

## MEMORANDUM

July 29, 1996

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To: David Kepley, NARA (Chief, Motion Picture, Sound and Video Branch)

From: Jeremy Gunn, ARRB (Director, Research and Analysis)

Subject: Request to Examine Motion Picture Films Held in Cold Storage

Our staff would like to examine five versions of the Zapruder film that are now housed at the National Archives:

<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Media Format</u>	<u>Description and Remarks</u>
200 ZAP 1	1 ORSK (P) 8mm	Zapruder Film (out-of-camera original)
200.436	1 MPPSK(P) 8mm	Zapruder Film (Time-Life copy 1): 1st Gen.
200.436	1 MPPSK(P) 8mm	Zapruder Film (Time-Life copy 2): 2nd Gen.
87.010	1 MPPSK(P) 8mm	Zapruder Film (Secret Service copy 1): 1st Gen.
87.010	1 MPPSK(P) 8mm	Zapruder Film (Secret Service copy 2): 1st Gen.

The purpose of the examinations will be as follows:

- A. For the original out-of-camera film: examine the perforated number at the end of the processed film and carrier strip to see if it matches a number identified by affidavit on 11/22/63;
- B. For the copies listed above: examine end of processed film to see if same number perforated on carrier strip for original was optically printed onto copies; also check for unique perforated numbers at the end of the processed film and carrier strip on each 1st generation copy to see if these unique numbers match those identified by affidavit on 11/22/63.

C. For all of the films examined, our staff will also examine the physical contiguity of the processed film with the carrier strip on which each number appears.

It is our desire to conduct this examination on this coming Friday, August 2, 1996 if possible. Our staff members should be able to quickly check for the pertinent identifying numbers on the films, with a qualified member of your staff assisting by handling the actual films; it is our estimate that the examination could be completed within 30-45 minutes of the time it commences.

Please call Mr. Doug Horne, at (202) 724-0088 x245, and let us know whether an examination will be possible on Friday and, if so, what time will be convenient for you.