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Papers of David Steel
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Steel, David Martin Scott (1938-), Baron Steel of Aikwood, politician.

David Steel was born 31 March 1938 in Kirkcaldy, Fife, Scotland. He was brought up in Kenya and Scotland and educated at Dumbarton Academy; James Gillespies Boys' School, Edinburgh; Prince Wales School, Nairobi; and George Watson's College, Edinburgh. He attended Edinburgh University, from where he graduated with an MA in 1960 and a law degree in 1962. At Edinburgh University he became President of the Edinburgh University Liberals (1959) and the Students' Representative Council (1960).

After a short-lived career as a journalist for the BBC in Scotland, Steel became the Assistant Secretary of the Scottish Liberal Party (1962-1964). In 1964 he became the Liberal Parliamentary candidate for Roxburgh, Selkirk and Peebles. Although he was unsuccessful at the General Election that year he won the seat at the 1965 by-election. He remained MP for the constituency (re-drawn and re-named Tweeddale, Ettrick and Lauderdale in 1983) for the Liberal Party and after 1988 for the Liberal Democrats until 1997. After the reinstatement of the Scottish Parliament Steel served as an MSP from 1999 to 2003, during which time he was the parliament's Presiding Officer. Since 1997 he has been a member of the House of Lords.

As an MP Steel was responsible for introducing, as a Private Members' Bill, the Abortion Act 1967, a Private Members Bill to reform the abortion law in 1966. He also fulfilled several roles with the Liberal Party Parliamentary group until he was elected leader of the Liberal Party, following Jeremy Thorpe's resignation in 1976.

Under Steel's leadership the Liberal Party achieved greater success in local and general elections than any previous leaders since the end of WWII. From March 1977 to August 1978 he entered into an agreement with the Labour Party, which allowed Labour to remain in government. The Lib-Lab Pact ended in 1978. After the creation of the Social Democratic Party in 1981, the Liberals entered into an alliance with the new formation. This led to the merger and formation of the Liberal Democrats in 1988. Steel stepped down as leader in 1988 and became the Lib Dems Foreign Affairs Spokesman.

In 1989 he accepted an invitation from Italian Liberals to stand for the European Parliament. Although he polled very well he was not elected. The following year he was appointed a Knight Commander of the Order of the British Empire (KBE). From 1994 to 1996 he became President of the Liberal International. After retiring from the House of Commons in 1997 he was made a life peer as Baron Steel of Aikwood, of Ettrick Forest in the Scottish Borders.

During his political life Steel also campaigned for Scottish devolution. In 1989 he became co-chair the Scottish Constitutional Convention, which laid out the foundations for the devolved Scottish Parliament. In 1999 he was elected as a

Liberal Democrat MSP for the Lothians, and became the parliament's first Presiding Officer until 2003.

Queen Elizabeth II appointed him Lord High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland both in 2003 and 2004. On 30 November 2004 the Queen created Lord Steel of Aikwood a Knight of the Order of the Thistle, the highest honour in Scotland.

In 2006 Steel presided over a commission set up by the Liberal Democrats to look into further devolution proposals. The final report published in March 2006 recommended that the Scottish Parliament should raise as much revenue as was practical of its own spending.

The collection comprises school papers, 1943-1959, and material relating to his time at Edinburgh University, 1957-1962; files relating to elections, 1961-c. 1990s; political papers, 1954-1981, mainly concerning constituency politics; manuscript diary of the Lib-Lab Pact, 1977-1978; files relating to his involvement in the Scottish Constitutional Convention, 1988-1998, including minutes of meetings and related correspondence; files relating to Scottish politics, 1992-1999, including correspondence, memoranda and reports; files relating to Scottish Parliament Elections, 1997-1999, comprising correspondence, reports, addresses, briefing papers and some related newspaper cuttings; diaries of appointments, 1959-2012, some of these have been closed for Data Protection reasons; letters to and from David Steel concerning his Knighthood, 1989-1990; papers and correspondence relating to his appointment as Lord High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, 1998-2003, including correspondence, programmes of events, memoranda and lists of guests with some related ephemera; correspondence files relating to membership of various organisations, 1996-1999; personal and family papers, 1959-1990; personal ephemera and memorabilia, 1953-1997; miscellaneous political ephemera, 1895-1992, relating to the Liberal Party and to other political organisations; audio-recordings, 1979-1987; photographs and slides, 1938-1999, mostly relating to his early years, family connections, national and local politics, meetings with foreign dignitaries, visits abroad and his involvement in the Liberal International; cartoons, 1976-1987; newspaper cuttings, 1960-2006; miscellaneous publications, c. 1930s-1970; objects, c. 1960s-2005.

Duplicates have been weeded and some items have been returned to the donor.

Post-it notes have been safely removed from the back of several photographs. David Steel's manuscript annotations have been recorded in the inventory.

The papers have been arranged into the following categories:

1-10	School Papers (1943-1959)
11-26	Edinburgh University (1957-1962)
27-31	Elections (1961-c.1990s)
32-40	Political Papers (1954-1981)
41	Lib-Lab Pact (1977-1978)
42-44	Scottish Constitutional Convention (1988-1998)
45-47	Scottish Affairs (1992-1999)
48-50	Scottish Parliament Elections (1997-1999)
51-86	Diaries of Appointments (1959-2012)
87	Knight Commander of the Order of the British Empire (1989-1990)
88-90	Lord High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland (1998-2003)
91-92	Membership of Organisations (1996-1999)
93-95	Personal and Family Papers (1959-1990)
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179-181	Local Politics (c.1970s-c.1980s)
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223-233	International Liberal and European Democrats and Liberals (c.1984-1996)
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263-275	Newspaper cuttings, 1960-2006
276	Publications (c.1930s-1970)
277-278	Objects (c.1960s-2005)

The collection is mainly open. Some files under 20 years old are closed. File 35 and items 66-86 are restricted for Data Protection reasons.

The main archive of David Steel papers is held at the London School of Economics:
<http://archives.lse.ac.uk/Record.aspx?src=CalmView.Catalog&id=STEEL>

Papers relating to abortion law reform are held at the Wellcome Trust Library:
[http://archives.wellcomelibrary.org/Dserve/dserve.exe?dsqIni=Dserve.ini&dsqApp=Archive&dsqDb=Catalog&dsqCmd=show.tcl&dsqSearch=\(RefNo==%27SAALR%2FA%2F15%27\)](http://archives.wellcomelibrary.org/Dserve/dserve.exe?dsqIni=Dserve.ini&dsqApp=Archive&dsqDb=Catalog&dsqCmd=show.tcl&dsqSearch=(RefNo==%27SAALR%2FA%2F15%27)).

Presented, 2014.

1-10 SCHOOL PAPERS (1943-1959)

1. School records including medical record card, 1944, pupil's record card, 1943-1948, and James Gillespie's Boys' School pupil's record card, 1948-1949.
2. Certificates:
 - (i) The Associated Board of The Royal School of Music, preliminary certificate in Piano Forte, March 1946.
 - (ii) Edinburgh Corporation Education Committee, proficiency in swimming elementary certificate, 1948-1949.
3. Miscellaneous school papers, 1951-1957.
4. Papers, 1954-1958, of George Watson's College Literary Club comprising an undated address by David Steel in his capacity as Junior President of the club, constitution, syllabuses, Burns suppers' programmes and menus, some containing signatures and manuscript notes by David Steel.
5. Papers, 1954-1956, of George Watson's Boys' College Dramatic Club containing programmes of performances with manuscript signatures.
6. 'Ecce', the newsletter of George Watson's School, 1954-1957.
7. 'Phoenix', the magazine of George Watson's College Literary Club, 1954-1957.
8. Scottish Leaving Certificate Examinations in Latin, Greek, Arithmetic and Mathematics, 1956.
9. Papers, 1956-1959, of Edinburgh Schools' Citizenship Association comprising syllabuses with some manuscript notes by David Steel.
10. Essay 'The public be damned', undated.

11-26 EDINBURGH UNIVERSITY (1957-1962)

11. Exam papers and essays, 1957-1960, of David Steel, with programme, July 1960, of Edinburgh University graduation ceremonial.
12. Documents, 1957-1960, relating to membership of societies and charities, with a membership certificate, 1957, of the Dialectic Society of Edinburgh.
13. 'University notes', newspaper cuttings of articles by David Steel, c.1957-1962.
14. Notebook containing David Steel's manuscript notes on Civil Law, 1958, and Moral Philosophy, 1959-1960.

15. Papers, 1958-1960, of Edinburgh University Liberal Club comprising reports, syllabuses, correspondence, newsletters, speeches and Edinburgh University Union annual mock election addresses of David Steel.
16. Papers, 1958-1961, of the Students Representative Council including two addresses by David Steel, 1958-1961.
17. 'Which way for Youth?', manuscript notes of David Steel, c.1959, regarding the results of the General Election, the role of the Liberal Party and politics among young people.
18. Correspondence, 1959-1961, of Jo and Laura Grimond with David Steel in his capacity as president of the Edinburgh Liberal Club.
19. Agenda and papers, 1960, of the Association of Scottish University Liberals Annual Conference.
20. Papers, 1960, relating to David Steel's visit to the USSR, comprising correspondence and briefing documents.
21. Papers, 1960, relating to International Student Conference in Klosters with an undated report by David Steel of an international students' meeting in Dubrovnik.
22. Papers, 1960-1962, of the Edinburgh University Debates Committee, Inter-University Parliamentary Debate, including order of proceedings and text of the Queen's speeches, with some manuscript notes by David Steel at the back of some papers.
23. Papers, 1961, relating to Jo Grimond's candidature, election and investiture as Rector of Edinburgh University, with some material concerning other candidates.
24. Papers of the Scottish Union of Students Spring National Council, Aberdeen 21-23 April 1961, and Autumn National Council, St Andrews 24-26 November 1961.
25. Miscellaneous papers, mostly printed, relating to universities, c.1950s-1960s.
26. 'The Student', Edinburgh University newspaper, 1957-1962.

27-31 ELECTIONS (ROXBURGH, SELKIRK AND PEEBLES) (1961-c.1990s)

27. Correspondence and papers, October 1961-June 1962, concerning David Steel's adoption as prospective candidate for Edinburgh Pentlands.
28. David Steel's official poll card for the 1962 West Lothian by-election, 14 June 1962.

29. Correspondence and papers, October 1964-March 1965, concerning David Steel's candidature to the Roxburgh, Selkirk and Peebles constituency at the 1964 General Election and 1965 by-election, comprising returns of election expenses, campaign organisation, election meetings, details of outside help received, letters and newspaper cuttings.
30. Election campaign literature, 1964-1992, comprising addresses, postcards, newsletters and related publicity.
31. Electoral memorabilia, c.1960s-1990s, comprising small window posters, stickers, rosettes and a poster.

32-40 POLITICAL PAPERS, (1954-1981)

32. Charts showing general election results in Scottish constituencies from 1954 to 1959.
33. Programmes and papers, 1959-1960, concerning the annual conference of the Scottish Liberal Party annual conference, with David Steel's voting card, 1960.
34. Report, October 1961, concerning re-organisation of Costorphine Liberal Association.
35. Correspondence, June 1966-August 1967, concerning a constituency case [***access restricted, Data Protection principles apply***].
36. Correspondence, March 1967, concerning David Steel's invitation to address the United Crafts, Hammermen and Weavers of Selkirk annual dinner.
37. Correspondence and papers, September 1972, concerning David Steel's intervention in the Hawick Mills pay dispute.
38. Correspondence, petition and papers, July 1972-November 1974, concerning Clovenfords Road development.
39. Correspondence and papers, 1970-1981, concerning development of the Galashiels railway station yard and to the re-opening of the station.
40. Transcripts of conversations, January 1979, between David Steel and various African political and civil leaders and organisations. Some transcripts are marked with headings: 'The internal settlers', 'The patriotic front', 'The front line states' and 'Rhodesian opinion'.

41 LIB-LAB PACT (1977-1978)

41. Manuscript diaries, 1977-1978, of the Lib-Lab pact, with some typescript transcriptions of extracts.

42-44 SCOTTISH CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION (1988-1998)

- 42. Minutes of meetings, correspondence and related papers, 1988-1997, of the Scottish Constitutional Convention ***[access restricted until 1 January 2018].***
- 43. Minutes of meetings, correspondence and related papers, 1989-1997, of the Scottish Constitutional Convention ***[access restricted until 1 January 2018].***
- 44. Minutes of meetings, correspondence and related papers, 1995-1998, of the Scottish Constitutional Convention ***[access restricted until 1 January 2019].***

45-47 SCOTTISH AFFAIRS (1992-1999)

- 45. Correspondence, memoranda and reports, 1992-1999, concerning Scottish affairs ***[access restricted until 1 January 2020].***
- 46. Correspondence, memoranda and reports, 1998-1999, concerning Scottish affairs, with additional papers, 1996-1997, of the Scotland Grand Committee ***[access restricted until 1 January 2020].***
- 47. Correspondence, memoranda and reports, 1998-1999, concerning Scottish affairs ***[access restricted until 1 January 2020].***

48-50 SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT ELECTION (1997-1999)

- 48. Correspondence, reports, addresses, articles some related newspaper cuttings, 1997-1998, concerning the 1999 Scottish Parliament election ***[access restricted until 1 January 2019].***
- 49. Correspondence, reports, opinion polls, briefing policy papers and related newspaper cuttings, 1998-1999, concerning the 1999 Scottish Parliament election ***[access restricted until 1 January 2020].***
- 50. Papers, February-March 1999, concerning Scottish Liberal Democrats campaign for the 1999 Scottish Parliament election, comprising correspondence, memoranda, election manifesto and briefing papers, with manuscript notes of a speech, 7 February 1999, delivered by David Steel at the Scottish Liberal Democrats Spring conference in Aberdeen ***[access restricted until 1 January 2019].***

51-86 DIARIES OF APPOINTMENTS (1959-2012)

Diaries of appointments:

*** Items 66-86 are restricted for Data Protection reasons**

51.	1959-1960.	63.	1982.	75.	2001.
52.	1966.	64.	1983.	76.	2002.
53.	1967.	65.	1984.	77.	2003.
54.	1967.	66.	1985.	78.	2004.
55.	1970.	67.	1986.	79.	2005.
56.	1970.	68.	1988.	80.	2006.
57.	1971.	69.	1989.	81.	2007.
58.	1972.	70.	1990.	82.	2008.
59.	1973.	71.	1991.	83.	2009.
60.	1976.	72.	1996.	84.	2010.
61.	1980.	73.	1999.	85.	2011.
62.	1981.	74.	2000.	86.	2012.

87 KNIGHT COMMANDER OF THE ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE (1989-1990)

87. Letters, December 1989-January 1990, to and from David Steel concerning his knighthood.

88-90 LORD HIGH COMMISSIONER TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND (1998-2003)

88. Complete record, 1998, of engagements of Norman Hogg, Baron Hogg of Cumbernauld, as Lord High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.
89. Correspondence, programmes of events, memoranda, lists of guests and related ephemera, November 2002-May 2003, concerning David Steel's term as Lord High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland **[access restricted until 1 January 2024]**.
90. Miscellaneous papers, 1957 and 2003, concerning the role of Lord High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland and Cunningham House.

91-92 MEMBERSHIP OF ORGANISATIONS (1996-1999)

91. Correspondence, 1996-1999, to and from David Steel concerning his involvement and membership of various organisations.
92. Miscellaneous correspondence, 1996-1999, to and from David Steel mostly concerning invitations to take part in public events, interviews and requests for his sponsorship of various initiatives.

93-95 PERSONAL AND FAMILY PAPERS (1959-1990)

- 93. Correspondence, 1959-1980, to and from David and Judy Steel mostly concerning family matters.
- 94. 'The University – Student life and politics', typescript text of the Quatercentenary Lecture by David Steel, Rector of the University of Edinburgh, 8 July 1983.
- 95. Miscellaneous papers, 1983 and c.1990, relating to Edinburgh University.

96-99 PERSONAL EPHEMERA AND MEMORABILIA (1953-1997)

- 96. Personal ephemera, 1953-1987, of David Steel comprising driving licence, Post Office savings bank account book, medical cards, passports, UN Parliamentary Observer pass, newspaper cutting announcing David Steel and Judith MacGregor's marriage, membership cards of Jedforest Liberal Club and of Linlithgow Golf Club, with two small posters advertising lectures by David Steel.
- 97. Memorabilia, 1962-1997, comprising invitations, programmes and menu cards concerning events attended by David Steel.
- 98. Conferment of the Freedom of Tweeddale District on the Rt. Hon. David Steel, 16 April 1988, comprising programme and photographs of the ceremony.
- 99. Souvenir programme and related correspondence, January-April 1990, concerning David Steel's 25th anniversary as Member of Parliament. Includes a letter, 3 April 1990, of Robert Mugabe, president of the Republic of Zimbabwe, an issue of 'The Times', 31 March 1965, and an extract from David Steel's speech, 29 March 1990, at his 25th anniversary dinner in Melrose.

100-109 MISCELLANEOUS POLITICAL EPHEMERA (1895-1992)

- 100. Two autograph postcards of William Gladstone, 1895-1896, with a commemorative tea-towel.
- 101. Three posters, c.1922-1923, relating to Sir Thomas Henderson's candidature as National Liberal Party Member of Parliament for Roxburgh and Selkirk at the 1922 and 1923 General Elections.
- 102. Election address, 1923, of the Earl of Dalkeith, Scottish Unionist Party candidate for Roxburgh and Selkirk at the 1923 General Election.
- 103. Campaign literature, 1924, relating to James McIlroy Wylie, Liberal Party candidate for Roxburgh and Selkirk at the 1924 General Election. Includes election address, notice of meeting, polling day advice card and a pro-Liberal and anti-Tory flyer.
- 104. Poster, c.1920s, of the National Liberal Party.

105. Campaign literature, 1958-1961, mostly concerning Liberal candidates to general and local elections in Scotland and England.
106. Campaign literature and posters, 1959-1962, mostly concerning Liberal. Communist and Conservative candidates to by-elections and Edinburgh municipal elections.
107. Miscellaneous campaign literature, 1970-1974, concerning various candidates to the Roxburgh, Selkirk and Peebles constituency.
108. Miscellaneous campaign literature, 1992, concerning various candidates to Tweeddale, Ettrick and Lauderdale at the 1992 General Election, with a chart of electoral results.
109. Large poster of the Liberal Press, undated.

110-112 AUDIOTAPES (1979-1987)

110. Audiotape, 16 September 1979, containing Side A: 'Re-dedication service of David Steel Monument at Skellyhill Farm' and Side B: Jonathan Swift and Colonel Chrichton's account of Steel's murder'.
111. Audiotape, 10 January 1987, containing broadcast of service of thanksgiving for the life of David Penhaligon.
112. Audiotape, undated, 'David Steel – Desert Island discs'.

113-258 PHOTOGRAPHS (1938-1998)

113-120 Early Years (1938-1999)

113. Photographs, 1938-1940s, of David Steel as a young child with his mother and his siblings. Includes a photograph of Steel's pet monkey.
114. Photographs, 1940s-1960s, of David Steel during his school and university days.
115. Photograph, c.1940s-1950s, of George Watson Literary Club committee, 1956-1957.
116. Copy photograph of National Council of Scottish Union of Students, 1959. With two related letters: Philip Ross to David Steel, 17 December 1998, and David Steel to Philip Ross thanking him for sending a copy of the photograph, 18 January 1999.
117. Photograph of Edinburgh University Students Representatives Council, 1960-1961. Front row: David Steel is fifth from the left. Third row: Judy Steel, nee Macgregor, is first from the right.

118. Photographs, 24 February 1961, of David Steel and Jo Grimond during the latter's installation as rector of Edinburgh University.
119. Photographs and negatives, undated, showing David Steel with his parents.
120. Photograph, undated, possibly showing a former MP for Ayrshire South as Lord High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland. The person in the photograph might have been David Steel's great uncle James Brown.

121 Family photographs (c.1950s-1990s)

121. File containing family photographs, c.1950s-1990s, of David Steel, Judy Steel and their children.

122-127 Portraits (1956-1995)

Portraits of David Steel at various stages of his political life. Most of the the images in this sub-series are press photographs or were taken for election campaign literature.

122. Portraits, 1956-1995 and undated, mainly black and white and colour prints, with some slides and negatives.
123. Photographic collage with David Steel's autograph signature, c.1980s.
124. Photographs, 22 September 1984, of David Steel 'clowning' on the beach for photographers on the last day of the Liberal Assembly in Bournemouth.
125. Photographs, 17 May 1987, of David Steel at home in the Borders with his wife Judy Steel before the general election.
126. Photograph, undated, of David Steel outside the Houses of Parliament in London.
127. Sketch of David Steel, undated.

128-178 National Politics, (1965-c.1990s)

128. Photostat of 'Scottish Daily Express' cover page, 25 March 1965, announcing David Steel's victory at the Roxburgh, Selkirk and Peebles by-election.
129. Photograph, c. March 1965, of David Steel embracing Judy Steel after his victory at the Roxburgh, Selkirk and Peebles by-election.
130. Two photographs, 1965, of David Steel surrounded by supporters after his victory at the Roxburgh, Selkirk and Peebles by-election. Steel captioned the first image as "David Steel amidst excited supporters after the Roxburgh, Selkirk and Peebles by-election of 1965".

131. Photographs, c.1965, David and Judy Steel arriving at the House of Commons possibly on Steel's first day as MP.
132. Photograph, 1966, of the four Scottish Liberal MPs standing outside The Scottish Office in Dover House, London. Steel captioned the image as "The 4 grim Scottish Liberal MP's, 1966".
133. Photograph, 29 February 1968, showing Mrs. McCarthy, assistant secretary East London Indian Association; David Steel, MP for Roxburgh, Selkirk and Peebles and Liberal Parliamentary spokesperson on Commonwealth Affairs; and Maurice Millar, Labour MP for Glasgow Kelvingrove, passing through the gates of Buckingham Palace to hand letters asking the Queen to withhold the royal assent on the Immigration Bill.
134. Photograph, c.1960s, of David Steel possibly at a political lecture.
135. Photograph, c.1974, of Jeremy Thorpe and David Steel. Steel had captioned the image as "Leader J. Thorpe visits my constituency".
136. Photographs, c.1974, of David Steel possibly at the re-count during the 1974 UK General Election.
137. Photographs, 1976, concerning the Liberal Party leadership election. The images show David Steel and John Pardoe during various stages of the contest.
138. Photographs, 1976, of David Steel shortly after his election as new leader of the Liberal Party.
139. Photograph, c.1978-1979, showing from left to right David Steel, James Callaghan and Margaret Thatcher, during 'Remembrance Day'.
140. Photograph, c.1979, showing David Steel, Judy Steel and two of her children after Steel regained his seat with an increased majority at the UK General Election.
141. Photographs, c.1970s, showing David Steel, Jeremy Thorpe and Jo Grimond. The photographs might have been taken around the time of Thorpe's resignation as leader of the Liberal Party.
142. Photographs, c.1970s, showing David Steel and Jeremy Thorpe being interviewed outside the Houses of Parliament in London.
143. Photograph, c.1970s, of David Steel with his son, Russell Johnston, MP for Inverness, and an unidentified child.
144. Photograph, c.1970s, of David Steel with Liberal politicians Margaret Wingfield, Arthur Holt, Eric Lubbock, 4th Baron Avebury, and Charles Frank Byers, Baron Byers.

145. Photographs, c.1970s, of David Steel at various political events. The file includes images of Steel with his family and with other Liberal leaders including Jeremy Thorpe, John Pardoe, MP for North Cornwall, and Cyril Smith, MP for Rochdale.
146. Photograph, 24 April 1980, of David Steel during a party broadcast.
147. Photographs, 1981, of the Liberal Assembly in Llandudno.
148. Photograph, 16 June 1981, of David Steel and Shirley Williams holding a copy of 'A Fresh Start for Britain' publication, a joint statement of principles by the Liberals and the Social Democrats.
149. Photographs, December 1981, of 'The Economist' front cover showing David Steel, Roy Jenkins and Shirley Williams. Steel captioned the second photograph in this file as "award for best dressed man in Scotland, 1981" and "Economist front cover".
150. Photograph, c.1981, of David Steel and Roy Jenkins.
151. Photographs, 17 February 1981, of David Steel at the Louth Liberal Club.
152. Small photographic album, 2 June 1983, showing David Steel on the campaign trail giving his support to John Sellick, Liberal candidate at the UK General Election.
153. Photographs, c.1983, of David Steel at the UK General Election recount.
154. Photographs, c.1983-1988, of David Steel and David Owen.
155. Photographs, c.1986, of dinner to commemorate David Steel's ten years as a leader.
156. Photographs, 1987, concerning launching of the SDP-Liberal Alliance manifesto 'Britain United: The Time Has Come'.
157. Photographs, 1987, of David Steel on the campaign trail in his 'battle bus' during the 1987 UK General Election.
158. Photograph, May 1987, of David Steel at the launch of the SDP-Liberal Alliance Campaign in Bristol, with a related letter, 22 May 1987.
159. Photographs, 1987, of David Steel on the campaign trail during the UK General Election.
160. Photographs, 1987, of the Liberal Party Assembly in Harrogate.
161. Photograph, c.1988, of David Steel, Shirley Williams and Robert McLennan possibly celebrating the merger of the Social Democratic Party and Liberal Party.

162. Photograph, c.1988, of David Steel and Robert McLennan with Liberal-SDP activists.
163. Photograph, c.1980s, of Michael Foot in Moscow. Steel captioned the photograph as "Michael Foot in Moscow, taken by me".
164. Photograph, c.1980s, of David Steel with George Younger and one unidentified person.
165. Photograph, c.1980s, of David Steel with Russell Johnston at an SDP-Liberal Alliance meeting.
166. Photograph, c.1980s, of David Steel with Jo Grimond, Russell Johnston and others. Steel captioned the photograph as "Men of Steel".
167. Photographs, c.1980s, of David Steel, Shirley Williams and Bill Rodgers with other SDP and Liberal Party members at a meeting in the House of Commons.
168. Photograph, c.1980s, of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, British Group.
169. Photograph, c.1980s, of SDP and Liberal Party members. Front row from left to right: Bill Rodgers, Roy Jenkins, David Steel, Shirley Williams. Second row from left to right: Jo Grimond, Russell Johnston, Cyril Smith. Steel captioned the photograph as "Liberals and SDP members get together".
170. Photograph, c.1980s, of David Steel with Bill Rodgers. Steel captioned the photograph as "David Steel & William Rodgers".
171. Photographs, c.1980s, of David Steel and Shirley Williams.
172. Photographs, c.1980s, of David Steel with John Pardoe.
173. Photograph, c.1980s, of David Steel with Shirley Williams. The caption at the back reads "Alliance leaders in tune for Europe".
174. Photographs, c.1980s, of David Steel with Roy Jenkins outside Westminster.
175. Photographs, c.1980s, of David Steel delivering a speech at a Liberal Party Assembly.
176. Photograph, c.1980s, of David Steel and Jo Grimond with an unidentified person. Steel captioned the photograph as "DS with Jo & ? Looking like WS. Not very good".
177. Photograph, c.1990s, of David Steel with his 'Spitting Image' puppet.
178. Photograph, c.1990s, of David Steel during a debate at the Royal High School in Edinburgh.

179-181 Local Politics (c. 1970s-1980s)

- 179. Photographs, 1970s-1980s, of David Steel during visits to factories and local communities in his constituency in the Scottish Borders.
- 180. Photographs, 1970s-1980s, of David Steel during visits to local communities elsewhere in the UK.
- 181. Photographs, 1980s, of David Steel electioneering in other parts of the UK.

182-222 Foreign Dignitaries (1973-1996)

This sub-series comprises photographs of David Steel meeting heads of states, prominent international leaders and diplomats.

- 182. Photograph, July 1973, of David Steel with South Africa representative Helen Suzman.
- 183. Photographs, 4 July 1976, of David Steel with USA President Gerald Ford and other international Liberal leaders at a reception in the White House. One of the photographs shows Judy Steel with President Ford in the Rose Garden at the White House. Steel captioned the photograph as "Judy meets President Ford in the Rose Garden of the White House".
- 184. Photograph, c.1970s, of David Steel, A. Mugerwa (A.N.C. Zimbabwe) and Jeremy Thorpe.
- 185. Photograph, c.1980, of David Steel with Muhammad Anwar El Sadat, President of Egypt.
- 186. Photograph, February 1984, of David Steel with Chedli Klibi, Secretary General of the Arab League, during the latter's visit to London.
- 187. Photograph, 30 April, 1984, of David Steel with Geraldine Ferraro, former USA Vice-Presidential candidate.
- 188. Photograph, c.1985, of David Steel with Jorge Carpio (left), leader of the Unión de Centro Nacional in Guatemala, and Adolfo Suárez (right), Spain's first democratically elected Prime Minister and leader of Centro Democrático y Social.
- 189. Photograph, c.1985, of David Steel with Fritz Mondale, former USA Presidential candidate, with two related letters, 6 and 12 August 1985.
- 190. Photographs, 5 October 1985, of David Steel meeting King Juan Carlos I of Spain at the meeting of the Liberal International in Madrid.
- 191. Photographs, 6 October 1985, of David Steel with President of Argentina Raúl Alfonsín.

192. Photographs, 4 September 1986, of David Steel and David Owen during a visit to the President of the French Republic François Mitterrand.
193. Photographs, February 1987, of David Steel with Denis Sassou-Nguesso, President of the People's Republic of Congo.
194. Photograph, November 1989, of David Steel with Neils Helveg Petersen, Minister of Economic Affairs of Denmark, and his wife during a visit to the UK.
195. Photograph, c.1989, of David Steel with President Chissano of Mozambique.
196. Photographs, c.1980s, of David Steel and David London at the French embassy in London.
197. Photograph, c.1980s, of David Steel with Yasser Arafat, Chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organisation.
198. Photograph, c.1980s, of David Steel with Israel's Prime Minister Shimon Peres.
199. Photographs, c.1980s, of David Steel with King Hussein I of Jordan.
200. Photographs, c.1980s, of David Steel with Canada's Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau.
201. Photographs, c.1980s, of David Steel with Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, former President of the French Republic.
202. Photograph, c.1980s, of David Steel with USA Vice-President George H.W. Bush.
203. Photographs, c.1980s, of David Steel at a meeting with Chinese dignitaries.
204. Photograph, c.1980s, of David Steel and Roy Jenkins with USA Vice-President George H.W. Bush.
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206. Photographs, c.1980s, of David Steel with Zimbabwe's President Robert Mugabe.
207. Photographs, c.1980s, of David Steel with USA presidential candidates Gary Hart (large photograph) and Michael Dukakis (small photograph). The file includes photograph of Gary Hart.
208. Photographs, 13 May 1990, of David Steel with Yasser Arafat, Chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organisation.

209. Photograph, c.1994, of David Steel with Tony Leon, congratulating him on his election as leader of the Democratic Party of South Africa at Johannesburg airport.
210. Photographs, 1995, of David Steel at The Arab League Office in London to celebrate the League's Golden Jubilee.
211. Photographs, 1995, of David Steel with Nandamuri Taraka Rama Rao, Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, with two related letters, 25 August and 1 September 1995.
212. Photographs, c.1996, of David Steel with Easa Saleh Al-Gurg, United Arab Emirates Ambassador, during a visit to the embassy.
213. Photograph, 11 April 1996, of David Steel in Arab costume at the house of Ambassador H.E. Easa Saleh Al-Gurg, United Arab Emirates Ambassador, in his honour.
214. Photograph, 24 October 1996, of David Steel on the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of the Independence of the Syrian Arab Republic Gala Dinner held at the Dorchester Hotel.
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218. Photographs, c.1990s, of David Steel at United Arab Emirates Embassy in London.
219. Photographs, c.1990s, of David Steel with Ghazi A. Algsaibi, Ambassador of Saudi Arabia in the UK.
220. Photograph, c.1990s, of David Steel with the Dalai Lama.
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223-233 Liberal International and European Liberals and Democrats (c. 1984-1996)

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- 231. Photograph, September 1996, of David Steel with Latin American members of the Liberal International during a visit to Westminster.
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- 237. Photographs, c. November 1989, concerning the 1989 elections for the Constituent Assembly of Namibia. David Steel attended as an international observer.

238. Photographs, c.1980s, of David Steel's meeting with a USSR delegation.
239. Photographs, c.1980s, of David Steel's visit to the Middle East.
240. Photographs, c.1980s, of David Steel's visit to the Western Sahara.
241. Photographs, c.1980s, of David Steel speaking at the European Council in Strasbourg.
242. Photographs, March 1990, of David Steel at Sahrawi refugee camps in Algeria during a mission with the 'Rainbow Rovers' to deliver aid. Some of the photographs show the convoy before departing for Africa.
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245. Photographs, c. September 1992, of David Steel as an international observer during the Angola General Election, with an identity badge.
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247. Photographs, 1993, of David Steel's visit to Argentina, with a related letter, 5 May 1993.
248. Photographic album, January 1993, of David Steel's and Atul Vadher's visit to The Republic of China
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259. Cartoons (photographic copies and originals) by Nicholas Garland, Stanley Franklin and Lesley Gibbard.

- (i) 'David and ...' by Nicholas Garland, c.1976.
- (ii) 'Come on boy, time for walkies' by Stanley Franklin for *The Sun*, 29 June 1977.
- (iii) 'Coming soon? If you liked *The Lib-Lab Pact* you will love *Son of Pact*' by Nicholas Garland for *The Daily Telegraph*, c.1977.
- (iv) 'Lib-Lab Pact', by Lesley Gibbard, c.1977.
- (v) Cartoon concerning the Lib-Lab pact by Lesley Gibbard, c.1977-1978.

260. Photograph of a cartoon: 'Oh, come all ye unfaithful' by Wally Fawkes 'Trog' concerning the Lib-Lab pact, c.1977, with two related letters, 27 January and 3 February 1993, explaining the provenance of the cartoon.

261. Cartoons, May 1977 – November 1978, mostly newspaper cuttings extracted from national newspapers, concerning the Lib-Lab pact.

262. Photocopy of a cartoon: 'Well it was never till death us do part!', published in *The Times*, 5 June 1987.

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263. Newspaper cuttings, November 1960-February 1961, concerning Jo Grimond's election and installation as Rector of Edinburgh University.

264. Liberal News, undated and September-October 1962.

265. Scrapbook, February-March 1965, containing newspaper cuttings relating to the Roxburgh, Selkirk and Peebles by-election.

266. Scrapbook, January 1965 and July 1965-January 1966, containing newspaper cuttings.

267. Scrapbook, January-May 1966, containing newspaper cuttings.

- 268. Newspaper cuttings, May 1965 and March 1966, mostly concerning the 1966 General Election in the Roxburgh, Selkirk and Peebles constituency, with a letter, 30 March 1966, detailing David Steel's victory parade throughout the constituency.
- 269. Newspaper cuttings, 1967-1987.
- 270. Newspaper cuttings, 1971-1997.
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- 275. Newspaper cuttings, March 2006, concerning launch of the Steel Commission.

276 PUBLICATIONS (c. 1930s-1970)

- 276. Miscellaneous pamphlets and publications, c.1930s-1970, mostly relating to Liberal Politics, with some items relating to other political parties.

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- 277. Copper plates and souvenir saucer, c.1960s-1980s.
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