

# "Most Traveled" Courier Bag, 1972-1987

*Gift of Mick Miller*



*From 1972 to 1987 diplomatic courier Mick Miller added a tag to his hand luggage every time he traveled outside the U.S. on official business. The bag's jumbled appearance belies the seriousness of the courier's job—to carry and protect sensitive diplomatic documents for delivery all over the world.*



Approximately 4,000 colorful airline tags testify to the importance of this bag in its travels with Diplomatic Courier Mick Miller. Miller, like other diplomatic couriers today, protected materials and documents vital to U.S. diplomatic interests—materials so sensitive that they had to be hand carried by a courier. The array of baggage labels is a reminder that diplomats travel to every part of the world to conduct diplomacy. The bag also exemplifies changing technology in the airline business, now using bar coded strips to identify luggage rather than the distinctive tags seen on this artifact.



Diplomatic Courier, 2006



Diplomatic Courier  
Walter "Mick" Miller



Diplomatic Couriers  
safeguard large cargo  
shipments around  
the world