3, 1961. Discusses his graduate work and teaching duties at Hunter, discusses John F. Kennedy and being spared “Dick and Pat” Nixon

Explanatory notes written by Joel Fletcher in 1999 are also included in this folder and provide context for people discussed in these letters.

**Folder 13: JKT Correspondence: 10 pieces**  
**Miscellaneous letters to JKT**  
**1953-1961**

Handwritten notes which discusses what he needs to do if his essay wins local first honors [written sometime before Mar. 15, 1953 since a reference is made to this date as an upcoming deadline]

Letter from Bosley Crowther's. June 28, 1955. Thanks JKT for letter, which commends article about Marilyn Monroe

Letter from Alvin Foote. Feb. 10, 1957. Discusses California education and the possibility of JKT teaching in the future

. Letter from Dave Prescott. 25. X. 58. [date as typed on letter] Discusses new students and other gossip at Tulane; requests calligraphy ink.

Letter from Elien [illegible]. June 2 [1961]. Discusses how she has spent her days recently and tells JKT, "I love you, I love you, I love you" and "My love to you, darling"

Letter from John W. Wieler, Assistant Dean of Faculty at Hunter College. Sept. 25, 1961. Discusses his entry into the military and the possibility of his return to Hunter when discharged

**Folder 14: JKT Correspondence: 18 pieces**  
**Miscellaneous letters to JKT**  
**1962-1967**

Envelope w/ no letter from Emilie R. Dietrich (Fuller & Smith & Ross envelope).  
Postmarked July 10, 1961

Letter from John W. Wieler. Sept. 27, 1962. Discusses the Army and the possibility of his return to Hunter

Letter from Clay. [n.d.]. Discusses LSU and classes and signed "love" but is addressed to "Professor Toole"

Letter from TDT. Dated only Wednesday morning. Discusses someone who may have been upset at JKT leaving Hunter, her flowers, and money [I believe we don't have the end of the letter because it ends abruptly with salutations written on the side of the paper which is not typical of TDT.]

Letter from Russ [Emilie Russell Dietrich, friend]. Dated only Monday. Discusses her own and JKTs writing, William Buckley's books, and numerous other books

Letter from Uncle Arthur. Feb. 28, 1964. Acknowledges that he received a check for \$30

Letter from Joe. Aug. 2, 1964. Discusses JKTs "meisterwerk", New York, and a possible visit to New Orleans

Letter from Joe. Dec. 6, 1964. Discusses weather, Evelyn Waugh, other books, opera, and JKTs "masterwork"

Letter from Beatrice M. Field, Director of Tulane Alumni Activities. Mar. 18, 1965.

Congratulates JKT on his promotion to Assistant Professor at Dominican

Letter from James E. Fitzmorris, Jr., Councilman at Large for the City of New Orleans.

July 13, 1965. Thanks JKT for his letter regarding zoning change at Dominican

Letter from James E. Fitzmorris. Sept. 27, 1965. Congratulates JKT on being named Assistant Professor of English at Dominican

Letter from Dave. [n.d.]. Invites JKT to visit him and discusses his new job in Denver

Letter from Beatrice M. Field. Nov. 30, 1965. Congratulates JKT on his promotion to Assistant Professor

**Folder 15: Personal Materials: 17 pieces**  
**Army papers**  
**1961-1963**

Order # 26. Nov. 1, 1961. Assignment to Fort Buchanan Puerto Rico as an English Instructor

Order # 4. Feb. 6, 1962. Promotion to enlisted 4th rank (E4 - acting)

*San Juan Star*. Mar. 24, 1962. "P.R. Recruits Busy Learning English" w/photo JKT

Order # 13. Apr. 25, 1962. Promotion to enlisted 3rd rank (E3)

Certificate. July 13, 1962. Signed by Brigadier General Roland H. del Mar, "Soldier of the Month" June 1962

*The Sentinel*, Antilles Command United States Army: Caribbean newsletter. July 20, 1962. Front page article and headline: "CPL. John K. Toole, Training Co. "A" Ant. Command Soldier of the Month" w/photo

Order #23. Aug. 14, 1962. Promotion to acting Sergeant (E5)

Order #8-175. Aug. 17, 1962. Temporary duty orders for the Interservice Orientation Tour to Ramey Air Force Base in the Dominican Republic.

Personnel Action form (DA Form 4187). Aug. 22, 1962. Requests a waiver for the time-in-grade requirements for promotion to enlisted 4th rank (E4)

Letter of Commendation. Feb. 21, 1963. From Jose H. Gil de Lamadrid, Captain. Praises JKT for performance and states that copy of letter was placed in personnel file

Order #99. May 29, 1963. Promotion to Specialist 5

Leave form (DA Form 31). July 12, 1963. Allows JKT to go to St. Thomas from 13 -15 July 1963 on a temporary leave from military duties (pass)

**Folder 16: Personal Materials: 16 pieces**

**Army papers  
1963-65; n.d.**

Army Graphic Training Aid titled "Things to do under Atomic, Biological or Chemical Attack"

Bedding receipt

Laundry list

DD 214, discharge form. May 29, 1963

Order # 126. July 12, 1963. Reassignment to Fort Jackson to complete process for getting discharged from the military

Receipt from *Caparra News Service*. Verifies that newspaper delivery service will be stopped on Aug. 2, 1963

Letter from HQ, XIX U. S. Army Corps. Aug. 16, 1963. Assignment to the US Army Reserve under the XIX US Army Corps, Fort Chaffee, Arkansas

Order #45. Dec. 5, 1963. Awards JKT the Army Commendation Metal (ARCOM)

Letter from Captain J.R. Grooms. Dec. 17, 1963. Forwards ARCOM

Proposed citation for ARCOM

Citation for ARCOM

Recommendation for award (DA Form 638), for ARCOM. July 11, 1963

Certificate for ARCOM. Dec. 5, 1963

Promotion certificate. Mar. 29, 1965. Promotion to enlisted 6th rank (E6)

**Folder 17: Personal Materials: 10 pieces**

**Army uniform accoutrements**

Clip-on buttons for shirt

Clip-on TOOLE name plate

One legging for pants

Two staff sergeant stripes

Three specialist badges

Piece of rosary  
Set of dogtags

**Folder 18: Personal Materials: 1 piece**  
**Scrapbook of N. Y. - Phil - D. C. trip**

John Kennedy Toole  
390 Audubon St.  
New Orleans, LA

Fortier High School Tour (nametag)  
*New Orleans States*. May 8, 1954. "24 Fortier Students Leave for Valley Forge Awards" w/photo of 3 students, including JKT.  
Postcard and schedule of The Southerner (train taken on trip)  
3 photos: New York from excursion boat inc. one of JKT  
3 photos: Chinatown and Statue of Liberty  
Photo of Times Square and souvenir from Statue of Liberty  
Brochure from Statue of Liberty  
Brochures from Museums of New York & Empire State observatories  
4 photos: Chinatown, Statue of Liberty, view from Empire State, JKT alone  
Playbill and ticket stub from *Wonderful Town* at Winter Garden  
Playbill and ticket stub from *Showplace* at Radio City Music Hall  
Playbill and ticket stub from *Can-Can* at Sam S. Shubert Theatre  
3 photos: Battery park, group photo and NY cityscape  
3 photos: Brooklyn Bridge, city, and United Nations Building  
3 photos: Ellis Island and 2 of city  
3 photos and one postcard: unlabeled, but all of New York City  
Photo of view from hotel, placemat from Howard Johnson's restaurant, cut out from a Macy's bag, photo of girls on steps of St. Patrick's Cathedral  
Cutout from Empire State Observatories, 2 stamps from *Naciones Unidas*, souvenir ticket stub from Empire State, and postcard from Hotel Bristol  
Postcard from Hotel Sylvania (Philadelphia), 2 photos: Independence Hall & Valley Forge w/ JKT  
3 photos: Independence Hall, Valley Forge  
2 postcards: Washington, DC  
3 photos: Columbus Monument w/ JKT, Lincoln Memorial, Washington Monument  
3 photos: view of the Capitol and one souvenir stub of Capitol Tour  
2 postcards: Washington, DC and Christ Church, Alexandria, VA and photo of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier  
Catalog of the 12th National Exhibition of Prints made during the current year - held at the Library of Congress (LOC) May 1 to August 1, 1954; one call slip for LOC  
2 post cards and 1 photo: Washington, DC  
3 photos: Jefferson Memorial from Washington Monument and 2 of Washington, DC  
Brochure and photo of Mount Vernon  
3 photos: on steps of US Capitol w/ JKT, Unknown soldier, and Capitol

Brochure: "Historic Valley Forge Park and Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge"

*Silver and Blue*. May 28, 1954. Provides details of trip and the reasons behind it but no student listing

*Washington Handy Guide*

Trip Sept., 1955 - New York

*Beekman Tower Host: Weekly Guide to New York*. Sept. 3, 1955. 2 ticket stubs to NBC Century Theatre: *Coke Time* and *The Vaughn Monroe Show*

Brochures on Metropolitan Museum of Art and New York Subways

Map of Met Museum; ticket stub to 46th street theater, claim stub #67

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Show listing for Museum of Modern Art Film Library

Playbill for *Lunatics and Lovers* at Broadhurst Theatre

Playbill for *Silk Stockings* at the Imperial Theatre

Playbill for *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof* at Morosco Theatre

Playbill for *damn yankees* at Forty-Sixth Street Theatre

Postcard from Stephen. Postmarked Aug. 24, 1955. Refers to New York trip

2 photos: Park Ave. NY Sept 1955, Bel Air car unknown year

2 photos: of same car one w/ JKT and one unknown person

Invitation for Christmas Dance. Dec. 2, 1955. Hosted by *Les Écolieres* at the New Orleans Country Club

Breakfast ticket and invitation. Dec. 28, 1955. Hosted by *Les Pierrettes*

Program. Dec. 28, 1955. From *Les Pierrettes*

Wedding announcement for Anne Nelson, daughter of Mrs. A. Eugene Hutchison, Junior to Mr. William Vincent Campbell on 29 Jan 1956

Remaining pages of scrapbook are empty

### **Folder 19: School Materials:**

**35 pieces**

#### **Pre-college schoolwork**

Homemade scrapbook of notable February birthdays with reports and photos

Arithmetic test. May 26, 1947

History test. May 28, 1947

Reading test. May 29, 1947

Trigonometry. July 8, 1952

Trigonometry. July 9, 1952

Trigonometry. July 24, 1952

Unknown math. [n.d.]

Unknown math. June 30

Unknown math. July 6

Unknown math. July 8

Unknown math. July 13

Unknown math. July 13

Unknown math. July 15

Unknown math. July 15  
Unknown math. July 23  
Unknown math. July 24  
Unknown math. [n.d.]  
Unknown math. July 30, 1953  
Unknown math. [n.d.]  
Unknown math. [n.d.]  
Unknown math. June 17  
Unknown math. [n.d.]  
Unknown math. July 20  
Algebra II. [n.d.]  
Unknown math. July 16  
Unknown math. July 24  
Unknown math. [n.d.]  
Unknown math. June 30  
Unknown math. [n.d.]  
Unknown math. July 2, 1953  
Unknown math. July 6  
Unknown math. July 23  
Title page for a report: "The Louisiana Purchase"  
Unknown math. [n.d.]

**Folder 20: School Materials: 25 pieces**  
**Pre-college schoolwork**

Report: "Televison, Tomorrow's Entertainment"  
Report: "What the American Merchant Marine Means to My Community" Report:  
"Think, America"  
Report w/ revisions: "The Louisiana Purchase"  
Report w/o revisions: "The Louisiana Purchase"  
Report: "Democracy is what we make it" - 3 and 3/4 pages typed; 12 handwritten pages  
of 1st draft w/ teacher notations

**Folder 21: School Materials: 2 pieces**  
**Pre-college grades**

Grades II-VII session 1949-1950 (8th grade): All grades are E (excellent) except for one  
G (good) which is probably in science based on the note from teacher  
Summer Session 1952, Plane Trigonometry, grade of 96%

**Box 2** contains school materials such as old exams, papers, and other material from his  
academic career at Tulane.

**Folder 1: School Materials:** **9 pieces**  
**Tulane University Honor Roll and Scholarship letters**

Letter from William Peery, Dean. July 14, 1955. Congratulates JKT for achieving honor roll for 2nd semester 1954-1955

Letter from William Peery, Dean. Mar. 22, 1956. Congratulates JKT for achieving honor roll in “recently completed” semester

Letter from Forrest U. Lake, General Assistant to the President. June 14, 1956. Awards the Special Scholarship for 1956-1957

*Carnival*, literary magazine for Tulane – article titled “Reading and Writing” and a cartoon done by JKT; inside the magazine is a handwritten note signed: “Kenny to Nandy and Uncle Arthur”

Letter from William Peery. June 14, 1957. Renews scholarship for 1957-1958

Program for Tulane Honors Program. Apr. 26, 1958. Awards scholastic honors through Phi Beta Kappa

Letter from William Peery. July 16, 1958. Congratulates JKT for achieving honor roll even though he has already graduated

*Times-Picayune*. July 24, 1958. Lists Tulane Honor roll which includes JKT

**Folder 2: School Materials:** **62 pieces**  
**English Papers at Tulane**

Paper: “The Development of the Babbitt-American”

Untitled paper: Puritanism and Hawthorne

English quiz. Feb 20, 1956

Term Paper. May 11, 1957. “Two Conflicting Traditions Make the Conflict in *Othello*’s Character Plausible”

Untitled test. Apr. 11, 1956

Incomplete [probably first draft] of “Indecency in Chaucer”

Paper: “Indecency in Chaucer”

Content quiz: *Ethan Frome*. March 25

Paper: “A Comparison of Shelley’s ‘Alastor’ and ‘Byron’s Manfred’”

Paper: “Similarity of Tone in Shelley’s ‘Hymn to Intellectual Beauty’ and Keats’ ‘Ode on a Grecian Urn’”

Paper: “A Literary Convention As Used in Hemingway’s *A Farewell to Arms*”

Paper: “War in *Childe Harold’s Pilgrimage*”

Paper: “‘Thou Art Indeed Just, Ford’ Gerard Manley Hopkins”

Quiz. Mar. 9, 1956

Quiz. Oct. 17, 1955

Paper: “‘The Fly’: An Interpretation.” Mar. 4, 1955

Quiz on Shakespeare

Term paper: “Coleridge on Dramatic Illusion.” Jan.13, 1958

**Folder 3: School Materials:** **6 pieces**  
**Essay - Journalism 301**

Paper: “*Where Main Street Meets the River* by Hodding Carter.” Apr. 1, 1957.

- Folder 4: School Materials:** **3 pieces**  
**Chemistry exams**  
Exam. Apr. 5, 1955  
Exam. [n.d.]
- Folder 5: School Materials:** **10 pieces**  
**Spanish papers**  
Exam. Oct. 27, 1955  
Blue book exam. Feb. 16, 1956  
Exam. Mar. 22, 1956  
Blue book exam. Apr. 26, 1956  
Exam. July 27
- Folder 6: School Materials:** **4 pieces**  
**Biology papers**  
Quiz: Scientific Method. [n.d.]  
Quiz. Feb. 16, 1956  
Quiz. Mar. 1, 1956  
Quiz. Mar. 9, 1956
- Folder 7: School Materials:** **12 pieces**  
**Philosophy exams**  
Blue book exam. [n.d.]  
Blue book exam. [n.d.]  
Blue book exam. Mar. 12, 1955  
Exam. Dec. 1, 1955  
Quiz. Jan. 9, 1956 (typed and handwritten copy)  
Blue book exam. Mar. 18, 1957  
Blue book exam (2 booklets). Apr. 1958
- Folder 8: School Materials:** **6 pieces**  
**French papers**  
Quiz. Oct. 10  
Quiz. Oct. 14, 1955  
Quiz. Oct 21, 1955  
Quiz. Apr. 18, 1956  
Quiz. [n.d.]  
Quiz. [n.d.]
- Folder 9: School Materials:** **5 pieces**  
**English Exams**  
Blue book exam. May 18, 1955  
Final Examination (Poetry). May 18

**Folder 10: School Materials:  
History Papers**

**8 pieces**

Quiz. Oct. 19, 1955  
Blue book. Feb. 22, 1956  
Blue book. Mar. 9, 1956  
Blue book. Mar. 28, 1956  
Blue book. Apr. 25, 1956  
Blue book. Apr. 16, 1957

**Folder 11: School Materials:  
Typescripts of exams**

**65 pieces**

Many exams from folders 2–10 were consolidated and typed by unknown typist.  
Set 1: Exam for Mr. Foote: “‘The Fly’: An Interpretation.” Mar. 4, 1955 – English  
Exam for Mr. Ward: “‘Thou Art Indeed Just, Lord’ Gerard Manley Hopkins.”  
May 11, 1956 – English  
Exam for Dr. Fogle: “War in *Childe Harold’s Pilgrimage*.” Oct. 27, 1955 –  
English  
Exam for Dr. Fogle: “A Comparison of Shelley’s ‘Alastor’ and Byron’s  
‘Manfred.’” Dec. 20, 1956 – English  
Unknown: “Similarity of Tone in Shelley’s ‘Hymn to Intellectual Beauty’ and  
Keats’ ‘Ode on a Grecian Urn.’” [n.d.] – English  
Exam for Dr. Adams: “A Literary Convention As Used in Hemingway’s *A  
Farewell to Arms*.” Feb. 25, 1957 – English  
Exam for Dr. Adams: “The Development of the Babbitt-American.” Apr. 17,  
1957 – English  
Puritanism [labeled as untitled in Folder 25]  
Exam for Mr. A. Foote. May 18, 1955 – English  
Exam for Dr. Raines. Feb. 22, 1956 – history  
Exam for Dr. Karnes. Mar. 9, 1956 – history  
Exam for Dr. Karnes. Mar. 28, 1956 – history  
Exam for Dr. Karnes. Apr. 25, 1956 – history  
Exam for Dr. Waldron. Apr. 16, 1957 – history  
Exam. April 1958 – unknown  
Exam. [n.d.] – English 624.  
Exam. [n.d.] – unknown  
Exam. [n.d.] – unknown  
Exam. [n.d.], unknown  
Set 2: Philosophy, Dr. Ballard. Mar. 12, 1955  
Dr. Lumianshky. Mar. 8, 1957

**Folder 12: School Materials:  
Honors thesis 1st draft**

**1 piece**

Untitled w/ revisions from instructor – 42 typed pages

- Folder 13: School Materials:** **42 pieces**  
**Honors thesis 2nd draft**  
Titled: "Lyly's Treatment of Women" w/ revisions and notes from instructor. Mar. 9, 1959. 42 typed pages
- Folder 14: School Materials:** **88 pieces**  
**Honors thesis final draft & typescript**  
Titled: "Lyly's Treatment of Women: The Beginnings of 'Higher' Comedy in England" w/revisions and notes by instructor and includes abstract and introduction. Mar. 28, 1959.  
Typescript titled: "The Scholarly Papers and Letters by John Kennedy Toole" compiled by Thelma Ducoing Toole; the honors thesis is now titled "John Lyly". [The abstract and introduction of honors thesis are not included and the typescript of the honors thesis has been revised somewhat from the final draft.]
- Folder 15: School Materials:** **1 piece**  
**Honors thesis bound carbon copy**  
Titled: "The Women in Lyly's Plays: An Honors Essay." May 15, 1958.
- Folder 16: School Materials:** **12 pieces**  
**Tulane grades 1955-56**  
Class cards, including course numbers, from Spanish (311 & 312), Phys. Tr. (221 & 222), Biology, History (207 & 208), Bus. Comm. (113 & 117), Philosophy, Honors English, English (202)
- Folder 17: School Materials:** **11 pieces**  
**Tulane grades 1956-57**  
Class cards, including course numbers, from Theater (353 & 354), Spanish, English (651, 623, 612 & 678), Pol. Sci, Gen Studies (341 & 342)  
Postcard. Postmarked Jan. 31, 1957. Informs JKT of Spanish 305 grade A
- Folder 18: School Materials:** **9 pieces**  
**Tulane grades 1957-1958**  
Class cards, including course numbers, from Journalism (303, 406, 410 & 612), English (644 & 673), German (101 & 102)  
Postcard. Postmarked Jan. 31, 1957. Informs JKT of English 673 grade A
- Folder 19: School Materials:** **13 pieces**  
**Phi Beta Kappa**  
Handbook for new members  
Handbook of the Tulane Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa (PBK), Alpha of Louisiana  
Card from Fannie Rayne Russ. Mar. 12, 1958. Informs JKT that he was elected to PBK

Card from Carmen Delgado. Postmarked Mar. 20, 1958. Congratulates JKT on his election to PBK and encloses money, according to note

Two newspapers clippings: *New Orleans States*. Mar. 24, 1958. Relates JKT's election to PBK in reference to being a graduate of Fortier High School; and *New Orleans Item*. Mar. 14, 1958. "29 Honored at Tulane"

Letter from William Peery. Mar. 12, 1958. Congratulates JKT on election to PBK

Letter to PBK initiates from Fannie Rayne Russ, Secretary. Apr. 3, 1958. Invites new initiates to initiation ceremonies

*Times-Picayune*. Mar. 14, 1958. *New Orleans States*. Mar. 14, 1958. Photos of new initiates into PBK

Letter from Rufus C. Harris, President of Tulane. Apr. 16, 1958. Congratulates JKT on election to PBK

Letter to Fellow Member [PBK] from Hiram Haydn, editor of *The American Scholar*. [n.d.] Invites JKT to subscribe to magazine by PBK

Membership certificate from PBK

Congratulatory card from Fortier High School faculty on election to PBK

Program for annual public meeting and new member initiation. Apr. 13, 1958

**Box 3** contains more school materials of JKT from Tulane and Columbia University, especially items concerning his Woodrow Wilson Fellowship. It also has items from JKT's career at Tulane University Graduate School as well as his years of teaching at Dominican College. This box further contains some personal items from his childhood.

**Folder 1: School Materials:** **1 piece**  
**Tulane Diploma**

Diploma awarding the degree of Bachelor of Arts with honors in English. June 2, 1958

**Folder 2: School Materials:** **8 pieces**  
**Tulane Commencement Programs, Activities, Newsclippings**

Card: Nominates JKT to Theta Nu, honorary journalism fraternity

Program for the College of Arts and Sciences Exercises for Graduates and Winners of Awards for May 31. Degree with Honors, Awarded the General Scholastic Excellence (PBK) and Woodrow Wilson Fellowship

Card: Invites JKT to exercise and a coffee hosted by Dean William Peery

Calendar for commencement 1958

Selective Service System College Student Certificate. July 24, 1958

Commencement program. June 2, 1958

*Times-Picayune*. June 2, 1958. Relates story of commencement

**Folder 3: School Materials:** **2 pieces**  
**Tulane University**  
**Miscellaneous Items**

Receipt from Howard-Tilton Memorial Library for subscription card. Aug. 13, 1963  
Receipt from Delta Tau Delta Fraternity. Jan. 1, 1956

**Folder 4: School Materials:** **1 piece**  
**Columbia University Commencement**  
**June 2, 1959**

Commencement program. June 2, 1959. Master of Arts

**Folder 5: School Materials:** **12 pieces**  
**Woodrow Wilson Fellowship, Columbia University**

Letter from Jacques Barzun, Dean of the Graduate Faculty. Mar. 14, 1958. Congratulates JKT on the Woodrow Wilson Fellowship (WWF)  
Envelope from Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship foundation. Postmarked Mar. 5, 1958  
Brochure on the Woodrow Wilson Foundation  
Booklet: "The Story of Woodrow Wilson," by David Loth, published by the foundation  
Brochure on the Woodrow Wilson Foundation application procedures  
Copy of title page and p. 343 listing JKT as a WWF recipient from *WWF Directory of Fellowship Award for the Academic Years 1945/46 – 1959/60* [complete book in Oversized Box 2]  
Letter from Richard C. Boys, National Director of WWF. Feb. 26, 1958. Notifies JKT of selection for a WWF contingent on university acceptance  
Form letter from WWF. [n.d.]. Invites him to interview for fellowship  
Letter from Richard C. Boys (WWF). Apr. 1, 1958. Selects him formally  
Letter from August Heckscher, President of WWF. Aug. 20, 1958. Congratulates him on selection  
*Times-Picayune*. Oct. 23, 1958, and *New Orleans States*. Mar. 31, 1958. Relates selection to WWF

**Folder 6: School Materials:** **8 pieces**  
**Grades at Columbia**  
**Masters Essay Statement**

Grade record for Autumn semester. Mar. 10, 1959  
Copy of grade record adding Spring semester, 1959  
First part of the Examination for the degree of Master of Arts – Department of English and Comparative Literature, Columbia  
Envelope with remarks: "Kenny's High Certificate of Attainment from Columbia University July 12th, 1968." [Presumably remarks by TDT – year probably should have been 1958]  
Master's Essay statement (similar to abstract). Oct. 27, 1958. Includes instructor's notes and revision comments

Envelope addressed to TDT c/o Catherine Silvia from Columbia U.  
Unofficial transcript, student copy, from Columbia U for 1958-1959 and 1960-1961

**Folder 7: School Materials:** **1 piece**  
**Master of Arts Diploma, Columbia U.**

Diploma awarding the Master of Arts on June 2nd, 1959 [appears to have been cut to fit a frame]

**Folder 8: School Materials:** **9 pieces**  
**Tulane Graduate School**  
**Old English Notebook and wordlist**

5 subject notebook  
Section 1 – appears to be Old English class notes  
Section 2 – blank  
Section 3 – labeled as ENG 777 and appears to be class notes  
Section 4 – blank  
Section 5 – 1 page of notes for English 321 on Joseph Andrews  
8 handwritten pages of word lists from Old English

**Folder 9: School Materials:** **48 pieces**  
**Tulane Graduate School**  
**Dreiser paper – notecards**

Notecards – some appear to be Old English rather than Dreiser

**Folder 10: School Materials:** **17 pieces**  
**Tulane Graduate School**  
**Dreiser paper – notesheets**

Handwritten pages of notes on Dreiser  
“Selected bibliography on Dreiser’s Craftsmanship prepared by Sheila Hope Grawoig” –  
3 typed pages  
Handwritten seminar report notes  
Pages 2,3, and 4 of an unknown poem

**Folder 11: School Materials:** **26 pieces**  
**Tulane Graduate School**  
**Dreiser notebook**

26 handwritten pages (w/one blank) of notes on Dreiser

**Folder 12: School Materials:** **1 piece**  
**Tulane Graduate School**  
**Picture I.D.**

Tulane University ID for 1968/69

**Folder 13: School Materials:** **3 pieces**  
**Class records for courses taught at Dominican College**

2 notebooks of handwritten rolls and grades  
Syllabus from Mr. Toole, English 321

**Folder 14: Personal Items:** **3 pieces**  
**Birth certificates and registration**

Record of birth for JKT, son of John Toole and Thelma Agnes Ducoing, born on Dec. 17, 1937. Recorded on Feb. 17, 1938  
Microfilm of birth certificate – certified as true copy on Apr. 23, 1959  
Hospital Birth Certificate suitable for framing w/ footprints. From Touro Infirmary, New Orleans

**Folder 15: Personal Items:** **1 piece**  
**Prayer book, signed Confirmation, 1949**

*My Sunday Missal* inscribed from Mother to Kenny at 1128 Webster St on May 8, 1949

**Folder 16: Personal Items:** **1 piece**  
**Life Insurance policy, 1950**

Met Life Insurance Policy # 18-414-916 in the amount of \$2000. Nov. 16, 1950

**Box 4** contains personal items from JKT's childhood such as his juice cup and a variety of miscellaneous items.

**Folder 1: Personal Items:** **1 piece**  
**Baby juice cup**

Tin baby juice cup engraved w/ initials JKT

**Folder 2: Personal Items:** **1 piece**  
**First Communion certificate 1945**

Remembrance of First Holy Communion, May 6, 1945

**Folder 3: Personal Items:** **3 pieces**  
**Calling card**

3 calling cards inscribed with John Kennedy Toole

**Folder 4: Personal Items: 2 pieces**  
**Note to Anna Belle**

Note to Anna Belle on a Saks Fifth Avenue card: "As a small thanks for all the favors during the past year. Ken"

Note written by Joel Fletcher. Sep. 7, 1999. Provides the context for Anna Belle.  
Handwritten [same as typed version from Box 1, Folder 12]

**Folder 5: Personal Items: 2 pieces**  
**NOPSI advertisement w/JKT**

Ad from New Orleans Public Service publication  
Payroll stub for \$5.00 for modeling for ad. Aug. 23, 1950

**Folder 6: Personal Items: 2 pieces**  
**Crayon drawings**

3 homemade cards pasted on poster board  
1. drawing of McDonogh School #14, 1944  
2. to Mother, Mar. 1944  
3. to Mother, [n.d.]

Note on the poster board from TDT states: "A sample of my son's artistic ability, and an expression of his love for me!"

Colored drawing

**Folder 7: Personal Items: 2 pieces**  
**Pencil drawings**

2 pencil drawings: one of a woman and one of a girl

**Folder 8: Personal Items: 1 piece**  
**Tempera Painting**

One tempera painting of a house and tree

**Folder 9: Misc. Items: 4 pieces**

Voter registration card # 908, ward 14, precinct 10. Dec. 30, 1958

Teachers program card at Hunter College of City of New York, Feb. 1961 – teaching schedule [presumably Hunter, although it is illegible]

*New Orleans States and Item.* Jan. 12, 1959. Relates voter registration

Payroll stub from Haspel Brothers. Aug. 8, 1958

**Folder 10: Misc. Items: 1 piece**  
**Chamber of Commerce News Bulletin**

*News Bulletin.* May 28, 1954. Front page story for fifth place as a Fortier student in the Chamber's annual Spanish contest w/photo (awarded \$15)

**Folder 11: Misc. Items: 2 pieces**

**News clips re Valley Forge award  
1959**

Envelope with remarks by TDT: "Photo of John Kennedy Toole, with other classmates from Fortier High School on this occasion to visit Valley Forge, Pa., where they will receive a national Freedom Foundation Award." Photo missing  
Article and photo "24 Fortier Students leave for Valley Forge Awards,"

**Folder 12: Misc. Items: 16 pieces**  
**Sheet music for piano**

Folder contains the following sheet music:

"Play, Fiddle, Play"  
"The Student Prince in Heidelberg"  
"Two Hearts"  
"Sylvia"  
"The Peanut Vendor"  
"Love Walked In"  
"Marchéta"  
"China Boy"  
"Fascinating Rhythm"  
"Totem Tom-Tom"  
"On the Road to Mandalay"  
"Forgotten"  
"Limehouse Blues"  
"That Lucky Old Sun"  
*War Savings Songs to Familiar Tunes* [booklet of words to songs]  
*War Savings Songs to Familiar Tunes* [booklet of sheet music]

**Folder 13: Misc. Items: 1 piece**  
**U.S. Army award**

Uniform ribbons and medal for Army Commendation Medal (ARCOM)

**Folder 14: Misc. Items: 1 piece**  
**Book of poetry by Mallōrd**

Book: *Love Alone Finds Cold* by Mallōrd published by Silver Bicycle Press, 1969, with inscription dated Jan. 30, 1969: "Mr. Toole, Enjoy my misplaced anti-cedents. In Universal/oneness with you and Shelley, & being, Mallōrd."

**Folder 15: JKT Misc. Items: 1 piece**  
**LLA Bronze Medal 1980**

Louisiana Library Association literary award with inscription: "John Kennedy Toole, 1980"

**Box 5** contains miscellaneous items such as his Pulitzer Prize certificate and photographs.

**Folder 1: Misc. Items:** **2 pieces**

**“Big Chief” writing tablet**

Unused “Big Chief” writing tablet

Blank composition book, on front: “Record Book John Toole 1963 Mom: Please Don’t Touch” and same on back but 63 is crossed out and replaced with 66

**Folder 2: Misc. Items:** **1 piece**

***New Orleans Magazine* cover featuring JKT**

Original cover from *New Orleans Magazine*, Dec. 1981, featuring “JKT: Remembrances on His Birthday”

**Folder 3: Misc. Items:** **1 piece**

***The Tulane Hullabaloo* [sic]**

Yearbook is located in Oversized Box 1

**Folder 4: Misc. Items:** **1 piece**

**Photocopied page from H.S. yearbook**

Photocopied page from H.S. yearbook where JKT was voted “Most Intelligent”; complete yearbook can be found in Oversized Box 1

**Folder 5: Misc. Items:** **2 pieces**

**JKT personal library list, signed Rhoda Faust**

JKT personal library list with annotations on whether there are notes written in the books; condition of books, and whether the books are signed [probably compiled by Rhoda Faust]

**Folder 6: Misc. Items:** **1 piece**

**Pulitzer Prize**

Bound certificate of the Pulitzer Prize, Apr. 13, 1981 (similar to a diploma)

**Folder 7: Misc. Items:** **1 piece**

**Drawing: “Big Boy”**

Drawing is located in Oversized Box 1

**Folder 8: Misc. Items:** **1 piece**

**Essay contest certificate**

Certificate is located in Oversized Box 1

**Folder 9: Photographs:** **2 pieces**

**Infant photo**  
**Infant photo with 5 images**

Both photos are located in Oversized Box 1

**Folder 10: Photographs: 18 pieces**  
**Infant photos**

18 photos as infant [some are candid photos that include other people and some are professional portraits]

**Folder 11: Photographs: 28 pieces**  
**Childhood photos**

Photo, which states: "To Aunt [illegible] from Kenny April 9, 1941"

Photo w/ note from TDT, which states: "This picture of my eleven-year old son was inserted in the Sunday Times-Picayune (1938) to advertise the Junior League's production of 'Mystery at the Old Fort.' Charles Gray of Tulane University's speech department was the director. He selected my son because of his outstanding ability." [Date must be wrong because JKT was only born in 1937]

Photo w/ note from TDT, which states: "This picture was taken in the finale of a spring recital of the Lakeview School of Speech and Dramatic Art, of which I was director. Ken, then twelve years old, interpreted Eleanor C. Donnelly's 'Gaulherto's Victory. Ken's resonant, far-projecting voice, dramatic flair, and stage presence brought warm praise from the audience."

Three photos with notes on back. One w/ note on back: "John Geiser & JKT on the first day at school Webster Street near Coliseum ca 1943, Sept 1942." One w/ note on back: "(Geiser) John III & Ken Toole First day of school 1943." One w/ note on back: "John II & Kennedy Toole First day of school 1943"

19 other photos

**Folder 12: Photographs: 18 pieces**  
**Teenage photos**

Photo w/ note on back: "In his sixteenth year, when he entered Fortier High, and wrote 'The Neon Bible'"

Envelope w/ same note as above written on outside and smaller version of above photo  
15 other photos

**Folder 13: Photographs: 16 pieces**  
**Adult photos**

10 photos of scenery, plus negatives

One photo (enlargement) in folder #2 of original smaller version: one inscribed with "on the Gulf Coast. This picture is a record of his height and brawny physique"

6 photos [possibly of Puerto Rico]

Development envelope. Dec. 1, 1958. V. Toole. States "10 snapshots & 12 negatives" – no photos

**Folder 14: Photographs:** **33 pieces**  
**Adult photos**  
29 photos  
Note w/no attached photo: "This picture was taken when Ken was an English instructor at St. Mary's Dominican College."  
Photo w/note that states: "Photograph of My Genius – Son, John Kennedy Toole, from His Mother, Thelma Ducoing Toole, to Dear John Geiser III." Aug. 19, 1980.  
Note w/no attached photo that states: "Dear Martha and Les, This handsome picture of my son is sent to you for what you are doing for him. I'll keep you informed of the legal progress. Sincerely, Thelma." Nov. 6, 1979

**Folder 15: Photographs:** **15 pieces**  
**Army photos**  
14 photos (loose)  
10 photo prints in mini-album

**Folder 16: Personal Items:** **1 piece**  
**Baby book**  
Complete baby book

**Folder 17: Personal Items:** **1 piece**  
***The Subterraneans***  
Book: *The Subterraneans* by Jack Kerouac with Ken Toole's name and Columbia University address

**Box 6** contains restricted materials, which researchers may only read in the library; copies of any form may not be made. It contains his unpublished short stories and poetry and three various copies of *A Confederacy of Dunces*. No handwritten versions or original typescripts of his two novels are part of the collection.

**Folder 1: Unpublished works:** **2 pieces**  
**"Going Up"**  
**[Restricted]**  
Short, short story: "Going Up"

**Folder 2: Unpublished works:** **10 pieces**  
**"Disillusionment"**  
**[Restricted]**

Short story: "Disillusionment" – 10 typed pages w/revisions

**Folder 3: Unpublished works: 2 pieces**

**"The Arbiter"**

**[Restricted]**

Poem: "The Arbiter" – 2 typed pages

**Folder 4: Unpublished works: 3 pieces**

**"The Arbiter" (w/ explanatory letter)**

**[Restricted]**

Poem: "The Arbiter," signed w/ letter to TDT. Feb. 1, 1959. States his intention to submit it to "The American Scholar" contest

**Folder 5: Unpublished works: 1 piece**

**"New York: Three Aspects"**

**[Restricted]**

Three part poem: "New York: Three Aspects"

**Folder 6: Unpublished works: 1 piece**

**"New York: Three Aspects"**

**[Restricted]**

Poem: "New York: Three Aspects" [handwritten and somewhat different than typed version in folder 40]

**Folder 7: Unpublished works: 1 piece**

**"The February Field"**

**[Restricted]**

Poem: "The February Field"

**Folder 8: COD ribbon copy: 10 pieces**

**PP. 209, 253, 260-266 only**

Pages 209, 253, 260-266 only with no markings

**Folder 9: "Ignatius Reilly" 1 piece**

289 pages ribbon copy. © Mrs. Thelma Toole, 1977. No markings

**Folder 10: "A Confederacy of Dunces" 1 piece**

**Printer's copy**

289 pages. Appears to be photocopy of Folder 2 with new title and no copyright credit to TDT

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**Folder 1: “A Confederacy of Dunces”**                      **1 piece**  
**Retyped draft**

480 pages with no title page

**Folder 2: “A Confederacy of Dunces”**                      **1 piece**  
**Printer’s copy**

480 pages with title page. Printer and editor markings

**Box 8** contains the four copies of page proofs produced for *COD*.

**Folder 1: Page proofs:**    **1 piece**  
**Copy 1**

Written on title page: “Toole Masterset 1st proof, paste up correction checked 1/11 spine copy.” Editing marks throughout

**Folder 2: Page proofs:**    **1 piece**  
**Copy 2**

Written on title page: “1st proof press set Toole tr 11/12.” Editing marks throughout

**Folder 3: Page proofs:**    **1 piece**  
**Copy 3**

Written on title page: “rev pp. in 12/5 to Prod 12/12.” No markings, except to indicate no page

**Folder 4: Page proofs:**    **1 piece**  
**Copy 4**

Written on title page: “first proof extra” and “correction herein mark errors found in the revised set. I had no extra revised set.” Some editing marks

**Box 9** contains a 1<sup>st</sup> edition of *COD* owned by the library along with much of the collateral printed materials concerning *COD* such as reviews, advertisements, and press releases. Items relating to various conferences and seminars that have focused on *COD* or JKT are also included in this box.

**Folder 1: *COD*** **1 piece**  
**Hardback 1st edition**

*A Confederacy of Dunces*. Baton Rouge and London: Louisiana State UP, 1980. Hardback; 1st edition with jacket. Inscribed, Apr. 24, 1980: "Appreciation to Dear John Geiser from John Kennedy Toole's mother, Thelma Ducoing Toole"

**Folder 2: *COD*** **1 piece**  
**Audio Cassette**

Audio cassette read by Arte Johnson produced by Dove Books on Tape

**Folder 3: *COD*:** **15 pieces**  
**Collateral Printed Material**  
**Louisiana Literary Award**

Press release. Apr. 9, 1981. Produced by the Louisiana Library Association (LLA)  
Copy of speech given by unknown committee member. Apr. 8, 1981. Awards the LLA award to *COD*

Copy of speech or paper by Charles W. Harrington. May 28, 1980. Titled "The Louisiana Literary Award, a 30-Year View"

**Folder 4: *COD*:** **135 pieces**  
**Collateral Printed Material**  
**U.S. reviews**

*American Spectator*. Oct. 1980. By Rhoda Koenig.

*Anniston Star*. Aug. 24, 1980. By Barbara Hodge Hall: "Toole's *Confederacy Of Dunces*: A 'Masterpiece' Found too Late"

*Ashville Citizen-Times*. Sept. 7, 1980. By Tony Brown: "An Unlikely Hero Takes Reader on a Bizarre Tour"

*Atlanta Constitution*. (2 copies) dated: June 29, 1980 and July 26, 1980. By Michelle Green: "Dunces Come Alive in 'Confederacy'"

*Atlanta Journal Constitution*. June 15, 1980. By Paul Darcy Boles: "Fine Finish Can't Redeem Reilly's Repetition"

*Atlanta Magazine*. Oct. 1980. By Thomas Cook. "The Thudding of a Big, Dull Drum"

*Azalea City News & Review* (Mobile). Nov. 27, 1980. By Eugene Walter: "From the LSU Press: Rays of New Orleans Madness"

*Baltimore News American*. July 13, 1980. By Jonathan Yardley: "The Life and Times of Ignatius J. Reilly."

*Baltimore Sun*. May 25, 1980. By Robert Michael Green: "A Mad Genius Takes On The Modern World In A Newly-Found Comic Classic"

*Baton Rouge Magazine*. Dec. 1980. By Joel Gardner: "Giant's Wings"

*The Blade* (Toledo, Ohio). July 13, 1980. By Edward White: "Genial Eccentricity: Lunacy, Farce Abound In Sardonic Novel"

*Bloomsbury Review*. Nov.-Dec. 1980. By Michael O'Connell: "Observations of an Outcast"

*Booklist*. June 1, 1980

*Boston Globe*. June 5, 1980. By Margaret Manning: "From New Orleans A Posthumous Novel"

*Britannica Book of the Year*. 1981 "Literature" p 508 (brief mention)

*Charlotte Observer*. May 25, 1980. By Harry Middleton: "*Confederacy Of Dunces*: A Bungling Life-Hater Wreaks Insane Order"

*Chicago Sun Times*. May 11, 1980. By Harry Middleton: "Ignatius J. Reilly, Heroic Superslob"

*Chicago Tribune*. June 29, 1980. By Stephen E. Rubin: "Behind the Cover: The Saga of a Rejected Novelist"

*Chicago Tribune Book Review*. June 29, 1980. By Shirley Ann Grau: "Slapstick Tragedy From A Writer Rescued By Percy"

*Clarion Ledger*. Aug. 10, 1980. By Linda Sanders: "J.K. Toole's Novel Not A Book To Miss"

*Concise Book Review*. Jan. 1981. "A *Confederacy of Dunces*"

*Concise Book Reviews*. June 1981

*The Cresset* (Valparaiso Univ.). Jan. 81. By Rick Barton.

*Daily Illini* (Univ of Ill). Apr. 3, 1981. By Larry Doyle: "Tragic Laughter: Toole Handles Fictional Reality, but not real life"

*Dallas Morning News*. May 11, 1980. By Lee Milazzo: "Ignatius Reilly: Slob, Philosopher, Genius"

*Dayton Daily News*. Sept. 28, 1980. By Frank Hoffman: "Don Quizote Battles Modern Windmills"

*Des Moines Sunday Register*. Oct. 26, 1980. By Rhonda Dickey: "'Genius' vs. Dunces"

*ELECTRICity*. Aug. 7, 1980. By Ira Einhorn: 'Dunces'

*El Paso Times*. Nov. 23, 1980. By James Stowe: "'A *Confederacy of Dunces*'"

*Figaro*. Apr. 28, 1980. By Harry Middleton: "A Bittersweet Tale Of New Orleans"

*Fort Worth Star Telegram*. July 13, 1980. By Larry Oliver: "Waging War on Absolutely Everything"

*Enterprise – Metro*. Oct. 23, 1980. By Judy Pennington: "A *Confederacy of Dunces*"

*Graffiti*. June 1980. By Michael Konvicka

*Grand Junction Daily Sentinel* (Colorado). Nov. 2, 1980. By Stu McConnell: "Books: French Farce Carried By The Rantings Of Ignatius J. Reilly"

*Greensboro Daily News* (NC). May 11, 1980. By Malcolm Jones: "Ignatius J. Reilly, Gargantuan Hero"

*Gwinett Daily News*. June 8, 1980. By Elliott Brack: "'Dunces' Spins Classic Tale"

*Hollywood Reporter*. May 1, 1981. By Tony Shepherd.

*Honolulu Sunday Star-Bulletin & Advertiser*. Sept. 14, 1980. By John Hanchette: "A Great Rumbling Farce"

*Houston Chronicle*. Nov. 30, 1980. By Michael Heskett: "Discovered: An Amuk Aquinas In Falstaff's Clothing"

*Houston City*. Mar. 1981. By Jan Reid: "Quixotic Curmedgeon"

*Ingram Bookseller*. June 1980. By Lynn Phifer

*InterCom Communications*. Dec 23, 1980. By Mark Walpole: "Walpole's Been Reading *A Confederacy Of Dunces*"

*The Jewish Civic Press*. Sept. 28, 1981. "A *Confederacy Of Dunces*"

*Kirkus Reviews*. Mar. 15, 1980.

*Knoxville Lifestyle*. Summer 1980. By Richard Elman: "Cover to Cover: Knoxville Lifestyle's Monthly Book Review"

*Lagniappe*. Apr. 15-21, 1978. By Walter Isaacson. Reviews the excerpts of *COD* printed in *The New Orleans Review*, Vol. 5.4.

[*Lagniappe*]. [n.d.]. By W. Kenneth Holditch: "*Confederacy Of Dunces*: A Happy Hilarious New Orleans Novel"

*Las Vegas Review-Journal*. Aug. 27, 1980. Associated Press (AP) wire story: "Success Came Too Late"

*Lincoln Journal & Star*. Oct. 19, 1980. By Bart Becker: "Posthumous Hit"

*Library Journal*. Feb. 1, 1980

*Library Journal*. Mar. 1980. By Anneliese Schwarzer.

*Los Angeles Times Book Review*. Nov. 9, 1980. By Kenneth John Atchity: "The Fictional Five: of Life and Death, Eloquence and Silence"

*Louisiana Life*. [n.d.]. By Paul F. Stahls, Jr.: "Books"

*Louisville Times*. July 12, 1980. By Chris Wohlwend: "Here's A Novel Of Excess That Needed A Good Editor"

*Lutcher News Examiner* (Louisiana). May 14, 1981. By Irving Ward-Stelzman: "Jambalaya"

*Magill's Literary Annuals*. 1981. By Carolyn Wilkerson Bell: "A *Confederacy Of Dunces*"

*Memphis Commercial Appeal*. Aug. 31, 1980. By Thomas Fox: "A Lion In The Streets"

*Miami Herald*. July 20, 1980. By Jonathan Yardley: "Reincarnation Of A Posthumous Novel"

*Minneapolis Tribune*. July 13, 1980. By Matthew Brennan: "Extraordinary Farce-Comedy"

*Minnesota Daily*. Jan. 20, 1981. By Clark Miller: "A *Confederacy Of Dunces*" and Richard Hoops: "The Best Books of 1980"

*Minnesota Daily* (Final Edition). [n.d.]. By Kim Lacy Rogers: "Fiction: A *Confederacy Of Dunces*"

*Morning Journal* (Longview, TX). Apr. 19, 1981. By Jim Cullen: "'Dunces' Delivers New Orleans Satire"

*Nashville Banner*. Aug. 9, 1980. By Robert Holladay: "Toole's Biting Satire Indicts Modern, Unspiritual Society"

*Natchitoches Times*. May 10, 1981. By Irving Ward-Steinman: "Louisiana Book Shelf"

*National Review*. June 26, 1981. By David Evanier: "Behometh"

*New Age*. June 1981. "The Seditious '60s"

*New Letters*. Fall 1982. By L. G. Harvey.  
*New Orleans Review*. [n.d.]. By Lloyd M. Daigrepoint: "Ignatius Reilly and The Confederacy of Dunces"  
*NO States-Item*. May 10, 1980. By W. Kenneth Holditch: "*Confederacy of Dunces: A Happy Hilarious New Orleans Novel*"  
*New Republic*. July 19 1980. By Phelps Gay: "Brief Review"  
*New York Magazine*. June 16, 1980. By James Wolcott: "Shrieks and Kvetches"  
*New York Times Book Review*. June 22, 1980. By Alan Friedman: "A Sad and Funny Story"  
*Newsday*. June 5, 1980. By Nina King  
*Newsweek*. May 26, 1980. By Jean Strouse: "New Orleans Falstaff"  
*New West*. June 1980. By Grover Lewis: "A *Confederacy of Dunces*"  
*People*. June 23, 1980. "A *Confederacy of Dunces*"  
*Philadelphia Inquirer*. May 25, 1980. By Harry Middleton: "He Left Us a Fat Freak For a Hero"  
*Providence Sunday Journal*. Oct. 5, 1980. By Caryn Fuoroli: "Southern Tale Is Funny, Affecting: Genius Menaced By Dunces"  
*Publisher's Weekly*. Apr. 11, 1980  
*Punch*. May 27, 1981. By Lynton Lesserday: "Toole's Trade"  
*St. Louis Globe Dispatch*. Aug. 3, 1980. By Harry James Cargas: "This Book Is Dangerous To Your Decorum"  
*St. Petersburg Times*. Apr. 19, 1981. By Kelly Scott: "Madhouse Novel Spins Around Wheel of Fortune"  
*San Francisco Progress*. Oct. 14, 1981. By Cornelia P. Hunt: "Unforgettable Prize-Winner"  
*San Francisco Review of Books*. November-December 1980. By Marcel Sauvage: "Notes"  
*Southern World*. Oct. 1980. By David Kirby  
*The Southern Quarterly*. Winter 1981. By Cherly McAllister Saunders  
*Spectator*. Oct. 1980. By Michale McFee: "Of Dunces and Feasts, Legends and Poetry"  
*The Tennessean*. June 22, 1980. By Robert Watt  
*Time*. June 2, 1980. By Paul Gray: "Rumblings"  
*The Times-Picayune*. June 1, 1980. By Thomas Bonner Jr.: "Lunacy and Chaos Take Over In Zany New Orleans Story"  
*Washington Post*. [n.d.]. By Stephen Goodwin  
*Washington Star*. July. By Jonathan Yardley: "A Posthumous Protege Proves Himself Worthy Of Direct Comparison"  
Reprint/reitled of *Washington Star*. July 13, 1980. By Jonathan Yardley: "*Dunces: Marvelous Lively Novel*"  
*Waycross Journal-Herald (GA)*. Aug. 6, 1981. By David Shields: "*Confederacy Of Dunces Called Very Good Book*"  
*West Coast Review of Books*. Nov. 1980. By DLS: "A *Confederacy Of Dunces*"  
*Atlanta*. [n.d.]. By Gene-Gabriel Moore: "A Genius In The French Quarter." Pages 88 and 90 but is not complete  
Typed review from unknown source. Dec. 30, 1983. By Frank Galati  
*Ingram Paperback Advance*. May 1981

Unknown source. July 2, 1978. Typescript that reviews the excerpts of *COD* published in the *New Orleans Review* 5.4 (1978).

Review by John W. Ferstel, USL from unknown source. [n.d.]. Reviews *Gravity and Grace in the Novel A Confederacy Of Dunces* by Robert Coles

Unknown source and date. By Clarence Petersen: "Paperbacks"

Unknown source. [n.d.]. By W. Kenneth Holditch: "Books." Reviews the excerpts of *COD* printed in *The New Orleans Review*, Vol. 5.4.

Unknown source. [n.d.]. By Joseph E. Reihl: "Behind Toole's Local Color Lurks Strong Social Criticism"

**Folder 5: *COD*: 19 pieces**

**Collateral Printed Materials**

**Foreign Reviews, unknown origin**

*Brückenbauer*. Apr. 9, 1982. By Jürg Moser: "Rettung Der Menschheit Misslungen: Genie Gestorben"

*El Noticiero Universal*. Sept. 2, 1982. By Monroe K. Spears: "Un Joven Escritor Suicida"

*London Observer*. May 31, 1981. By Anthony Burgess: "Mad Knight Of New Orleans"

*London Sunday Times*. June 7, 1981. By Victoria Glendinning: "Fiction"

*London Times*. June 4, 1981. By Andrew Sinclair: "Fiction"

*Times Literary Supplement*. July 18, 1980. By Richard Brown: "Tacky Vocations"

*Times Literary Supplement*. June 12, 1981. By Harold Beaver: "Appearance of Genius"

*Worcester Sunday Telegram*. Oct. 5, 1980. By Allen H. Peacock

Typed and translated excerpts from various French reviews

Handwritten review of the German Translation. Apr. 19, 1982. Signed [illegible]

Unknown German source. [n.d.]. By unknown author: "Eine Sache der Verdauung"

**Folder 6: *COD*: 34 pieces**

**Collateral printed materials**

**Advertisements**

Various ads advertising *COD*

**Folder 7: *COD*: 6 pieces**

**Collateral Printed Materials**

**Postcards**

5 postcards advertising *COD*

Maple Street Book Shop, New Orleans, LA. Invitation to *COD* party. April 24

*COD* postcard w/ typed commentary about publication history of *COD* by Arthur Ducoing

**Folder 8: *COD*: 3 pieces**

**Collateral Printed Materials**

**Catalogs**

LSUP catalog. Spring 1980

Grove Press catalog. Spring 1981

Louisiana State University Press (LSUP) catalog. Spring/Summer 1982

**Folder 9: COD: 4 pieces**

**Collateral Printed Materials  
Readings and programs**

Brandeis University Nation Women's Committee, New Orleans Chapter Bulletin.  
Reading Program [1981]

Program for "A Symposium on John Kennedy Toole's *A Confederacy Of Dunces*" by  
Delta Epsilon Sigma Honor Sorority. Nov. 17, 1981

Program: "Conference on Christianity and Literature." Montreat, NC. Apr. 14-16 1983.  
Paper given by Paul Linnehan, Jesuit High School, titled "The Religious Element  
in John Kennedy Toole's *A Confederacy Of Dunces*" [appears out of place in this  
folder]

**Folder 10: COD: 5 pieces**

**Collateral Printed Materials  
Critical Analyses**

"The Consolation of Illusion: John Kennedy Toole's *A Confederacy Of Dunces*" by  
Richard F. Patteson and Thomas Sauret with note from TDT "Dear John, 16  
copies if you please. Thanks. Thelma Toole" w/envelope postmarked Jan. 10,  
1983.

Copy of letter to Drs. Patterson and Sauret from TDT, Jan. 10, 1983

"Batman and Ignatious J. Reilly in *ACOD*" by Edward C. Reilly in *Notes on  
Contemporary Literature* Vol 12 (1982): 10-11 and typescript longer version  
titled: "'The Green Cap Mother, In Person, Live': John Kennedy Toole's *A  
Confederacy Of Dunces* and Isolation"

**Folder 11: COD: 10 pieces**

**Collateral Printed Materials  
Magazines & newspapers w/ articles on JKT**

*Tulanian*. Spring 1981. Cover story w/excerpts and 2 articles on *COD*

*Tulane Hullabaloo*. Sept. 28, 1984. Cover story

*The New Orleans Review* 5.4 (1978): 291-303.

*New Orleans*. Dec. 1981. Interview w/ TDT p74

*Acadiana Profile* 9.1 (1981): 20-26 (2 articles) by Trent Angers

*LSU Alumni News*. Aug/Sep 1981: 6-9. One article plus brief excerpt

*Saturday Review*. June 1986. By Valerie Martin: "Publish the Perished" p46

St. Mary's Dominican College Alumnae Association Bulletin. July 1981. Cover story

*Applause: A Publication of the New Orleans Public Schools* 4.11 (1981): 1-2.

*Driftwood* (Univ. of New Orleans) 25.12 (Nov. 1982): 2

**Box 10** contains additional collateral printed materials primarily newspaper clippings related to the publication of *COD*. It also contains information on the *COD* film and LSU musical production in addition to some programs based on *COD*.

**Folder 1: *COD*:** **22 pieces**  
**Collateral Printed Materials**  
**News clippings – 1978 to May 1980**

SOURCE AND DATE ONLY

*Times-Picayune*. May 26, 1979  
*Le Raconteur*. Fall 1979  
*Notable Books*. 1980  
*The Times-Picayune*. Feb. 24, 1980  
*Choice Magazine*. Mar. 1980 (ad for LSUP)  
*Washington Post*. Apr. 13, 1980  
*NYT*. Apr. 18, 1980  
*Washington Star*. Apr. 20, 1980  
*Chicago Sun-Times*. Apr. 20, 1980  
*NO States-Item*. Apr. 24, 1980  
*Publisher's Weekly*. May 2, 1980  
*Hartford Courant*. May 3, 1980  
*Figaro*. May 5, 1980  
*Cleveland Plain Dealer*. May 25, 1980  
*Charlotte Observer*. May 25, 1980  
*Publishers Weekly*. May 30, 1980

**Folder 2: *COD*:** **23 pieces**  
**Collateral Printed Material**  
**News clippings – June to July 1980**

SOURCE AND DATE ONLY

*The Times-Picayune*. Summer 1980  
*Sunday Advocate*. June 1, 1980  
*Washington Star*. June 2, 1980  
*Newsday*. June 5, 1980  
*Winston Salem Journal*. June 22, 1980  
*TP/SI*. June 24, 1980  
*Sunday Advocate*. June 29, 1980  
*Baker and Taylors Directions*. July 1980  
*Publishers Weekly*. July 4, 1980  
*Sunday Advocate*. July 6, 1980  
*State Times*. July 12, 1980  
*Baltimore News American*. July 13, 1980  
*The State* [SC]. July 13, 1980  
*Washington Post Bookworld* best sellers list #9. July 13, 1980

*Times-Picayune/States Item*. July 20, 1980  
*Washington Post* best sellers list #6. July 20, 1980  
*Washington Post*, best sellers list #5, July 27, 1980  
*BR Sunday Advocate*. July 27, 1980

**Folder 3: COD:** **59 pieces**  
**Collateral Printed Material**  
**News clippings – Aug. to Dec. 1980**

SOURCE AND DATE ONLY

*Southern Living*. Aug. 1980  
*Chicago Tribune*, best sellers list #7. Aug. 3, 1980  
*Washington Post Book World* best sellers list #7. Aug. 3, 1980  
*Publishers Weekly*. Aug. 8, 1980  
*Washington Post Bookworld* best sellers list #7. Aug. 10, 1980  
*Washington Post Bookworld* best sellers list #6. Aug. 17, 1980  
*Times-Picayune/The States-Item*. Aug. 18, 1980  
*Rolling Stone*. Aug. 21, 1980  
*Baton Rouge Sunday Advocate*. Aug. 24, 1980  
*Washington Post Bookworld* best sellers list #9. Aug. 24, 1980  
*Las Vegas Review-Journal*. Aug. 28, 1980 (AP)  
*New London Day* (CT). Aug. 28, 1980  
*Washington Post Bookworld* best sellers list #6. Aug. 31, 1980  
*Times-Picayune*. Aug. 31, 1980  
*Virginia Quarterly Review*. Autumn 1980  
*LSU Outlook*. Sept. 1980  
*Viewfinders Media File*. Sept. 1980  
*Horizon Magazine*. Sept. 1980  
*T-P/S-I*. Sept. 1, 1980  
*Washington Post Bookworld* best sellers list #4. Sept. 7, 1980  
*T-P*. Sept. 14, 1980  
*Washington Post Bookworld* best sellers list #8. Sept. 14, 1980  
*Lafayette Advertiser*. Sept. 17, 1981.  
*People*. Sept. 9, 1980  
*Houston Chronicle*. Sept. 24, 1980  
*Washington Post Bookworld* best sellers list #6. Sept. 28, 1980  
*Washington Post Bookworld* best sellers list #8. Oct. 5, 1980  
*Chronicle of Higher Education*. Oct. 6, 1980  
*Publishers Weekly*. Oct. 17, 1980  
*Enterprise – Metro*. Oct. 23, 1980  
*NO T-P/S-I*. Oct. 23, 1980  
*Detroit Free Press*. Oct. 26, 1980  
*Washington Post Bookworld* best sellers list #10. Nov 2, 1980  
*LSU Daily Reveille*. Nov. 4, 1980  
*Washington Post Bookworld* best sellers list #9. Nov. 16, 1980  
*NYTBR*. Nov. 30, 1980  
*Cleveland Plain Dealer*. Nov. 30, 1980

*T-P.* Nov. 30, 1980  
*T-P.* Dec. 8, 1980  
*Kansas City Star.* Dec. 14, 1980  
*Philadelphia Daily News.* Dec. 17, 1980  
*Vermont Vanguard Press.* Dec. 23, 1980  
*Washington Star.* Dec. 28, 1980 – 2 articles  
*Chicago Sun-Times.* Dec. 28, 1980  
*Village Voice.* Dec. 31, 1980.

**Folder 4: COD:** **18 pieces**

**Collateral Printed Material**  
**News clippings – Jan. to Mar. 1981**

SOURCE AND DATE ONLY

*NYT.* 1981  
*Chicago Sun-Times,* 1981. Reprinted in *T-P.* Jan. 4, 1981  
*T-P.* Jan. 11, 1981  
Unknown source [probably *T-P.*] Jan. 24, 1981  
Press release by Grove Press. Feb. 1981.  
Press release by Grove Press. Printed in *NYTBR.* Feb. 12, 1981.  
*T-P/S-I.* Feb. 16, 1981  
*Publishers Weekly.* Feb. 27, 1981  
*Library Journal.* Mar. 1, 1981: notable books of 1980 list  
*T-P/S-I.* Mar. 11, 1981  
*T-P.* Mar. 13, 1981  
*NYTBR.* Mar. 29, 1981  
*Richmond Times Dispatch.* Mar. 29, 1981  
2 press releases by Grove Press printed in *NYTBR.* Mar. 22, 1981 and Mar. 29, 1981

**Folder 5: COD:** **39 pieces**

**Collateral Printed Material**  
**News clippings – Apr. 1981**

SOURCE AND DATE ONLY

*The Nation.* Apr. 1981  
*The New York Times.* Apr. 1981  
*Baker & Taylor's Forecast.* Apr. 1981  
*The Nation.* Apr. 11, 1981  
*Nashville Banner.* Apr. 11, 1981  
*Oakland Tribune.* Apr. 13, 1981  
*Las Vegas Daily Optic.* Apr. 14, 1981  
*Wall Street Journal.* Apr. 14, 1981  
*San Francisco Chronicle.* Apr. 14, 1981  
*Alameda Times-Star.* Apr. 14, 1981  
*Morning Advocate.* Apr. 14, 1981  
*NYT.* Apr. 14, 1981  
Unknown source. Apr. 14, 1981

*NYT*. Apr. [1981] (1st page missing)  
*T-P*. Apr. 14, 1981  
*T-P/S-I*. Apr. 15, 1981  
*Peninsula Times Tribune*. Apr. 16, 1981  
*LA Herald Examiner*. Apr. 16, 1981  
*Dallas Times Herald*. Apr. 16, 1981  
*Richmond Times Dispatch*. Apr.17, 1981  
*NYT*. Apr.19, 1981 – 2 articles  
*T-P*. Apr.19, 1981 – 2 articles  
*Detroit Free Press*. Apr.19, 1981  
*Sunday Telegram (Maine)*. Apr.19, 1981  
*St. Louis Post Dispatch*. Apr.19, 1981  
*New York Daily News*. Apr. 22, 1981  
*Publishers Weekly*. Apr. 24, 1981  
*Chicago Sun-Times*. Apr. 24, 1981  
*Richmond Times-Dispatch*. Apr. 26, 1981  
*UNO Driftwood*. Apr. 30, 1981

**Folder 6: COD:**

**47 pieces**

**Collateral Printed Material  
News clippings – May to Dec. 1981**

**SOURCE AND DATE ONLY**

*Ingram Paperback Advance*. May 1981  
*America*. May 2, 1981  
*Houston Chronicle*. May 3, 1981  
*Publishers Weekly*. May 8, 1981  
*NY Review of Books*. May 14, 1981  
*Orlando Sentinel Star*. May 17, 1981  
*NYTBR* best sellers list (trade) #4. May 17, 1981  
*NYTBR* best sellers list (trade) #1 May 24, 1981  
*LLA Bulletin*. Summer 1981  
*Horizon*. June 1981  
*Impact*. June 1981  
*Chicago Tribune*. June [1981]  
*NYTBR* best sellers list (trade) #1 June 7, 1981  
*St. Mary's Dominican College Alumnae Association Bulletin*. July 1981  
*Publishers Weekly*. July 3, 1981  
*Chronicle of Higher Education*. July 6, 1981  
*T-P/S-I*. July 13, 1981  
*Figaro*. July 15, 1981  
*Richmond Times-Dispatch*. July 28, 1981  
*Jewish Civic Press*. Aug. 1981  
Community Church Unitarian Universalist newsletter [Aug. 1981]  
*T-P/S-I*. Aug. 12, 1981  
*Willaimston Enterprise*. Aug. 13, 1981  
*The ChapelHill Newspaper*. Aug. 16, 1981

*Publishers Weekly*. Aug. 28, 1981  
*T-P*. Sept. 10, 1981  
*T-P*. Sept. 13, 1981  
*T-P/S-I*. Sept. 18, 1981  
*T-P*. Sept. 27, 1981  
*River Parishes T-P/S-I*. Sept. 30, 1981  
*River Parishes T-P/S-I*. Oct. 6, 1981  
*L'Observateur*. Oct. 8, 1981  
Arts/Fest 1981 newsletter  
*T-P*. Nov. 8, 1981 – 2 articles  
*T-P/S-I*. Nov. 23, 1981  
*Dixie*. Dec. 13, 1981  
*T-P*. Dec. 13, 1981

**Folder 7: COD:**

**28 pieces**

**Collateral Printed Material  
News clippings – 1982**

**SOURCE AND DATE ONLY**

*Southern Living*. 1982  
*T-P*. Jan. 3, 1982  
*T-P/S-I*. Jan. 6, 1982  
*T-P/S-I*. Jan. 7, 1982  
*T-P*. Feb. 1, 1982  
*T-P/S-I*. Feb. 3, 1982  
*T-P/S-I*. Feb. 4, 1982  
*T-P/S-I*. Feb. 5, 1982  
*T-P*. Feb. 7, 1982  
*T-P/S-I*. Feb. 13, 1982  
*T-P/S-I*. Mar. 8, 1982  
*Nicholls Worth*. Mar. 26, 1982  
*Gambit*. May 8, 1982  
*T-P*. May 23, 1982  
*T-P/S-I*. May 25, 1982  
*The Philadelphia Inquirer*. June 2, 1982  
*NYT*. June 20, 1982  
*T-P/S-I*. July 13, 1982  
*NYTBR*. Aug. 29, 1982  
*Dallas, Tx, News*. Sep. 24, 1982  
*UNO Driftwood*. Nov. 11, 1982  
*Gambit*. Nov. 1982  
*NYTBR*. Nov. 28, 1982

**Folder 8: COD:**

**8 pieces**

**Collateral Printed Material  
News clippings – 1983**

SOURCE AND DATE ONLY

*T-P.* Apr. 3, 1983  
*T-P.* Jan. 16, 1983  
*NYT.* Apr. 15, 1983  
*Miami Herald.* Sept. 4, 1983  
*T-P/S-I.* Oct. 7, 1983  
Unknown source [probably *T-P.*] Oct. 14, 1983  
*USA Today.* Oct. 21, 1983

**Folder 9: COD: 22 pieces**

**Collateral Printed Material  
News clippings – 1984**

SOURCE AND DATE ONLY

*T-P/S-I.* Jan. 27, 1984  
*Jewish Civic Press.* Feb. 1984  
*Shreveport Journal.* Apr. 13, 1984  
*Atlanta Constitution.* Apr. 18, 1984  
*T-P.* Apr. 29, 1984  
*T-P.* May 6, 1984  
*T-P/S-I.* Aug. 10, 1984  
*T-P.* Aug. 19, 1984  
*T-P.* Aug. 19, 1984  
*The Atlanta Journal – Constitution,* no date but after Aug. 17, 1984  
Copy of TDT obituary, unknown source  
*T-P/S-I.* Sept. 7, 1984  
*T-P/S-I.* Oct. 4, 1984  
*Houston Chronicle Magazine.* Dec. 2, 1984 (cover page and story)

**Folder 10: COD: 11 pieces**

**Collateral Printed Material  
News clippings – 1985 to 1989**

SOURCE AND DATE ONLY

*Dixie.* July 28, 1985  
Unknown source [probably *T-P.*] Dec. 11, 1985  
Unknown source. Feb. 27, 1987: “Confederacy Of Aspiring Authors”  
Unknown source [probably *Hullabaloo.*] May 1987  
*T-P.* June 9, 1987  
*Times.* [unknown other information]. Mar. 13, 1989  
*T-P.* May 14, 1989 – 2 articles

**Folder 11: COD: 18 pieces**

**Collateral Printed Material  
News clippings – undated, unknown source**

Most clippings are incomplete articles with brief mentions of TDT or *COD* and are from  
*T-P*

- Folder 12: COD:** **20 pieces**  
**Collateral Printed Material**  
**COD Musical**
- 3 unused tickets addressed to TDT for musical  
3 copies of the program for the *COD* musical presented by LSU Theatre  
*Baton Rouge Advocate*. June 11, 1983  
*T-P/S-I*. June 30, 1983  
*Sunday Advocate Magazine*. Feb. 5, 1984  
*T-P/S-I*. Feb. 16, 1984  
*Daily Sentry-News*. Feb. 24, 1984  
*Evening Journal (NE)*. Feb. 26, 1984  
*High Point Enterprise (NC)*. Mar. 4, 1984  
*Valdosta Times (GA)*. Mar. 6, 1984  
*Griffin News (GA)*. Mar. 7, 1984  
*Morning Advocate*. [n.d.]  
Unknown source. [n.d.]. "Chicago Composer Writing Music To Toole's *Dunces*"
- Folder 13: COD:** **11 pieces**  
**Collateral Printed Material**  
**COD film**
- T-P/S-I*. May 14, 1981  
*Gambit*. May 22, 1982: "Ignatius On Film"  
*T-P*. June 20, 1982  
*T-P/S-I*. June 29, 1982  
*T-P*. July 16, 1982  
*T-P*. Aug. 31, 1982  
Unknown source [probably *T-P*]. Sept. 24, 1982: "Dunce Cap"  
Unknown source. [n.d.]: "John Belushi: Potential Great Who Didn't Have Enough Time"  
Unknown source. [n.d.]: "A Rarity In 'October': Movie's Better Than The Play"  
Unknown source. [n.d.]: "'Dunces' Deal: Movie Plans Made For Late Author's Work"  
Unknown source. [n.d.]: "Confederacy On Film"
- Folder 14: COD:** **2 pieces**  
**Collateral Printed Material**  
**COD Miscellaneous items**
- Original of novel jacket illustration [looks to be from a grocery bag]  
Picture of a cake made to look like cover of book
- Folder 15: COD:** **4 pieces**  
**Collateral Printed Material**  
**Flora Levy Lecture**
- 3 copies of the Flora Levy Lecture in the Humanities 1981, Volume II *Gravity and Grace in the Novel ACOD* by Robert Coles, USL, one inscribed "March 20, 1983. Warm

Regard to Dr. Eamon M. Kelly from John Kennedy Toole's Mother, Thelma Ducoing Toole."

1 printer's copy with editing marks

**Folder 16: COD:** **2 pieces**

**Collateral Printed Material**

**Tulane Univ. A&S Forum Series no. 1: 4-19-90**

**Planning Binder**

2 original mailers for the series

Binder divided into the following sections:

Notes

Theatre bookstore

Letters

Copies of excerpts and some articles about *COD* and JKT

Publicity

General

**Folder 17: COD:** **20 pieces**

**Collateral Printed Material**

**Tulane Univ. A&S Forum Series no. 1: 4-19-90**

**Holditch Script**

Original script of W. Kenneth Holditch reading from *COD* with note dated Feb. 20. 1990 on W. Kenneth Holditch stationery

**Folder 18: COD:** **4 pieces**

**Collateral Printed Material**

**Tulane Univ. A&S Forum Series no. 1: 4-19-90**

**Publicity, poster**

Original poster of series

*T-P.* Apr. 15, 1990

Press release from Tulane

*Picayune.* Apr. 15, 1990

**Folder 19: COD:** **10 pieces**

**Collateral Printed Material**

**Tulane Univ. A&S Forum Series no. 1: 4-19-90**

**Program, miscellaneous**

Copy of program, and handwritten notes from meetings

Packing slip and invoice from Ingram Publisher Services who provided copies of *COD* and *TNB*

4 pages of handwritten notes

Picture of Ignatius's head

**Box 11** contains other material relating to *COD*. This box also contains the correspondence relating to TDT's attempt to get *NB* published without the "forced airs" getting any of the proceeds. John D. Toole's (father of JKT) personal items are in this box. TDT's correspondence through February 1981 is also contained in this box. Unless otherwise indicated all correspondence is from or to TDT. Comments on content are only provided for correspondence that directly relates to JKT and the publication of his works or that expresses something other than appreciation. Many of these letters are simple fan letters.

**Folder 1: *COD*: 1 piece**  
**Boethius, *The Consolation of Philosophy***

Paperback copy inscribed: "August 12, 1981. Regards from John Kennedy Toole's Mother, Thelma Ducoing Toole to Dear John Geiser."

**Folder 2: *COD*: 6 pieces**  
**Posters**

All items are in the oversize folder.

Poster of Memorial Lecture held at USL for JKT on Friday, Sept. 18, 1981. Signed by TDT for Dr. Eamon M. Kelly and the English Faculty of Tulane

Poster of Louisiana Committee for the Humanities

Drawing of TDT by Kathleen Trenchard '81

2 copies of poster of Memorial lecture captioned "Robert Coles Searches for Grace Among the Dunces" by George Rodrigue and signed by GR

Poster of *A Confederacy of Dunces*

**Folder 3: *Neon Bible* 24 pieces**  
**Correspondence, 1981-84**

Unless otherwise noted, the following correspondence was written by or to TDT

Letter to Register of Copyrights from Francis J. Mooney, Jr. (lawyer). Apr. 16, 1981.

Requests a search for anyone that may have applied for a copyright on *NB* and a note to TDT which informs her of that search

Letter to Honorable David Treen. Feb. 12, 1983. Requests an interview to discuss the legal fate of *NB* (handwritten version also included)

Letter from Cyrus Greco (Governor's executive counsel). Mar. 4, 1983. Explains who to reach for revising the laws of heirship

Letter to Sen. Sydney B. Nelson. Mar. 8, 1983. Requests reform to laws of heirship

Copy of handwritten note to Hon. Lindy Boggs. May 24, 1983. Expresses appreciation for help in trying to overturn the Napoleonic code

Letter to Honorable Lindy Boggs from Eamon M. Kelly (President of Tulane). June 6, 1983. Gives JKT academic achievements

Unsigned letter to Hon. David Treen from Lindy Boggs. June 24, 1983. Reiterates request that TDT wants to address the State Legislature  
Copy of handwritten note to Hon. Lindy Boggs. Aug. 17, 1983. Expresses regret that there has been no return communication  
Unsigned letter from Lindy Boggs. Aug. 30, 1983. States that request to appear before the legislature was not acted upon  
Letter to unknown heir. Sept. 17, 1983. Requests that he/she release claim to *NB*. (handwritten and typed version)  
Letter from heirs. Oct. 13, 1983. States their wish to publish *NB* but want more information  
Letter to Ray McGuire (unsigned). Oct. 23, 1983. Responds to a letter from the “forced heirs” (2 handwritten versions also included)  
Letter to Mr. Brian M. Bégué, Esquire from John L. Hantel (TDT’s lawyer). July 5, 1984. Expresses her desire not to publish *NB* and denies agreeing to allow Rhoda Faust to publish  
Handwritten notes between Lindy and Peg K  
Handwritten form letter for the four Toole’s requesting they attend a meeting to sign a waiver for *NB*  
Portion of handwritten letter [probably by TDT]  
Hibernia Corporation envelope with “Neon Bible confrontation” and “20 copies” written on it

**Folder 4: *Neon Bible*** **1 piece**  
**Xerographic copy**  
Xerographic copy of TNB [limited markings]

**Folder 5: *Neon Bible*** **4 pieces**  
**Pages 31, 32, 33 only**  
Typed copies of pages 31-33 w/ title page where TDT had original typed “copyright Thelma Toole as revised April 25, 1979” but this was marked out with a pen

**Folder 6: *Neon Bible*** **15 pieces**  
**News clippings**  
Unknown source. Aug. 7, 1983  
*T-P/S-I*. Aug. 10, 1984  
*T-P*. Aug. 10, 1984  
*T-P/S-I*. Aug. 11, 1984  
*San Francisco Chronicle*. Aug. 14, 1984  
*T-P/S-I*. Sept. 7, 1984  
*T-P*. Nov. 10, 1985  
*T-P*. Dec. 12, 1985  
*T-P/S-I*. Feb. 20, 1986  
*T-P*. July 23, 1986  
*T-P*. Feb. 19, 1987  
*T-P*. June 4, 1987

*T-P.* May 5, 1988

**Folder 7: Neon Bible** **2 pieces**  
**Copyright form**

Form giving copyright claim to TDT for TNB  
Envelope from Curtis, Hyde, Mooney, & McEachin (attorneys)

**Folder 8: John D. Toole** **2 pieces**  
**Birth certificate, scholarship certificate**

Copy of JDT birth certificate, born June 5, 1899  
Certificate which awards scholarship to JDT at LSU for debating in 1917

**Folder 9: John D. Toole** **7 pieces**  
**Death certificate, miscellany**

NY Life insurance company policy #6 980 834 for \$2000  
Death certificate. Dec. 28, 1972. States the cause of death as being from a cerebral vascular accident  
MET life insurance policy LA. 44-47 for \$4000  
Letter to Dept. of Health, Education, and Welfare (HEW) from Arthur J. Ducoing regarding burial allowance for JDT  
Unknown source [probably *T-P.*]. Dec. 30, 1972: Obituary for JDT  
Letter from Henry F. Thompson (Asst. VP, Bank of NO). Jan. 2, 1973. Regards savings account in JDT's name  
Memorial certificate from Richard Nixon on the passing of a former service member

**Folder 10: John D. Toole:** **24 pieces**  
**Miscellaneous items**

Letter from Veteran's Administration (VA) with attached form to apply for VA compensation. Jan. 5, 1973  
Letter from VA, which states what they will provide in terms of grave etc. and blank application form  
Pan American Life Insurance form letter regarding payment of benefits and check stub for \$3,000 and copies of check stubs from International City Bank for \$250.00 and National Bank of Commerce for \$1,000  
Copy of Proofs of Death submitted to Pan-American Life insurance company  
Copy of Cashier's Check paid to Jacob Schoen and & sons for funeral expenses and their invoice and check and invoice to Volker Florist  
Letter from VA to TDT. Feb. 6, 1973. Regards payment of benefits to funeral home  
Letter to Jacob Schoen from Arthur J. Ducoing. Jan 19, 1973. Revises bill from them  
Copy of TDT's request for new copy of marriage certificate  
Copy of marriage certificate. Dec. 29, 1926  
Letter to Dept of Treasury from TDT. Jan. 8, 1973. Requests that the VA return JDT benefit checks to her in a form that she could cash with copies of 2 checks payable to JDT

Returned copy of application for SSI benefits for widows requesting copy of marriage certificate

**Folder 11: John D. Toole** **4 pieces**  
**Photographs**

3 photos of JDT unframed and one framed photo

**Folder 12: TDT/Ducoing Correspondence** **13 pieces**  
**Pre-1970**

Letter to AD from Dr. T.A. Jung. Sept. 15, 1958  
Letter addressed to Darling [Arthur Ducoing]. Signed "Ann." July 22, 1964  
Letter to [AD] from the Mendinen's. Dec. 1964  
Letter to Dr. Chetta from AD. Feb. 28 1966  
Letter from Joan Trader, Dominican class of 1969. April 12, 1969. Expresses condolences for the death of JKT  
Letter from Dorsey and Company. July 22, 1969 with business card from George P. Dorsey  
Letter to "My dear Papa." Signed Anna. [n.d.]  
Letter to "My dear Momma." Signed Anna. [n.d.]

**Folder 13: TDT/Ducoing Correspondence** **11 pieces**  
**1971 – 1976**

Letter to JDT from Columbia University. June 18, 1971. Thanks him for contribution  
Letter to Alfred Knopf publisher. Apr. 8, 1973. Requests return of manuscript  
Letter to Matson & Matson (literary agents). May 8, 1973. Expresses desire to contact Alfred Knopf publisher  
Letter to Alfred Knopf publisher. May 16, 1973. Regards placing *COD* with Random House  
Letter to Pelican Publishing. May 30, 1973. Regards consideration of manuscript  
Letter from Harcourt Brace. July 25, 1973. Acknowledges receipt of *COD* manuscript  
Letter to Third Press. July 16, 1976. Requests return of manuscript  
Letter to Dorsey & Co.. Aug. 6, 1976  
Letter to South Central Bell from JDT. Aug. 6, 1976  
Letter to International City Bank & Trust. Aug. 6, 1976  
Letter to Third Press. [n.d.]. Regards consideration of manuscript

**Folder 14: TDT/Ducoing Correspondence** **14 pieces**  
**1977 – 1978**

Letter from Bank of NO. Feb. 8, 1977  
Letter to Whitney National Bank (WNB) of NO. Apr. 25, 1977  
Letter to WNB. Sept. 9, 1977  
Letter from WNB. Nov. 14, 1977  
Letter from Tulane. Jan. 4, 1978. Regards gift of poetry and music  
Letter from Citibank. Jan. 13, 1978

Letter to Citibank. Jan. 20, 1978  
Form for [Arthur Ducoing]. Feb. 8, 1978. Releases him from TDT financial matters  
Letter to *New Orleans Review*. Mar. 21, 1978. Requests copies w/excerpt of *COD* with handwritten list of people to send copies  
Letter from Tulane. Apr. 20, 1978. Expresses thanks for copy of *NO Review*  
Letter to Dr. Pierce. June 10, 1978. Thanks him for interest in *COD* and provides him with a copy of preface to *COD*  
Letter from Tulane. Nov. 6, 1978. Declines TDT offer to perform  
Letter to LSUP from Raymond E. McGowan. Dec. 7, 1978. Regards the possibility of editing *COD*

**Folder 15: TDT/Ducoing Correspondence                      19 copies**  
**1979**

Letter from Tulane. Mar. 21, 1979  
Letter from LSUP. Apr. 19, 1979. Accepts *COD* for publication  
Envelope from LSUP postmarked May 9, 1979. Inscribed with "Mr. Phillabaum's letter to me"  
Letter to LSUP from Taylor, Porter, Brooks, & Phillips (attorneys). May 9, 1979.  
    Regards legal matters with publishing agreement  
Letter from Pres. Hackney (Tulane). May 31, 1979. Discusses approval for the publication of *COD*  
Thank you card from Aaron M. Biteler. June 10, 1979. Thanks TDT for *NO Review* with enveloped  
Letter from LSUP. June 15, 1979. Discusses a past meeting with her about *COD*  
Two greeting cards from Rita. June 27, 1979 and June 30, 1979  
Letter from LSUP. July 10, 1979. Discusses sales and promotion questionnaire  
Letter from LSUP. July 10, 1979. Discusses pictures of JKT that TDT sent  
Letter from Christine. Aug. 6, 1979. Expresses her love for *COD* and TDT  
Note and flyer from Kit Rault. Sept. 14, 1979  
Letter from *Library Journal*. Nov. 12, 1979. Requests biographical information on author of *COD*  
Letter from Marijane. Dec. 20, 1979. Thanks TDT for gift [wording of letter indicates that the gift was probably JKT's juice cup]  
Letter from Michael F. Little. Dec. 28, 1979

**Folder 16: TDT/Ducoing Correspondence                      21 pieces**  
**Jan – June 1980**

Letter from LSUP. Jan. 25, 1980. Discusses publishing contract  
Letter from LSUP. Feb. 4, 1980. Discusses design of jacket and encloses proposed jacket flap material  
Letter from LSUP. Mar. 6, 1980. Discusses paperback rights sale  
Card from Rita. Mar. 9, 1980  
Copy of unsigned letter from LSUP. Apr. 8, 1980. Discusses advance copy of *COD*  
Letter from LSUP. Apr. 18, 1980. Discusses first payment of paperback sale

Letter from Pres. Hackney (Tulane). Apr. 18, 1980. Thanks TDT for complimentary copy of *COD*

Handwritten letter from Mooney of Curtis, Hyde, Mooney, & McEachin (MCHMM) (law firm). Apr. 28, 1980. Thanks TDT for complimentary copy of *COD* with envelope

Letter from Joel Fletcher. Apr. 30, 1980. Expresses his appreciation for *COD*

Letter to Miriam. May 2, 1980

Letter from Rev. William Richardson. May 13, 1980

Handwritten letter from Evelyn Kennedy. June 8, 1980. Discusses *COD* but mentions TDT in 3rd person so the letter may not be to her

Letter from L. E. Phillabaum (director of LSUP). June 18, 1980. Encloses money for *COD* [not on letterhead and page 1 missing as of 29 June 2001]

Letter from *Contemporary Authors* (Gale Research). June 20, 1980. Expresses intent to include JKT into a future volume in their series

Letter from Martha (editor of *COD*). June 24, 1980. Thanks TDT for gift and discusses personal matters

Letter from Joel Fletcher. June 25, 1980. Encloses copy *NYTBR* reviewing *COD*

**Folder 17: TDT/Ducoing Correspondence                      13 pieces**  
**July 1980**

Letter from Joel Fletcher. July 10, 1980. Discusses reviews of *COD* with envelope

Letter to Rhoda Faust (Maple Street Book Store) from Harry M. Johnston, Counsel of Time, Inc.. July 11, 1980. Requests access to the Gottlieb letters for *People* reporter [formal demand]

Letter from Ron Ducoing. July 12, 1980. Thanks TDT for autographed copy of *COD*

Letter from Joel Fletcher. July 15, 1980 with envelope

Letter from Bobby Frese. July 17, 1980. Discusses their new acquaintance and *COD* with envelope [wife is Sudie who is affiliated with *Horizon* which published a profile on JKT/*COD*/TDT]

Letter to Les (director of LSUP). July 23, 1980. Requests quarterly payments and desire to be consulted on the movie

Letter from Joel Fletcher. July 27, 1980 with envelope

Letter from David Roberts (*Horizon*, which published profile with help of Sudie Frese). July 28, 1980

**Folder 18: TDT/Ducoing Correspondence                      16 pieces**  
**Aug. 1980**

Card from Joel Fletcher. Aug. 2, 1980 with envelope

Letter from William (Billy) Hale. Aug. 12, 1980

Letter from Ed Lindlof (illustrator of cover for *COD*). Aug. 15, 1980

Card from Joel Fletcher. Aug. 17, 1980 with envelope

Letter from Joel Fletcher. Aug. 19, 1980 with envelope

Card from Joel Fletcher. Aug. 19, 1980. Discusses possible article by the Associated Press

Letter from John Hantel of Duke, Porterie & Hantel (attorneys). Aug. 21, 1980.  
Discusses success of *COD*

Letter from President of Tulane. Aug 22, 1980. Discusses success and appreciation of *COD*

Letter from Anthony Moore (of NJ, served with JKT in Puerto Rico). Aug. 23, 1980.  
Discusses *COD* and the trouble of aspiring to be published

Card from Joel Fletcher's mom (written by Peggy Colomb, friend). Aug. 23, 1980 with envelope

Letter from Nola (family member and former student, Mrs. Edward L. Schneider). Aug. 28, 1980

Letter from Rhoda Faust (Maple Street Book Store). Aug. 28, 1980. Indicates there is definitely a problem between the two because Rhoda says: "I say 'Dear' even though you hate me and I'm not real fond of you right now either [ . . . ]"

**Folder 19: TDT/Ducoing Correspondence                      20 pieces**  
**Sept. 1980**

Letter from Stanton Frazar, Historic New Orleans Collection: The Kemper and Leila Williams Foundation. Sept. 2, 1980. Thanks TDT for donation of *COD* to their rare books section

Letter from Joel Fletcher. Sept. 6, 1980

Letter unsigned and no typed name [must be Bobby Frese since he mentions Sudie]. Sept. 6, 1980. Provides her with the name of a lawyer if she needs one

Letter from President of Tulane. Sept. 8, 1980. Discusses the possibility of housing JKT's papers at Tulane

Card from Joel. Sept. [9] 1980. Discusses upcoming *People* article with envelope

Letter from Joel. Sept. 15, 1980. Discusses regarding *People* article

Letter from LSUP [Martha]. Sept. 16, 1980. Discusses NO council resolution

Letter from Barry Clapsaddle. Sept. 17, 1980. Discusses the possibility of acquiring rights to write the screenplay on a percentage basis

Letter from Joel. [Sept. 18, 1980]. Mentions USL using *COD* as a textbook with envelope

Letter from Pres. Hackney (Tulane). Sept. 22, 1980. Encloses an article.

Letter from Marion (niece). Sept. 23, 1980 with envelope

Letter from Les (LSUP). Sept. 25, 1980. Discusses movie contract

Letter from Pauline Rose. Sept. 30, 1980 with envelope

**Folder 20: TDT/Ducoing Correspondence                      18 pieces**  
**Oct. 1980**

Letter from Sudie Frese (*Horizon*). Oct. 1, 1980

Letter to *People Weekly* from Mrs. Edward L. Schneider (Nola, former student of TDT). Oct. 1, 1980. Mentions the negative characterization of TDT

Letter from Nola. Oct. 1, 1980

Letter from Bobby Frese. Oct. 6, 1980 with envelope

Letter from Joel. Oct. 6, 1980

Letter from Mike Early, N.O. Councilman. Oct. 8, 1980

Card from Sherri Beiksen. Oct. 15, 1980. Discusses a program that TDT dedicated to her with envelope [possibly a TDT performance]  
Letter from President of Tulane. Oct. 16, 1980.  
Letter from LSUP. Oct. 20, 1980. Discusses royalties that TDT felt were late, and other issues such as translation royalties and movie contract; apologizes for not returning a call  
Letter from LSUP. Oct 22, 1980. Discusses the options that TDT has regarding the deposition of the original manuscript for *COD*  
Letter from MCHMM. Oct. 22, 1980. Discusses contract and encloses letter from LSUP to MCHMM. Oct. 20, 1980.  
Letter from Nannette Schmitt. Oct. 22, 1980 with envelope  
Letter from Pres. James Carter (Loyola). Oct. 24, 1980. Discusses rights of *COD*

**Folder 21: TDT/Ducoing Correspondence                      27 copies**  
**Nov. – Dec. 1980**

Letter from Richard (Dick) Harlow (other half of Clapsaddle team). Nov. 1, 1980.  
Discusses the possibility of writing the screenplay with envelope  
Letter to Walker Percy from Samuel Laudenslager of Federal Publications, Inc. Nov. 1, 1980. Requests information about a market mentioned in *COD* [Percy penned a note asking TDT to answer the letter]  
Letter from Joel Fletcher. Nov. 3, 1980  
Letter from LSUP. Nov. 3, 1980. Encloses royalty payment of \$9,789.57 due for period ending Sept. 30, 1980  
Letter from Joel Fletcher. Nov. 8, 1980 with envelope postmarked Nov. 7, 1980  
Letter from Bobby Frese. [Nov. 10, 1980] with envelope  
Letter from Ted and Yvonne. Nov. 17, 1980. Thanks her for Ken's baby cup [it appears as if this cup was given previously]  
Letter to Les, LSUP. Nov. 18, 1980. Discusses miscommunication and TDTs feeling that she is not being kept informed on issues concerning *COD*  
Letter from VP Starr (Tulane). Nov. 18, 1980. Discusses Russian translation of *COD*  
Letter from Joel Fletcher. Dec. 2, 1980. [TDT provides note explaining who Joel is]  
Letter from John (teacher at a Comm. College in Memphis) and Mary Ann Spence, Dec. 5, 1980. Expresses appreciation of *COD*; and letter from Naomi Lazard, (poet in residence, Eng. Dept. University of Montana). Dec. 8, 1980. Expresses appreciation of *COD*; both letters are clipped with a note from TDT stating, "Of the numerous laudatory letters I have received about my son's 'Confederacy', these two are of paramount value."  
Letter from Derek, Dec. 7, 1980. Form letter such as typically sent to several people during the Christmas holidays addressed to TDT with a personal note penned at end.  
Letter from Joel Fletcher. Dec. 11, 1980. Discusses being disturbed about Les Phillabaum's (LSUP) "comportment" in ignoring TDT and "taking advantage" of her  
Note to John Geiser. Dec. 15, 1980 with envelope [probably enclosing copies of reviews]  
Letter to Brad Barber (Tulane Legal Dept.) from Michael F. Little of Baldwin & Haspel (attorneys). Dec. 17, 1980. Discusses assignments executed by JDT

Letter from Les (LSUP). Dec. 19, 1980. Encloses royalties on foreign translations and mentions other foreign and movie rights  
Letter to VP Starr (Tulane) from LSUP. Dec. 19, 1980. Discusses Russian rights  
Letter from Joel Fletcher. Dec. 29, 1980  
Letter from VP Fred Starr (Tulane). Tuesday.

**Folder 22: TDT/Ducoing Correspondence                      35 pieces**  
**Jan. – Feb. 1981**

Letter to LSUP from Mooney & Escher (attorneys). Jan. 11, 1981. Includes a handwritten note by Walker Percy stating that delay of payment by LSUP is not intentional; letter addresses delay of payment [may not have been mailed because another note is handwritten and attached to letter that states, "Let me know if it is okay for me to mail this Monday."]  
Note to John Geiser. Jan. 15, 1981. Requests that make copies of an enclosure with envelope [possibly Lazard's letter from Folder 10]  
Note from Joel. Jan. 23, 1981 with envelope  
Letter from LSUP. Jan. 21, 1981. Discusses royalties and encloses a summary of sales and royalties paid and a copy of the invoice from attorney who represented LSUP in negotiations for movie contract  
Letter from Kay. Jan. 30, 1981 with envelope  
Letter from Joel. Feb. 4, 1981 with envelope  
Note from Althea. Feb. 9, 1981 with envelope  
Letter from Ken Borelli. Feb. 11, 1981. Discusses interplay of Boethius and *COD* with envelope  
Letter from Grove Press. Feb. 11, 1981. Discusses the possibility of doing a TV talk show interview  
Letter from Joel. Feb. 17, 1981. Discusses accompanying her to Chicago for a Phil Donahue show  
Letter to MCHMM and copy of movie contract from LSUP. Feb. 17, 1981  
Letter from Joel. Feb. 18, 1981  
Letter from LSUP. Feb. 19, 1981. Discusses foreign royalties and encloses checks  
Letter from Wade (*Houston Chronicle*). Feb. 19, 1981. Discusses upcoming article  
Letter from Dorothy. Feb. 24, 1981. Mentions sending a check

**Box 12** contains all the correspondence of TDT from March 1981 until February 1984. Unless otherwise indicated all correspondence is from or to TDT. Comments on content are only provided for correspondence that directly relates to JKT and the publication of his works or that expresses something other than appreciation. Many of these letters are simple fan letters.

**Folder 1: TDT/Ducoing Correspondence                      15 pieces**

**Mar. 1981**

Letter from Anthony Moore. Mar. 8, 1981 with envelope  
Letter from Joel. Mar. 10, 1981  
    Letter/card from Ken Borelli. Mar. 10, 1981. Encloses card that is postmarked  
    Mar. 13, 1981. Discusses rereading *COD*  
    Letter from Barber (Tulane Legal Dept.). Mar. 11, 1981. Discusses photograph  
    for Special Collections with envelope  
Letter from Pauline Rose. Mar. 13, 1981  
Letter from LSUP. Mar. 13, 1981. Encloses royalty check  
Letter from Bernice Gaudet Lennox (former student of TDT). Mar. 18, 1981  
Letter from Joel. Mar. 21, 1981  
    Letter from Grove Press. Mar. 24, 1981. Discusses being rejected by TV talk  
    shows and the publicity for the paperback version  
Letter from UNO. Mar. 26, 1981. Discusses her participation in a program

**Folder 2: TDT/Ducoing Correspondence                      15 pieces**  
**Apr. 1-15, 1981**

Letter from Louisiana Library Association. Apr. 1, 1981. Discusses Literary Award  
Letter from LSUP. Apr. 1, 1981. Encloses royalties  
Card from Ken. Apr. 2, 1981  
Card from Ron Allen. Apr. 2, 1981 with envelope  
Letter from V.P. Starr (Tulane). Apr. 6, 1981. Discusses paperback copy of *COD*  
    Letter from State of Louisiana Dept. of Culture, Recreation, and Tourism. Apr.  
    14, 1981. Expresses congratulations for Pulitzer  
    Letter from Louisiana Library Association. Apr. 14, 1981. Expresses  
    congratulations on Pulitzer and encloses copy of speech given at awards banquet  
    Letter from Louisiana State Library. Apr. 14, 1981. Discusses LLA mix-up which  
    resulted in TDT not speaking at awards banquet  
Letter from *BR Morning-Advocate*. Apr. 14, 1981. Encloses article and business card for  
    Milford Fryer  
Card from Bill Richardson. Apr. 14, 1981. Expresses congratulations for Pulitzer  
Letter from Louisiana State Library. Apr. 14, 1981. Expresses congratulations for  
    Pulitzer  
Letter from LSUP. Apr. 15, 1981. Expresses congratulations on Pulitzer  
Letter from Louisiana State Library. Apr. 15, 1981. Discusses speaking engagement mix-  
up and expresses congratulations on Pulitzer

**Folder 3: TDT/Ducoing Correspondence                      29 pieces**  
**Apr. 16-30, 1981**

Card from Richard (Dick) Faust. Apr. 16, 1981. Expresses congratulations  
    Letter from Mrs. Ashton Kuykendall. Apr. 17, 1981. Expresses congratulations  
    and encloses poem: "Trust God Patiently" and receipt for \$10 for mass for Ashton  
    with envelope  
Letter from R. Ronald Robles (friend of John Geiser). Apr. 19, 1981.  
Letter from Thomas Whitman (stationed w/JKT in PR). Apr. 19, 1981

Note from secretary of Dr. Yates (Tulane). Apr. 21, 1981. Encloses article from Dallas paper

Letter to LSUP from Lewis Skolnick. Apr. 21, 1981. Requests TDT's address

Letter from Lynda (Laird) Martin (family of friend of JKT). Apr. 21, 1981

Letter written to JKT [forwarded to TDT from Grove Press]. Apr. 22, 1981. Requests information about JKT

Letter from Todd R. Houser. Apr. 22, 1981. Encloses poem he wrote to remember the moment of Pulitzer announcement

Letter from MCHMM. Apr. 23, 1981. Discusses interview by Tom Snyder and copyright of letters

Letter from Grove Press. Apr. 23, 1981. Discusses *Tomorrow Show* appearance and an upcoming convention

Letter from Mrs. Roland (Margaret) Chaisson. Apr. 25, 1981

Letter from Grove Press. Apr. 27, 1981. Discusses gift

Letter from Robert Matthews (student tutored by JKT). Apr. 27, 1981

Letter from LSUP. Apr. 27, 1981. Passes along cards from Grove Press

Letter from Congressman Livingston. Apr. 28, 1981. Expresses congratulations

Letter from Grove Press. Apr. 29, 1981. Encloses articles and discusses bestsellers list

Letter from James O. Allsup (Univ. of Texas at San Antonio, also former soldier w/JKT in Puerto Rico). Apr. 29, 1981. Requests permission to write JKT bio

Letter from Mooney of MCHMM. Apr. 30, 1981. Discusses fees and copyright of *The Neon Bible*

Letter from Lewis Skolnick. Apr. 30, 1981. Offers to write a biography

**Folder 4: TDT/DuCoing Correspondence                      33 pieces**  
**May – June 1981**

Letter from Grove Press. May 5, 1981. Encloses copy of ads

Letter from David Rosen. May 6, 1981

Letter from Carmen María Alvarez - Bahin. May 17, 1981 with envelope

Letter from LSU Board of Supervisors. May 19, 1981. Discusses resolution honoring TDT and encloses copy of resolution. May 16, 1981

Letter from Pres. Carter (Loyola). May 20, 1981

Letter from John Fay Barber. May 21, 1981

Letter from David Rosen. May 25, 1981. Proposes to write biography

Letter from Grove Press. May 28, 1981

Letter from *Contemporary Authors*. May 29, 1981. Discusses entry into series

Letter from Ruth Feder. May 31, 1981

Letter from Gus Levy. June 1, 1981. Discusses "Gus Levy" character

Letter from Blaine T. Blaine. June 1, 1981. Encloses copies of letters he wrote to Gottlieb and Meredith an agent that rejected him

Letter from The Hudson Group. June 8, 1981. Discusses entry into *Oxford Literary Guide*

Letter from F. Freiwalds. June 10, 1981

Letter from LSUP. June 23, 1981. Encloses royalties

Letter from Daddy LongLegs (appears to be Joel Fletcher). June 24, 1981

Letter to Wallace P. Wolf, Carson Film Company from Ernst, Cane, Berner & Gitlin (LSUP attorneys), June 25, 1981. Discusses movie contract and encloses page 2 and 3 of contract

Letter from Josie Aimes. June 26, 1981

**Folder 5: TDT/Ducoing Correspondence                      35 pieces**  
**July – Aug. 1981**

Card from Donna Haas (schoolgirl). Postmarked July 1981. Requests information for a report on that she is writing on TDT

Note to Rita. July 1, 1981

Letter from Consulate of Argentina (NO). July 6, 1981

Letter from LSUP. July 7, 1981. Discusses change in financiers of movie and encloses letter to Carson Film Co. July 7, 1981

Letter to Mr. Allsup. July 8, 1981. Discusses him not being allowed him to write biography because of logistics; TDT says Allsup would have to live in the house with her and Arthur Ducoing in order to collaborate and that this living arrangement would not work

Letter from Tulane Public Relations. July 9, 1981. Encloses of *Tulanian*

Letter from Peggy Pluimer. July 15, 1981. Requests information for a book club meeting

Letter from *The Observer* (London). July 16, 1981. Discusses review

Note to John Geiser. July 16, 1981. Requests copies to be made of a letter and program with envelope

Letter from Stephen Short to LSUP. July 23, 1981. Requests they forward letter to TDT; letter to TDT gives suggestion on casting of Ignatius

Letter from Consulate of Argentina (NO). July 27, 1981

Letter from LSUP. July 27, 1981. Discusses signing the movie contract

Letter from Betty Gehr. Aug. 3, 1981. Encloses poem: "Contrary Cactus" by Gehr with envelope

Letter from Joel. Aug. 5, 1981. Mentions a possible lecture series

Letter from Southeastern Univ. Aug. 5, 1981. Discusses a possible honorary doctorate

Letter from Patricia Wood Davis. Aug. 6, 1981. Discusses her address to the Community Unitarian Church

Letter from David P. Teelhouse. Aug. 7, 1981

Letter from Joel. Aug. 9, 1981

Letter from Fred and [illegible]. Aug. 10, 1981

Letter to John Geiser. Aug. 10, 1981. Requests copies to be made of 2 letters with envelope

Letter from L. Washington. Aug. 10, 1981

Letter from Mrs. Acel Ross Pullen to Mr. Pope (*TP-SI*) from Scoggin, Strong, and Kuhner (attorneys). Aug. 14, 1981. Requests TDT address. Handwritten note states: "Here's what I wrote to Mr. Pope Love, Acel,"

Letter from Nancy E. Weisenberg. Aug. 20, 1981

Letter from U South Carolina. Aug. 22, 1981. Requesting information for *DLB: Supplement* entry

Letter from LSUP. Aug. 25, 1981. Encloses royalty checks

Letter from *Acadian Profile*. Aug. 25, 1981. Requests pictures of JKT for profile

**Folder 6: TDT/Ducoing Correspondence**                      **27 pieces**  
**Sept. – Oct. 1981**

Letter of contract to purchase TV rights. Sept. 1981. Unsigned  
Letter from Mark. A. Vander Stoep. Sept. 1, 1981. Requests address of movie rights holder because he wants to get involved with production  
Letter from Toni Fairchild-Chisum. Sept. 2, 1981. Discusses *COD* and movie  
Letter from Julie Yvonne Webb. Sept. 2, 1981. Discusses the casting of Ignatius  
Letter from *Southern Living*. Sept. 9, 1981. Discusses upcoming article  
Letter to John Geiser. Sept. 14, 1981. Discusses dinner given for Michael Nathanson of Blindfold Productions (TV rights holder) with envelope  
Letter from Peggy Pluimer. Sept. 17, 1981. Thanks TDT for information provided to book club  
Letter from Nellie Broussard. Sept. 17, 1981  
Letter from Arts Council of Greater NO. Sept. 22, 1981. Discusses performance at Arts/Fest 81  
Letter from Joel Fletcher's mother. Sept. 24, 1981  
Postcard from Adolpho (Argentina Consulate). Sept. 27, 1981  
Letter to JKT from George Sullivan (freelance writer). Sept. 28, 1981.  
Letter from City of NO. Sept. 28, 1981. Discusses Friends of the Library program  
Note from Veronica Rodrigue. Oct. 8, 1981  
Letter from U of South Carolina. Oct. 16, 1981. Discusses *DLB* entry and encloses form letter  
Letter from Arts Council of NO. Oct. 27, 1981. Discusses performance at Arts/Fest 81  
Letter from Consulate of Argentina. Oct. 27, 1981  
Letter from Margaret Kelly. Oct. 28, 1981. Discusses new president of Tulane  
Letter from Joel. Oct. 28, 1981  
Letter from LSUP. Oct. 29, 1981. Encloses royalty check  
Letter from Joel. Oct. 30, 1981  
Letter from LSUP. Oct. 30, 1981. Encloses foreign editions of *COD*

**Folder 7: TDT/Ducoing Correspondence**                      **20 pieces**  
**Nov. – Dec. 1981**

Letter from Margaret Chaisson. Nov. 2, 1981 with envelope  
Letter from Betty Rogers. Nov. 2, 1981  
Letter from Ethel Schaumburg Molong. Nov. 2, 1981  
Letter from Delta Epsilon Sigma of Dominican College. Nov. 5, 1981. Discusses symposium on *COD*  
Letter to Grove Press from LSUP. Nov. 9, 1981. Discusses discrepancy in royalty check  
Letter from Joel. Nov. 11, 1981  
Letter to unknown [possibly *Dixie* publisher]. Nov. 12, 1981. Discusses article which is possibly Wonk's article published in *Dixie* (Oversized Box 1) since letter mentions 2nd installment; expresses her unhappiness with the last two paragraphs and demands an apology

Letter from Jim Braly. Nov. 13, 1981. Requests interview to write magazine story about JKT

Letter from Marjorie Geiser. Nov. 16, 1981

Letter from Saint Joseph Seminary. Nov. 16, 1981. Discusses lecture given by TDT

Card from Consulate of Argentina. Dec. 1981

Letter from LSUP. Dec. 7, 1981. Discusses Grove's error

Letter from Grove Press. Dec. 14, 1981. Discusses royalties

Letter from David Rosen. Dec. 17, 1981. Discusses astrology

Letter from John F. Stodder. Dec. 25, 1981. Discusses the possibility of working on movie – [this correspondence continued for some time and he even met TDT but no indication is given on how they met]

Letter from Anna. Dec. 27, 1981

Letter from Betty Rozers. Dec. 29, 1981

**Folder 8: TDT/Ducoing Correspondence                      30 pieces**

**Jan. – Feb. 1982**

Invitation for John Geiser to reception in honor of Jorge Luis Borges. Jan. 1982 with envelope

Letter in French. Jan. 2, 1982, to LSUP by Lew Bogdan (France). Translation by unknown person which states that he is requesting permission to stage a performance in Germany and France; clipped to letter from LSUP. Feb. 8, 1982. Denies that permission is available; follow-up letter to TDT from Lew Bogdan.

Jan. 2, 1982. Requests same permission

Letter from Alfred Shivers (Stephen F. Austin U). Jan. 3, 1982. Requests information on JKT

Letter to John Geiser. Jan 7, 1982. Requests that he makes copies of enclosures with envelope

Letter from *Southern Living*. Jan. 7, 1982

Letter from Ruth Peters. Jan. 7, 1982. Requests information for reading group

Letter from Joel. Jan. 8, 1982

Letter from Danny, Nancy, Meghan Durham. Jan. 13, 1982

Letter from (Bobby Frese) Doubleday. Jan. 13, 1982

Letter to Mooney of MCHMM from LSUP. Jan. 18, 1982. Discusses payment of royalties

Letter from LSUP. Jan. 18, 1982. Encloses royalties

Letter from Inez T. Gabler (parent of a TDT student). Jan. 23, 1982

Letter from Joel. Jan. 26, 1982

Letter from Julie Marbourg. Jan. 28, 1982

Letter from Ruth Peters. Feb. 4, 1982 with envelope

Letter from Friends of the NO Public Library. Feb. 9, 1982. Discusses presentations at library function that TDT provided

Letter from LSUP. Feb. 16, 1982. Discusses stage rights which they no longer own

Letter from Ronald Allen. Feb. 25, 1982

**Folder 9: TDT/Ducoing Correspondence                      21 pieces**

**Mar. 1982**

Letter to LSUP. Mar. 1, 1982. Requests income information for taxes  
Note to Malcolm. Mar. 5, 1982  
Letter from Friends of the NO Public Library. Mar. 5, 1982  
Letters plus statement of royalty to LSUP. Mar. 6 and Mar. 17, 1982. Discusses income and discrepancy in royalty statement  
Letter from Todd Musburger (attorney in Chicago). Mar. 10, 1982. Discusses client who wished to pursue [unknown] rights to *COD*  
Letter from Edward Lucaire. Mar. 12, 1982. Discusses the possibility of writing a sequel to *COD*  
Letter from Randy Schultz. Mar. 12, 1982. Discusses movie rights  
Letter to LSUP. Mar. 18, 1982. Discusses royalty income discrepancy  
Letter from John Stodder. Mar. 18, 1982 with envelope  
Letter from Robert Gentry of Florida Junior College. Mar. 24, 1982. Discusses interviewing TDT and viewing unpublished works of JKT for his dissertation and encloses a letter of introduction with envelope  
Letter to John Geiser. Mar. 29, 1982 with envelope

**Folder 10: TDT/Ducoing Correspondence 43 pieces**

**Apr. – May 1982**

Letter from Tanya Coyle. Apr. 7, 1982. Requests opinion of enclosed Chapter 1 manuscript which was influenced by *COD*  
Letter from U of Georgia Eng. Dept. Apr. 8, 1982. Discusses Robert Gentry's dissertation  
Letter from Tony Green. Apr. 12, 1982  
Letter from LSUP. Apr. 13, 1982. Encloses German copy of *COD*  
Letter from Robert Gentry. Apr. 16, 1982  
Letter from Wade Roberts (*Houston Chronicle*, reporter). Apr. 19, 1982. Requests letter of recommendation from TDT for a creative writing class that he has been asked to teach based on TDT's experience with him as a reporter  
Letter from Claire Bouton. Apr. 20, 1982  
Letter from Bill Gordon. Apr. 21, 1982. Requests information on publishing history of *COD*  
Letter from Julian Russo. Apr. 26, 1982 with envelope  
Letter from Sean O'Hare. Apr. 27, 1982 with envelope  
Letter from Josie. Apr. 27, 1982  
Letter from Carla Contestable. Apr. 27, 1982  
Invitation from Joseph Mardesich, III. Postmarked Apr. 28. For a May 8 reception and business card for Peninsula Wine Company  
Letter from John Stodder. May 2, 1982 with envelope  
Letter from Patricia Garner. May 18, 1982  
Letter from Marjorie Geiser. May 20, 1982  
Letter from Tulane. May 20, 1982. Thanks TDT for contribution; on this letter is a handwritten list (presumably by TDT) of donations and paid services, and then she rewrote list on regular paper w/ some additions and deletion

**Folder 11: TDT/Ducoing Correspondence 26 pieces**

**June – Sept. 1982**

Letter from Bob and Sue (Gentry). June 3, 1982  
Letter from Kenneth Holditch. June 16, 1982  
Letter from Janet Zerbe. June 22, 1982  
Card to Arthur Ducoing from Janet and Steven. Postmarked June 25, 1982  
Postcard from [illegible]. June 27, 1982  
Letter from Margaret Chaisson. June 29, 1982  
Letter to unknown. June 30, 1982. Sends regrets to an invitation to an Oscar Wilde tribute  
Letter from Lottie Phillips (Southeastern University). July 2, 1982. Thanks TDT for contribution  
Letter to John Geiser. July 3, 1982. Provides Walker Percy's address and "thanks for the service" with envelope  
Postcard from Kathy Trenchard. July 5, 1982  
Letter from Jerry Frasier. July 7, 1982. Requests anything with JKT signature  
Letter from Althea Lawes. July 8, 1982  
Letter from LSUP. July 13, 1982. Encloses Italian edition  
Letter from UNO. July 19, 1982. Encloses check for presentation and statement of return of materials loaned  
Letter from Dorothy. July 19, 1982  
Letter from Joel. July 22, 1982. Discusses TDT's wishes for him not to call or write  
Letter from LSUP. July 27, 1982. Encloses royalties  
Letter from LSUP. July 28, 1982. Encloses letter from Minerva Bucharest. July 15, 1982. Requests address of TDT to write an article and review of *COD*  
Letter to Mr. Simpson. Aug. 4, 1982. Discusses movie, television and play rights that she no longer controls (handwritten and typed version)  
Letter from Argentina Consulate. Aug. 10, 1982  
Letter from Dorothy Edwards Moore. Aug. 17, 1982  
Letter to LSUP from Andrew Jones. Sept. 2, 1982. Requests address of TDT  
Letter contract. Sept. 18, 1982. Signed by Brian Wechsler which sells him the movie rights to the publication history of *COD* – TDT did not sign copy in file; unknown if ever signed

## **Folder 12: TDT/Ducoing Correspondence 21 pieces**

### **Oct. – Dec. 1982**

Postcard from Kenneth Holditch. Oct. 1982  
Postcard from Dave Dillon. Oct. 1982  
Letter to LSU Eng. Prof. from Tim Lovegrove. Oct. 3, 1982  
Letter from Kathleen. Oct. 7, 1982  
Letter from Lamar University. Oct. 16, 1982. Discusses use of *COD* in classes  
Letter from Mary A. O'Hara. Oct. 16, 1982  
Letter from LSUP. Oct. 19, 1982. Encloses Norwegian edition  
Form letter from Joan B. Garvey. Nov. 1, 1982. Discusses publication of *Beautiful Crescent, A History of NO*; w/ penned note to TDT stating she may be interested in this information because "Ken" would be included with envelope  
Letter to John Geiser. Nov. 2, 1982 with envelope  
Letter from Jordan Young. Nov. 2, 1982. Requests information on movie of *COD* and *The Neon Bible*

Letter to Kenneth Holditch from Richard Patterson (Miss. State U). Nov. 23, 1982 –  
Patterson wrote and presented a paper that was later published [mentioned in Box  
4 Folder 7]

Letter to John Geiser. Dec. 4, 1982 with envelope

Letter from Mary and Tony Munger. Dec. 7, 1982

Letter to John Geiser. Dec. 16, 1982 with envelope

Card from Denise Valton. Dec. 17, 1982. Announces birth of son

Letter to John Geiser. Dec. 30, 1982 with envelope

### **Folder 13: TDT/Ducoing Correspondence 16 pieces**

#### **Jan. 1983**

Letter to Professor Patterson and Sauret. Jan. 3, 1982, Jan 6, 1983, and Jan 10, 1983  
(handwritten and typed versions). Discusses their lecture on *COD* [also located in  
Box 4 Folder 7]

Letter from Althea Lawes. Jan. 7, 1983

Letter from Betty. Jan. 8, 1983. Mentions TDT writing a biography of JKT

Letter from Heidi Reidell. Jan. 12, 1983

Letter to Beryl Grimball, Friends of the UNO Library from UNO Vice Chancellor. Jan.  
18, 1983. Discusses the successful presentation by TDT

Letter from Renee Hanrahan. Jan. 18, 1983 with envelope

Letter from Dr. Patterson. Jan. 24, 1983

Letter to Mr. Langdon and Mr. Wolf. Jan. 24 and 27, 1983 [handwritten and typed  
version]. Chastises them for not contacting her regarding movie while in NO and  
demands to be made assistant to the director

Letter to John Geiser. Jan. 31, 1983 with envelope

### **Folder 14: TDT/Ducoing Correspondence 20 pieces**

#### **Feb. – Apr. 1983**

Letter from Bill Gordon. Feb. 9, 1983. Discusses movie rights

Letter from LSUP. Feb. 16, 1983. Discusses stage play by LSU

Letter to Kaetchen. Feb. 25, 1983

Letter from Renee Hanrahan. Feb. 27, 1983 with envelope

Letter from Margaret Chaisson. Mar. 1, 1983

Letter to Dorothy. Mar. 14, 1983. Mentions *COD* movie, Dr. Coles lecture, and legal  
battle over *The Neon Bible*

Letter to John Geiser. Mar. 16, 1983 with envelope

Letter from Pres. Kelly (Tulane). Mar. 24, 1983. Discusses Dr. Coles lecture

Letter to Kathy Olitto (Dominican College) from Therese Gibbons. Mar. 26, 1983,  
Requests address of TDT

Letter from Loyola. Mar. 31, 1983. Thanks TDT for contribution

Letter to Grove Press from Mary Jan Repetti. Mar. 31, 1983. Requests information on  
TDT and JKT. Forwarded to TDT with envelope

Letter from State Senator Nelson. Apr. 6, 1983. Discusses Napoleonic Code legislation  
Beginnings of a handwritten letter to Hon. Cyrus Greco. Apr. 11, 1983

Letter from Bob and Sue (Gentry). Apr. 15, 1983

Letter from Loyola. Apr. 20, 1983. Thanks TDT for contribution  
Letter from Mrs. Albert (Linda) Mintz. Postmarked Apr. 28, 1983

**Folder 15: TDT/Ducoing Correspondence 18 pieces**

**May – Oct. 1983**

Letter from Mary Jane and Blackie. May 5, 1983  
Letter to John Geiser. May 31, 1983 with envelope  
Letter from Toby Almond. June 17, 1983. Requests autographs on enclosed copies of  
*COD*  
Letter from Claire Boreton. June 18, 1983  
Letter from Rosen & Livorine. June 30, 1983. Discusses Kramer, movie rights holder;  
mentions possibility of movie about JKT  
Letter to John Geiser. July 15, 1983 with envelope  
Letter from Peter Magliocco. July 16, 1983. Requests information on JKT to write a  
biographical article  
Letter from James Allsup (University of Texas). July 19, 1983. Requests permission  
(again) to write biography and asks about Gottlieb  
Letter to JKT from Delta Kappa Gamma. Aug. 26, 1983. Discusses the possibility of his  
speaking at their luncheon in March 1984  
Letter from Jim McNalis. Oct. 10, 1983  
Letter from Kim Best. Oct. 14, 1983  
Letter from Columbia UP. Oct. 14, 1983. Requests information for literary magazine that  
will be devoted to JKT  
Letter from Edward Reilly (Arkansas State University). Oct. 14, 1983. Discusses articles  
he wrote on *COD*  
Letter to Richard Fogel (University of North Carolina). Oct. 27, 1983. Requests that he  
write the forward to a book she is compiling titled “The Scholarly Papers and  
Lectures of JKT” with card with his address

**Folder 16: TDT/Ducoing Correspondence 18 pieces**

**Nov. – Dec. 1983**

Letter from Jennifer Hantel. Nov. 1, 1983  
Letter from Richard Fogle. Nov. 5, 1983. Declines request to write the requested forward  
Letter from Phyllis Danner (former student of TDT). Nov. 20, 1983. Encloses program  
from concert given by TDT  
Letter from Julian West. Nov. 30, 1983. Discusses article that and another writer are  
writing and mentions that they are also working on a screenplay with envelope  
Letter from Jesse Core. Dec. 1, 1983. Discusses *Gambit* articles  
Letter to Mooney (of MCHMM). Dec. 3, 1983. Discusses forced “airs” [sic] (handwritten  
and typed version)  
Letter from Joel. Dec. 8, 1983  
Letter to Arthur Ducoing from Karen Frught. Dec. 8, 1983  
Letter from Hal Strickland. Dec. 8, 1983. Discusses Columbia University literary  
magazine with envelope  
Letter from Baptist Hospital Foundation. Dec. 9, 1983. Requests another contribution

Letter from Tulane University Libraries. Dec. 20, 1983. Approves her use of their libraries

Letter from Pres. Kelly (Tulane). Dec. 28, 1983

**Folder 17: TDT/Ducoing Correspondence 32 pieces**

**Jan. – Feb. 1984**

Card from Jane Woodruff. Jan. 5, 1984

Letter to Dr. Doty and Dr. Gallatti (LSU theater). Jan. 6, 1984. Chastises them for not consulting her on the stage production and demands an apology (handwritten and typed versions)

Letter from Joel. Friday 13, 1984, [can't be August, so it must be in wrong folder].

Discusses scathing letter she wrote to Doty and Gallatti

Letter from Mary. Jan. 7, 1984

Letter from Nola Schneider. Jan. 11, 1984

Letter to Dr. Doty from Errol Miller. Jan. 16, 1984. Discusses lyrics for a musical version of *COD* with enclosed articles about Miller

Letter [to LSUP]. Jan. 26, 1984. Discusses delay of royalty payment

Letter from Bill Gordon. Jan. 26, 1984. Requests quotes for a book he is writing which is a quote book for writers

Letter from LSU accounting. Feb. 2, 1984. Discusses delay of royalty payment

Letter from Frank Bianchi and Bruce Butler. Feb. 4, 1984

Letter from LSU. Feb. 7, 1984. Encloses tickets for her to attend the *COD* musical

Letter to Father Carter (Loyola). Feb. 8, 1984

Letter to Dear Sweet Art/Beaux Art from Captain of Clones. Feb. 8, 1984. Invites her to participate in activities

Letter from LSUP. Feb. 14, 1984. Encloses letter from Mark Fox. Dec. 16, 1983.

Requests information on status of *The Neon Bible*

Letter from Pres. Kelly (Tulane). Feb. 14, 1984. Declines offer of a performance by TDT

Letter from LSU Theatre. Feb. 15, 1984. Discusses stage production and article

Card from Bruce and Frank. Postmarked Feb. 21, 1984

Letter to Mr. Errol Miller from LSUP. Feb. 23, 1984. Discusses "client" who wrote a dramatization which may have violated copyright

Letter from Joel. Feb. 27, 1984

Letter from Legislative Fiscal Officer, State of LA. Feb. 29, 1984. Requests autograph with business card for Ron J. Henson

**Box 13** contains correspondence of TDT from March 1984 until her death and miscellaneous undated correspondence. Unless otherwise indicated, all letters are addressed to or written by TDT. Comments on content are only provided for correspondence that directly relates to JKT and the publication of his works or that expresses something other than appreciation. Many of

these letters are simple fan letters. This box also contains TDT's personal items and some contracts relating to the publication of *COD*.

**Folder 1: TDT/Ducoing Correspondence                      16 pieces**  
**Mar. – May 1984**

Letter from Margaret [Chaisson]. Mar. 5, 1984  
Letter to LSUP. Mar. 7, 1984. Written as if from lawyer. Discusses proceeds from stage production and expresses displeasure again about not being consulted  
Letter from Wade Roberts. Mar. 26, 1984  
Letter from Margaret. Apr. 16, 1984  
Letter from Mary. May 6, 1984  
Letter from Peg Bieker. May 18, 1984. Resent with a short note on May 22, 1984 with two envelopes  
Letter from Allan and Renee Hanrahan. May 23, 1984. Encloses article he wrote in which he mentions Boethius and *COD*  
Card from Nola. Postmarked May 24, 1984. States clippings are enclosed  
Letter from Luciana Bianciardi (Italy). May 25, 1984. Discusses Italian translation which she did and for which she won a prize

**Folder 2: TDT/Ducoing Correspondence                      12 pieces**  
**June – July 1984**

The majority of the cards and letters in this folder mention her illness and wishes for her recovery.

Card from Kenneth  
Card from Mary and Tony. Postmarked June 15, 1984 with envelope  
Letter from Kenneth Holditch. June 28, 1984. Tells TDT not to worry about Rhoda Faust with envelope [presumably about problems with *NB*]  
Letter from Mim. July 1, 1984 with envelope  
Card from Kathy and Tom. Postmarked July 9, 1984 with envelope  
Card from Peg Bieker. July 12, 1984  
Letter from Pamela Peterson. July 30, 1984. Requests information on film rights; copy of *TP* article attached which may not be related to letter since there is no mention of enclosure in letter

**Folder 3: TDT/Ducoing Correspondence                      19 pieces**  
**Aug. 1984 – Mar. 1987**

Much of the correspondence dated Aug and Sept. 1984 consists of sympathy cards/letters addressed to Arthur Ducoing following TDT's death.

Letter from Erin Ajubeita (former teacher of JKT). Aug. 2, 1984  
Letter from Betty and Wayne. Aug. 3, 1984. Encloses address of Consul-General of Columbia with get well card  
Card from Flora Bauden. Postmarked Aug. 6, 1984 with envelope  
Letter from Joel. Aug. 10, 1984 with envelope

Card from Dorothy Siecshnaydre. Postmarked Aug. 15, 1984 with envelope  
Letter to Arthur from Anna. [Aug. 22, 1984]. Mentions enclosure of a write up about  
TDT [presumably an obituary]  
Card to Arthur from Anna Lee and Tommie. Postmarked Aug. 24, 1984 with envelope  
Card to Arthur from Marion Green. Postmarked Aug. 27, 1984 with envelope  
Card to Arthur from Anna and [illegible] with envelope  
Letter to Duke [Arthur] from Sandy. Sept. 18, 1984  
Letter to Mr. Hantel from Matlen & Assoc.. Mar. 2, 1987. Discusses Mr. Kramer's,  
movie rights holder, inability to currently pay loan; mentions 20th Century Fox as  
being the new movie rights holder

**Folder 4: TDT/Ducoing Correspondence**                      **28 pieces**  
**(n.d.) A-D**

Card from Sister Mary Bernard  
Letter from Sister Mary Bernard. April 9  
Card from Alida with envelope  
Letter to Mrs. Austin  
Card from Sister Mary Bernard  
Letter from Beryl. Aug. 19  
Letter from *Washington Star* reporter. Discusses article  
Card to TDT from [illegible] and Anna  
Card from [illegible] and Anna  
Letter from Bobby Frese  
Letter from Jim Braly. Discusses an article he wants to write about JKT. Jan 15  
Letter from Cary  
Letter from Captain of Clones. Encloses boutonniere  
Card from Tanya Coyle  
Letter from *TP* Publishing Corporation  
Letter from Thelma Quintana Dean  
Letter from Diana  
Letter from Delphine. Congratulates TDT on Pulitzer and Tom Snyder show  
Letter from Diana. Encloses excerpts from John Steinbeck Nobel Prize acceptance speech  
Letter from Diana [on Tulane letterhead]. Encloses *Tulanian*

**Folder 5: TDT/Ducoing Correspondence**                      **17 pieces**  
**(n.d.) E-K**

Letter from Joel. Tuesday, Feb.17  
Letter from Joel. Monday  
Letter from Joel. Monday  
Letter from Joel. Tuesday. Mentions the possibility of a private printing of *The Neon Bible*  
Letter from Joel. Sunday  
Letter from Judy Forbes with envelope  
Letter from Karen Frught

Letter from Robert Gordon. Discusses screen rights  
Letter from John Hantel. Congratulates TDT on Pulitzer  
Card from Lucy and Sheldon Hackney  
Letter from Jewish Civic Press  
Letter from Jimmy. June 17, Sunday  
Form card stating "Compliments of Tulane University" signed by Eamon M. Kelly,  
President with envelope  
Card from Evelyn Kenney. TDT wrote all over the card about various books and authors  
and seems to have quotes or thoughts about these works  
Ad for an arts fair from Kit (one of TDT students). Oct. 15 & 16 1982

**Folder 6: TDT/Ducoing Correspondence**                      **27 pieces**  
**(n.d.) L-R**

Card from Dorothy  
Card from Carolyn Levy  
Letter from Edmund Leach  
Letter from Linda. Mentions *COD* movie  
Letter from Linda. Thursday. Mentions legal problems in *COD* and *The Neon Bible*  
Letter from Elsa McCay  
Postcard from Jim McNalis. June 5  
Letter to [Arthur] from the Mendives  
Letter [written by TDT] from Mooney (attorney). Requests a meeting concerning *The Neon Bible* [presumably with the heirs and their attorney]  
Letter from April O'Rourke. Requests information for a report that she was writing for school  
Card from Barbara Miller  
Letter from David Rosen. Encloses manifesto type document he wrote to the President, Pope, UN and 97 others  
Note from Rick, who is a child

**Folder 7: TDT/Ducoing Correspondence**                      **16 pieces**  
**(n.d.) S-Z**

Letter to unknown person. Wednesday morning. [Judging by the content, this letter was written to Arthur who apparently was in TDT's estimation rude to "a scholarly gentlemen," Dr. Peter Jaeger]  
Letter from Robert Scott  
Letter to either Grove or LSUP from Patricia Testa. Requests TDT address  
Letter from VP Starr (Tulane)  
Letter to [Joel – judging by content]. Thursday  
Card from Sarah and Marcus  
Card from Vera. Apr. 14 [1981]. Congratulations to TDT on Pulitzer  
Card from Maidee Walker. [June 5, 1984] with two envelopes  
Letter to LSUP from Peter Wittman. Requests that his letter concerning movie rights be forwarded to TDT with envelope

Letter from Palaemon Press Limited. Requests the right to publish JKT letters or other unpublished short work with list of their publications

Letter from unknown w/ scraps of fabric attached along with prices [appears to be Mardi Gras related]

**Folder 8: TDT/Ducoing Correspondence                      11 pieces**  
**Barranger & Pulitzer Prize Letters**

Letter from Garie Kenneth Barranger (GKB), signed "Nikki." Feb. 19, 1979. Suggests editing changes such as removing the Dr. Talc scenes, eliminating preface and replacing with Walker forward, and changing title (did not like IR or *COD*); discusses problems w/ Mancuso's change of attitude toward the Reillys at the car wreck scene and gives a suggestion on how to fix it [written prior to acceptance by LSUP]

Letter from GKB (Nikki). Mar. 6, 1979. Offers to write letter to LSUP and suggests looking at JKTs original manuscripts to follow the track of JKTs editing and revising

Note from GKB (Nikki). (n.d.). Congratulates her [presumably for publication] and mentions being glad that "succession problems" were handled prior to publication [presumably getting heirs to relinquish rights]

Letter from Columbia U. May 1, 1981. Encloses certificate for Pulitzer.

Letter from Columbia U, Office of the Administration of The Pulitzer Prize. Apr. 13, 1981. Confirms the award and encloses prize check

**Folder 9: TDT/Ducoing Correspondence                      2 pieces**  
**Letter from TDT to JKT unsigned, n.d.**

Addressed to Ken. Wednesday evening. Mentions meeting him at the station upon his arrival and includes two poems "Ode to White Shoes" and "How Do I Love Thee"

**Folder 10: TDT/Ducoing Correspondence 54 pieces**  
**Card and notes with some envelopes**

23 various cards (thank you, get well, holidays)

1 card appears to be written by TDT. Thanks someone for help with car purchase and service

5 gift or florist cards

5 postcards

3 business cards

5 misc. notes

**Folder 11: TDT Personal Items                                      3 pieces**  
**Birth & marriage certificates**

Microfiche copy of marriage certificate between TDT and JDT

Microfiche copy of marriage license

Receipt from Paul A. Ducoing for registering the birth of his child, TDT

- Folder 12: TDT Personal Items** **1 piece**  
**Southern Music Co. Diploma**  
Diploma from Southern College of Music NO, LA. June 2, 1920 (piano)
- Folder 13: TDT Personal Items** **1 piece**  
**TDT's teaching certificate**  
Located in Oversized Box 2
- Folder 14: TDT Personal Items** **13 pieces**  
**Medical**  
TDT dental bridge – the actual bridge is in this collection  
Index card from home visits from Nov. 16, 1978 – Feb. 9, 1980  
2 eligibility cards for Louisiana Social Services. Expire Oct. 30, 1978 and Dec. 31, 1979  
and authorization forms  
2 statements from Tulane Medical Center. May 27, 1981 and Dec. 8, 1982  
Statement from Met. Anesthesia Associates  
Handout from nutritionist on diet for TDT
- Folder 15: TDT Financial Items** **33 pieces**  
Substitute form W-6 or W-7  
Address change form  
Receipt for contribution to Loyola. Apr. 15, 1983  
Withdrawal receipt for Columbia Homestead Association. Feb. 24, 1981  
Passbook savings; opened Jan. 11, 1962 and closed Apr. 29, 1977  
Statement for composite of income derived from *COD*. Prepared by TDT [1982] for 1981  
and 1982  
Statement for royalties and subsidiary rights paid on *COD*. Prepared by LSUP for 1981  
Report on sales of *COD* from Apr. 1, 1981 - June 30, 1981. Prepared by LSUP  
Note to bank instructing them on how to handle a large amount of money she is sending  
with Arthur  
Copy of passbook savings page for Whitney National Bank from Nov. 13, 1978 – July 1,  
1979  
Financial status worksheet of TDT securities  
List of foreign rights and the status of payment  
Statement from J.K. Byrne and Company for professional fees  
Copy of statement from CHMM (Attorneys) for copyright work on *The Neon Bible* and  
copy of cashier's check to them  
Various notes and statements from Dorsey & Company (investments)  
Receipt for check paid by 1st National Bank as surviving spouse of JDT  
Earnings statement from Columbia Homestead Assn (CHA).  
Copy of check from LSUP deposited into CHA
- Folder 16: TDT Contracts** **29 pieces**

### **Walker Percy's evaluation of *COD***

Speech written by TDT to be given by unknown. Read to Mr. Barranger, Mrs. McGuire and Harold Toole, Jr.; discusses the disgrace of them signing the contract [presumably prior to their relinquishing rights to *COD* or else this letter is out of place in this folder and belongs with *TNB* correspondence]

Memo written by Walker Percy to LSUP evaluating *COD*

Copy of contract giving International Creative Management Properties exclusive film rights

Contract with LSUP for publishing

Copy of contract between LSUP and Klett Cotta Verlag (publisher) for German rights

Copy of contract between LSUP and Editions Robert Laffont (publisher) for French rights

Copy of case between Estate of Ernest Hemingway and Random House. It was suggested to TDT that she look at this case as a way of resolving *The Neon Bible* publishing problem

### **Folder 17: TDT Printed programs of recitals      19 pieces**

New Orleans College of Oratory. May 28, 1917. Graduation

Performance on Sept. 29, 1980

Performance on Nov. 2, 1980

Le Petit Salon Program Spring 1982

Performance on Apr. 24, 1983

Performance at Loyola. Feb. 4, 1984. Dedicated to Pres. Carter

Performance, undated. Dedicated to Prof. David Dillon

Performance, undated. "Day and Night in Poetry and Music"

Performance, undated. "The Moon and The Stars in Poetry and Music"

Performance, undated. "The Supreme Being in Poetry, Prose, and Music"

Performance, undated. "Loveland"

Performance, undated. "Flowerland"

Performance, undated. "Childhood's Realm in Poetry and Song"

Folders presented to Martha Hall and Les Phillabaum from TDT titled "A Thematic Arrangement of Remembered Poetry and Music by TDT" and includes previous programs plus copies of other poems, etc.

### **Folder 18: TDT Notes and writings      53 pieces**

Whole folder contains scraps of paper with various poems; lists of songs, poems, books; various thoughts on different writings; lists of words and word pairs; [She was partial to TRT telegram paper; some of these items are interesting reading but it is unclear what is original and what is copied.]

**Box 14** contains miscellaneous items that TDT collected.

### **Folder 1: TDT's writings and compositions      31 pieces**

More things of interest such as poems, quotes, etc.[mostly copied]; an attempt to begin a biography on JKT; various notes on meetings with forced heirs, letters to Mr. Kramer, the movie rights holder, but mostly rambling thoughts on various writings; same as Box 13 folder 18 and Box 14 folder 2; some later became script for a UNO program

**Folder 2: TDT's writings** **27 pieces**  
**(copied from others)**

Various poems, quotes, etc. copied on scraps of paper but clearly marked as copied

**Folder 3: TDT manuscripts of programs** **18 pieces**

Handwritten copies of programs from Box 13 folder 17 – some additions

**Folder 4: TDT manuscripts of programs** **39 pieces**

Same things as in Folder 2 and 3

**Folder 5: TDT – Items collected** **29 pieces**

Quote from Oscar Wilde clipped from a newsletter  
Autographed photo of Linda [Darnell] to TDT on birthday  
Autographed photo of Betty [Grable] to TDT on birthday  
Autographed photo of Errol [Flynn] to TDT on birthday  
Autographed photo of Shirley [Temple] to TDT on birthday  
Autographed photo of Mae [West] and W.C. [Fields] to TDT on birthday  
3 scraps of paper with misc. writings and typed copy of same  
Cablegram with list of songs  
Word Book for distribution through newspapers  
Prayer to St. Lucy  
Short poem "A Natal Nightmare"  
Poem "Farewell" by C.E.L.L. Rupp  
Scrapbook pages with "Snow White" story  
"The Ruined Maid" by Thomas Hardy  
"Desiderata" by Max Ehrmann  
Program for Ariz. SU Conference on Linguistic Humor Mar. 31 - Apr. 3, 1982 [no connection noted]  
Copy of items from Reader's Digest  
Copy of James Allsup's CV and copy of ad for his book  
Copy of booklet titled "Love Poems" for distribution through newspapers

**Folder 6: TDT – Items collected** **19 pieces**

Photocopy of pages from a chapter/book "The Spirit in Man, Art, and Literature" by C. G. Jung. Princeton UP, 1971  
Copy of untitled original poem with revisions  
Movie review of *Gone With The Wind* by Eugene Rachal, Sept. 30, 1959 [presumably a student]

*Figaro*. Jan. 5, 1981. By Bethany Ewald Bultman: "Publish to Perish"  
*TP*. Jan. 30, 1983. By David Leser. "Searching for a True Genius"  
Unknown source and date. By Tom Gregory: "Story of 'Monty' Becomes A Psalm To A Personal Hero"  
New Orleans Museum of Art newsletter. By Jon Newlin: "Warhol, Film has Turned Its Back On You"  
Magazine picture of birth of Christ  
Article by Don Harrell about fall foliage [title unreadable]  
Map of Israel  
Unknown source, date, or author: "Pensions Soon To Be Boosted"  
Booklet "Memory Gem" [appears to be one distributed through newspapers as from Folder 5]  
Alert No. 34 Oct. 24, 1966. Decries the UN declarations on racial discrimination  
*Los Angeles Herald Examiner*. June 21, 1981. Pages A1-A2  
Continuation page of an article titled: "Words"

**Folder 7: TDT – Items collected** **119 pieces**  
**Names and addresses**

Numerous envelopes or cut outs portions of envelopes with names and addresses

**Folder 8: TDT Misc.** **15 pieces**  
**Typescript of interview with Tom Snyder**

8 copies of typescript provided by Burrelle's TV clips

**Folder 9: TDT Misc.** **6 pieces**  
**Typescript of UNO program**  
**"I Walk In The World For My Son"**

Typescript of introduction by David Dillon and speech given by TDT for an UNO video titled: "I Walk In The World For My Son"

**Folder 10: TDT Misc.** **19 pieces**  
**Various invitations**

Various invitations primarily to her recitals, programs or lectures

**Folder 11: TDT Misc.** **2 pieces**  
**Life insurance policy**

2 copies of Pan-American Life Insurance Policy #178-585 for \$1,000. Jan. 18, 1929

**Box 15** contains composition style notebooks from JKT. These notebooks primarily contain published material that JKT found, cut out and pasted in; very little original work is included in these notebooks.

Notebook [TDT] from NO College of Oratory [Dec. 6, 1919 – May 8, 1920] is not labeled as part of this box.

All other notebooks are numbered as if contained in a folder.

- 1:** Notebook with “comic material” written on outside with articles, poems, pictures, songs, etc. either pasted in or written in on the inside
- 2 – 7:** Notebooks have articles, poems, pictures, songs, etc. either pasted in or written in
- 8:** Notebook with “Kennedy Toole – Speech” written on outside. “Lakeview School of Speech and Dramatic Art” written on inside cover. Started Nov. 1949. Includes exercises, cut out articles and poems
- 9:** Notebook primarily filled with unoriginal poems and appears to include a 1st draft of a composition on John Greenleaf Whittier

**Box 16** contains black and white composition style notebooks from JKT. These notebooks primarily contain published material that JKT found, cut out and pasted in; very little original work is included in these notebooks.

All notebooks are numbered as if contained in a folder.

- 1, 6, 8:** Notebooks primarily filled with unoriginal poems. Number 9 appears to include a 1st draft of a composition on John Greenleaf Whittier
- 2:** Notebook with “Science Kenny Toole” written on inside cover. Appears to be primarily science but also includes vocabulary and poetry
- 3:** Notebook with “Mrs. John Toole” written on outside but the same type of material as notebooks **2-7** from Box 15
- 4:** Notebook labeled with lessons I-VII on various subjects; also includes articles and poems cut out and pasted in
- 5:** Small notebook with Shakespeare information and poems, Browning poems, and a few miscellaneous items written and pasted in
- 7:** Notebook with composition (appears to be copied rather than original) biography on Robert Browning and various other writings and articles
- 9:** Same as **2-7** from Box 15

**Box 17** contains 22 folders of photographs primarily of TDT.

**Folder 1: Ducoing family album**

**1 piece**

**c. 1900**

15 photos in album

**Folder 2: Photo of Margaret Ducoing**                      **1 piece**  
**TDT's mother**

One unframed photo. Undated

**Folder 3: Photo of Paul Apollonius Ducoing**                      **3 pieces**  
**TDT's father**

3 copies of photo

**Folder 4: Photos of Anna Florence Ducoing**                      **2 pieces**

2 photos of TDT's sister

**Folder 5: Large oval photo**    **1 piece**  
**Anna Florence Ducoing w/Oliver L. Hingle**

Located in Oversized Box 2

**Folder 6: Photos of Arthur Jerome Ducoing**                      **4 pieces**

2 individual and 2 group photos

**Folder 7: Photo of George Ducoing**                                      **1 piece**

1 photo

**Folder 8: Photo of Margaret (Dolly) Ducoing**                      **2 pieces**

2 copies of same photo

**Folder 9: B&W photo of TDT at age 21 or 22**                      **4 pieces**

Note addressed to Bill signed by Doug Crawford with a quote from TDT about how she loved clothes; 1 photo plus copy

**Folder 10: Photos of TDT as child**                                      **4 pieces**

One photo w/ note attached from Arthur apologizing for a missing photo and explaining this photo

Photo of TDT as a child in a wedding dress

Photo w/ Anna

**Folder 11: 8x10 B&W photos of TDT**                                      **4 pieces**

1 group w/ 3 unknowns and Robert Coles

1 w/ Robert Coles

1 individual

1 in front of life-size cutout of Ignatius Reilly

- Folder 12: Framed color photo of TDT by Christopher Harris**                      **1 piece**  
Located in Oversized Box 2
- Folder 13: Framed 8x10 color photo of TDT with chemical damage**                      **1 piece**  
Labeled on back with Sept. 3, 1901 – Aug. 17, 1984
- Folder 14: B&W photos of TDT**                      **10 pieces**  
7 photos and some copies
- Folder 15: B&W contact prints sheets of TDT**                      **2 pieces**  
2 print sheets primarily of picture in front of IR
- Folder 16: Color snapshots of TDT**                      **24 pieces**  
24 snapshots primarily of a recital in May 1984, according to KODAK imprint
- Folder 17: Color snapshots of TDT**                      **24 pieces**  
24 snapshots primarily of her “graduation” receiving an honorary degree?
- Folder 18: Color snapshots of TDT**                      **1 pieces**  
20 snapshots primarily at UNO, Jan 1983 with envelope
- Folder 19: Color snapshots of TDT**                      **18 pieces**  
Note discussing people in a picture w/TDT but not attached  
Handwritten scrap of address for Dudley Clark  
16 photos but none match description on note
- Folder 20: Color snapshots of TDT**                      **18 pieces**  
18 photos
- Folder 21: Miscellaneous snapshots**                      **14 pieces**  
14 photos
- Folder 22: Charcoal portrait of TDT by Kathleen Trenchard**  
Located in Oversized Folder

**Box 18** contains more miscellaneous items of TDT including shirts that commemorate *COD*.

**Folder 1: TDT misc.** **1 piece**  
**Silver heart-shaped bookmark given to TDT by St. Paul's School**  
Inscribed 12-10-81

**Folder 2: TDT misc.** **1 piece**  
**Silver heart-shaped bookmark given to TDT by John Geiser**  
Same bookmark as Folder 1 with no adornment and no inscription

**Folder 3: TDT misc.** **1 piece**  
**SLU commencement program**  
**July 18, 1982**  
Program awarding TDT honorary doctorate degrees

**Folder 4: TDT misc.** **1 piece**  
**SLU honorary diploma, 7-18-82**  
Degree of Doctor of Humane Letters

**Folder 5: TDT misc.** **1 piece**  
**Plaque presented to TDT by A.H.A.**  
AHA (Academy of Holy Angels) alumnae of '82 for work of drama and performing arts

**Folder 6: TDT misc.** **1 piece**  
**Piece from U.S. spacecraft**  
Piece in box w/ note "piece from US spacecraft given to TDT by someone from NASA"

**Folder 7: TDT misc.** **1 piece**  
**T-shirt w/printed message "restore moorish dignity"**  
T-shirt w/printed message "restore moorish dignity"

**Folder 8: TDT Misc.** **1 piece**  
**White knit shirt w/ on back "IJR for President"**  
White polo style shirt with Ignatius J. Reilly for President on back and green hunting cap on pocket

**Box 19** contains more miscellaneous items of TDT.

**Folder 1: TDT misc.** **2 pieces**

**Plaque from Century Club of Loyola University**

Plaque with extra plate for 1983

**Folder 2: TDT misc. 7 pieces**  
**H.S. essay, L. Kottmann's "The Dangers of Socialized Medicine"**  
Student essay from Holy Name of Jesus High School

**Folder 3: TDT misc. 1 piece**  
**Plaque presented to TDT by Loyola Univ. President's Association**  
Plaque to Thelma D. Toole

**Folder 4: TDT misc. 1 piece**  
**Sheet music: "Dreamy Bayou" by Evelyn Soule inscribed to TDT**  
Sheet music inscribed: "To a [illegible] gracious lady, who, in this chemical world will never be able to rid herself of her spiritual wings! Evelyn Soule Kennedy"

**Folder 5: TDT misc. 12 pieces**  
Proclamation declaring TDT an Honorary Cajun. Feb. 19, 1983  
Certificate from Red Cross. March 1950  
Playbill w/ autographs for "Sister Mary Ignatius Explains it all for you"  
Program for *Tennessee Williams: A Tribute*. Mar. 19, 1983. Inscribed: With Affectionate best-wishes to my wonderful friend Thelma Toole from [illegible] Holditch 4/28/83" [name does not appear to be Kenneth]  
Certificate for community service through United Fund. Oct. 24, 1963  
Poster/program of Oscar Wilde celebration. June 30, 1982  
Contribution acknowledgment from Brandeis University  
Copy of Sermon given by Dr. Kenneth G. Phifer at St. Charles Avenue Presbyterian Church on Dec. 27, 1981. Titled: "Open Secrets And Closed Hearts" [out of place in this folder]  
Blank card depicting the cover of the Flora Levy Lecture in the Humanities, 1981, Vol II  
Receipt from OK Storage and Transfer Co. Aug. 27, 1976  
Arts/Fest 1981 publication. Inscribed: "Regard to Dear Vera from Thelma Toole. Oct. 24, 1981"  
Card acknowledging a gift to Howard-Tilton Library by John Geiser in memory of TDT

**Folder 6: TDT misc. 1 piece**  
**Photo by D. Dedeaux, 1979**  
Photo of an abortion protest in Florencia 1979 by D. Dedeaux

**Folder 7: TDT misc. 1 piece**  
**Heart Songs**  
Book of music

**Folder 8: TDT misc.** **1 piece**  
**“Welcome” sign**  
Sewn with sequins

**Folder 9: TDT misc.** **1 piece**  
**“Four Plays” by Oskar Knight**  
4 photocopied plays in folder

**Folder 10: TDT misc.** **1 piece**  
***Windmill***  
Literary magazine by University of Oklahoma, Norman 1981

**Box 20** contains the remainder of TDT’s personal items and the articles reporting on her death.

**Folder 1: TDT misc.** **1 piece**  
**“Sweet Arts” certificate from Krewe of Clones**  
Feb. 6, 1982. “Queen Mother”

**Folder 2: TDT misc.** **18 pieces**  
**Krewe of Clones clippings, etc.**  
List of the order of speakers  
Invitation where TDT will bestow knighthood on nine courtiers  
Envelope addressed to John Geiser. Postmarked Feb. 22, 1982  
4 *TP* articles on Krewe of Clones  
*Contemporary Arts* publication Jan/Feb 1982 w/ Krewe of Clones ads  
Contemporary Arts Center “booklet” w/ information on Krewe of Clones

**Folder 3: TDT misc.** **13 pieces**  
**Krewe of Clones throws**  
Plastic mini hot dogs and wooden nickels in brown paper bag

**Folder 4: TDT misc.** **0 pieces**  
**Leaflet: “The Life, Academic Career . . . John Kennedy Toole”**  
Missing

**Folder 5: TDT misc.** **1 piece**  
**Poster: “The Life, Academic Career . . . John Kennedy Toole”**  
Located in Oversized Box 2

**Folder 6: TDT misc.** **1 piece**

**Book: *Cousins***

By Judy Vernon. Memphis: St. Luke's Press, 1985. Inscription: "Mrs. Toole – I hope you enjoy my novel. Judy Vernon"

**Folder 7: TDT misc. 1 piece**  
**Poster: "A Tribute to John Kennedy Toole"**

Located in Oversized Box 2

**Folder 8: TDT misc. 1 piece**  
**Poster: "Confederacy of Clones"**

Located in Oversized Box 2

**Folder 9: TDT misc. 1 piece**  
**Poster: "The Humanities are . . ."**

Located in Oversized Folder

**Folder 10: TDT misc. 3 pieces**  
**Resolution by NO City Council**  
**September 11, 1980**

Framed version located in Oversized Box 2

Photocopy of resolution

*TP*. Sept. 12, 1980

**Folder 11: Death of TDT 6 pieces**  
**News clippings, obituaries**

Clippings of TDT death

**Folder 12: Death of TDT 7 pieces**  
**Articles about her will**

*Significa*. (Tulane). Article about the Toole collection. Jan 1985

*The Tulane Hallabaloo*. Sept. 28, 1984

*The Friends Frontispiece*. Newsletter of the Tulane library. Summer 1987

*TP-SI*. Sept. 7, 1984.

Unknown source, date, and author: "Confederacy of Aspiring Authors" [also in Box 10  
Folder 10]

*Gambit*, July 21-27, 1987 VIII, 30

**Folder 13: Death of TDT 1 piece**  
**Funeral Guest book**

Services of TDT, Mass at Chapel, Aug. 20, 1984, 2:00 p.m., Greenwood Cemetery Jacob  
Schoen & Son

**Folder 14: Death of TDT** **3 pieces**  
**Certificate of membership in Cenacle Crusade of Prayer**  
Certificate and two preprinted thank you for sympathy cards

**Box 21** contain items concerning the Garvey/Ducoing side of the family. The Walker Percy materials that are in this box are restricted and permission to quote from his letters must be obtained from the Walker Percy estate rather than the Howard-Tilton library.

**Folder 1: Garvey/Ducoing family** **2 pieces**  
**Paul Ducoing and Margaret Garvey**  
**Marriage Certificates**  
Receipt for registering marriage and marriage certificate. June 13, 1889

**Folder 2: Garvey/Ducoing family** **13 pieces**  
**Paul Ducoing and Margaret Garvey**  
**Margaret's succession, financial**  
Property tax receipt for 1927 for 1020 Elysian Fields  
Note saying note [mortgage] cancelled. Feb. 1, 1904  
Note from Bogalusa Land and Improvement Company for 1020 Elysian Fields  
Agreement to purchase Texas Creosoting Co stock by Paul Ducoing  
Petition of succession of surviving spouse and heirs of Margaret Garvey Ducoing  
Statement by Jacob Schoen & Sons for funeral of Margaret Ducoing. Mar. 13, 1924

**Folder 3: Garvey/Ducoing family** **19 pieces**  
**Arthur Ducoing**  
**Poems, wills, letters, etc.**  
Poem for Easter Sunday. Apr. 14, 1979,  
Happy birthday poem to Kenny Haab. Jan. 20, 1975  
Program in honor of Kenneth Haab. Jan. 16, 1980  
Xmas party program and poem. Dec. 20, 1974  
Receipt for Touro Infirmary. May 7, 1969  
Receipt for Drs. Teitelbaum, Schnieder, & Heard for GI series and enema. May 21, 1969  
Birthday poem to George Antoine. Nov. 25, 1974  
3 pages of notes concerning bloodwork. Oct. 26, 1966  
Poem "Doc's Insurrextion & Subsequent Resurrection"  
Birthday poem to Paul E. Bouchereau. Aug. 28, 1977  
Photocopy of baseball team with note to Louie [Provenzano] signed by Duke asking for help identifying those who are still living. Jan. 29, 1980

Thank you note from Karen and Son. Aug. 2, 1985  
Birthday poem to Arthur "Duke." July 28, 1977  
Poem on scrap of paper  
Handwritten will. May 9, 1953. Gives all to Margaret Ann Garvey  
Handwritten will. Aug. 23, 1934. Gives all to Margaret Ann Garvey  
Codicil. Jan. 10, 1947. Names Margaret Ann Garvey as executrix of his estate

**Folder 4: Garvey/Ducoing Family**                      **2 pieces**  
**Arthur Ducoing**  
**Diplomas, certificates**

Diploma from Soulé Commercial College and Literary Institute NO, LA – shorthand and typewriting course for office reporting. Dec. 5, 1921  
Honorable discharge from US Coast Guard as Yeoman Second Class. Aug. 3, 1945

**Folder 5: Garvey/Ducoing Family**                      **26 pieces**  
**Arthur Ducoing**  
**Financial, insurance papers**

Receipt for JKT funeral signed by TDT to Arthur Ducoing  
2 receipts for liquidation loan on JKT insurance policy signed by TDT to Arthur Ducoing  
Index card listing payments made to TDT  
Receipt for purchase of Jefferson Lake Oil stock  
2 receipts for fire insurance on 1016 Elysian Fields  
2 canceled checks to Meister Insurance  
Letter enclosing life insurance policy  
4 policies from Meister Insurance on house  
Typed financial notes by Arthur  
Receipt for purchase of Jefferson Lake Oil stock  
Paperwork on Texas Creosoting Co Stocks [3 pieces]  
Copy of purchase order for shares in Occidental Petroleum Corp  
Receipt from Dr. Haspel and request for medicare payment

**Folder 6: Garvey/Ducoing family**                      **13 pieces**  
**Arthur Ducoing**  
**Rings, medals, i.d.'s, etc.**

Envelope w/ more TDT writings on outsider and inside:  
    Senior citizen club card for Eckerd drugs  
    ½ fare senior citizen card for public trans. PS  
    Reduced fare senior citizen for RTA  
    Envelope for safety deposit box key  
    Firemen's Charitable & Benevolent membership card  
Envelope w/ coin belt buckle, coin key ring, shield pendant, coin, ring

**Folder 7: Garvey/Ducoing family**                      **28 pieces**  
**Anna Ducoing**

**“French Fiasco”**

22 receipts from Anna Ducoing Paris  
1 receipt for purchase of bonds on installment – hence earlier receipts  
Letter of contract for this purchase  
Certificate for above transactions  
Typed card “French Fiasco”

**Folder 8: Garvey/Ducoing family** **7 pieces**  
**Paul Ducoing, Jr.**  
**Miscellaneous**

Receipt for funeral. June 13, 1966  
Receipt for registering his birth – born Dec. 21, 1889  
Membership in Firemen’s Charitable & Benevolent Association of NO  
Certificate in lieu of discharge certificate honorable discharge as a private. May 9, 1919  
Transcript from record of service Muese-Argonne Offensive. Oct. 6 - Nov. 11, 1918  
Insurance certificate for Jan. 25, 1918 (War risk insurance)  
Presidential certificate upon his death in his memory

**Folder 9: Garvey/Ducoing family** **19 pieces**  
**Margaret Garvey (Dolly Ducoing)**  
**Miscellaneous**

Request by Arthur for itemized bill by Doctor  
Envelope that states “Dolly’s Baptismal Certificate” but no certificate  
Empty envelope from Standard Fruit and Steamship Company  
Admittance card to the Fifth Annual Ball of the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks. Feb. 28, 1908  
Letter to Arthur concerning Margaret and medical premiums and payments  
Newclipping which discusses parents entertaining in honor of Margaret  
Social security card  
Record of stocks through National Bank of Commerce and stock certificate  
Record of stock through Hibernia National Bank 1966 and 1967  
Application for account number (SSN)  
Letter and payment from Hibernia on shares and proxy statement  
Receipt for Blue Cross  
Safety deposit box rental slip from Whitney National Bank of New Orleans. Mar. 14, 1969

**Folder 10: Garvey/Ducoing Family** **3 pieces**  
**James A. Ducoing (brother of Paul A. Ducoing)**

Handwritten will which leaves estate to Emma Catherine Ducoing and Lizzer Farley and names brother (Paul A. Ducoing) as executor. Feb. 14, 1926 (original and copy)  
Funeral receipt. Oct. 9, 1937. Paid by Paul A. Ducoing

**Folder 11: Garvey/Ducoing family** **7 pieces**





Envelope w/ 19 postcards from NC, TN, TX, VA  
Env/ 33 postcards labeled as humorous and no place  
Env/ 15 postcards from Honduras, Mexico, England, Canada  
Env/ 16 postcards from AL, AR, CA, CO, FL, GA, KY  
Env/ 26 postcards from LA, MS  
Env/ 21 postcards from PA, OH, IL, ME and 1 postcard packet from DC  
1 of 2 env/ 28 postcards from NY  
2 of 2 env/ 18 postcards from NY  
Env/ 51 greeting/holiday postcards  
Box w/ infant clothes, shoes, brush and comb, and beads with pendant

**Vol 1: JKT Personal Materials:** **1 piece**  
**Achievement scrapbook**

**Vol 2: Personal Materials:** **1 piece**  
**Scrapbook with photographs**

Both scrapbooks are located immediately after Box 22.

Oversize boxes and folders contain miscellaneous framed photographs or large books. Most items in the oversized boxes are cross-referenced in another box.

## **OVERSIZE BOX 1**

Infant photo of JKT [Box 5, Folder 9]

Photo on back of scrapbook page of TDT [ca May 1949] in a performance [not referenced elsewhere]

Brand Names Foundation Essay Contest Certificate of Merit for essay on the subject "Influence of Manufacturers' Brands on Better Retailing" to JKT, Tulane University. June 28, 1956. [Box 5, Folder 8]

Infant photo [Box 5, Folder 9]

Big Boy drawing – Sportsmen's Show 1941 [Box 5, Folder 7]

Multiple copies of *Dixie* supplement to *Times-Picayune*, Oct. 25, 1981, titled "Odyssey Among the Dunces: The Brief Life of John Kennedy Toole" and November 1, 1981 titled "John Kennedy Toole" part 2 [brief mention Box 12, Folder 7]

1954 copy of *The Tarpon* Alcee Fortier Senior High School in NO, LA [Box 5, Folder 4]

1957 copy of *Jambalaya of Tulane* [not referenced elsewhere]

*The Tulane Hullabaloo 1956-1957* (on cover Ken Toole – cartoonist) bound copies of the year [Box 5, Folder 3]

## OVERSIZE BOX 2

- Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation Directory of Fellowship Awards 1945/46–1959/60 [Box 3, Folder 5]
- Photo of Anna Florence Ducoing and Oliver Hingle [Box 17, Folder 5]
- 2 posters (one matted and one loose) of Tulane University English Club presenting “The Life, Academic Career, and Literary Aspirations of John Kennedy Toole” as told by TDT, Nov. 2, 1980 [Box 20, Folder 5]
- TD’s high school diploma from Esplanade Girls High School, June 6, 1918 [not referenced elsewhere]
- TD’s diploma for the studies of Kindergarten department of the Normal School of the City of NO, June 11, 1920 [Box 13, Folder 13]
- Poster of “Confederacy of Clones” Contemporary Arts Center’s Mardi Gras ball, Feb. 6 [Box 20, Folder 8]
- 2 copies of poster of “A Tribute to JKT by Mrs. TDT” a program sponsored by the Friends of the Library, Smith Library, Robert E. Lee Branch, Nov. 10, 1981 [Box 20, Folder 1]
- Matted copy of Resolution No. R-80-266 recognizing COD and TDT, Sept. 11, 1980 [Box 20, Folder 10]
- Matted copy of photo of Walker Percy, 1976 in front of portrait of self [Box 21, Folder 16]
- Framed photo of TDT inscribed “for Thelma, my most gracious friend with love, Christopher R. Harris” [Box 17, Folder 12]

## OVERSIZED FOLDER

- Referenced in Box 11 Folder 2 and contains primarily posters pertaining to *COD*.
- Poster of Memorial Lecture for JKT on Friday, Sept. 18, 1981, University of Southwestern Louisiana signed by TDT to Dr. Eamon M. Kelly and the English Faculty of Tulane
- Poster of Louisiana Committee for the Humanities [Box 20, Folder 9]
- Drawing of TDT by Kathleen Trenchard ‘81 [Box 17, Folder 22]
- 2 copies of poster of Mem lecture captioned “Robert Coles Searches for Grace Among the Dunces” by George Rodrigue and signed by GR
- Poster of *A Confederacy of Dunces*