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CHET HUNTLEY'S PAPERS  
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MISSOULA--

A collection of the manuscripts, awards, films, personal letters, and other memorabilia of the NBC newscaster and Montana native, Chet Huntley, has been donated to the University of Montana Library by his widow, Tippy Huntley, UM President Richard C. Bowers announced.

A reception in late June or early July is planned by the UM Friends of the Library to introduce the collection to the public. To be put on immediate display are a sampling of Huntley's correspondence with world leaders, at least one of his four Peabody Awards, and some of the cartoons that portrayed his activities in over 30 years of journalism.

The gift includes over 530 original manuscripts of Huntley's radio broadcasts between 1942 and 1974; the text and film for his two Bicentennial productions on the American experience, "Faith of Our Fathers" and "Strange and Terrible Times," and numerous letters from such figures as Bob Hope, Ted Kennedy, Lyndon Johnson, Mitzi Gaynor, Jack Benny, Hubert Humphrey and Gerald Ford.

In a letter to the University, Mrs. Huntley expressed her happiness in finding "the most appropriate home for Chet's manuscripts and papers. Even though Chet spent most of his working life on the East Coast, his thoughts never strayed far from his beloved Montana. I am most pleased that his papers will be available to all Montanans and will further the educational development of the fine faculty and students of UM's School of Journalism."

UM archivist Dale Johnson says that the donation adds "new depth and breadth to a rapidly growing collection of papers from many of Montana's most distinguished

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citizens. Not only will it be a boost to the library and the journalism school but researchers in history, political science, and numerous other disciplines will benefit as well."

President Bowers voiced the University's appreciation to Mrs. Huntley for this "most generous gift" and also thanked those who contributed to making the gift possible, especially John J. Burke, Jr., Butte, 1952 UM law graduate, who was instrumental in bringing the University and Mrs. Huntley together.

Huntley, with David Brinkley, received the 1967 Distinguished Service Award from the Board of the National Association of Broadcasters. They were the first news team to receive this prestigious award. In 1966, Huntley was one of the first recipients of the UM Foundation's Order of the Grizzly Award, which honors Montanans who have distinguished themselves on a national level.

Huntley joined NBC in 1955 and remained with the network until 1970, when he retired and returned to Montana. He died March 20, 1974.

Mrs. Huntley was a 1978 candidate for the Republican nomination for Congress from Montana's second district.

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