

Assassination Records Review Board

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Memorandum

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Enclosed are materials relating to the JFK holdings at the LBJ Library.

Steve Tilley reports that, after a somewhat rocky start, the LBJ Library has been cooperative in their review of their JFK records. Several issues to keep in mind: Lady Bird Johnson exercises a dominant role in the life of the Library. The staff in cliquish and totally devoted to Lady Bird Johnson; she is beloved, treats them well, and calls many of the shots.

Harry Middleton, the first and current director, was very close to LBJ and has the complete trust of Mrs. Johnson. Tina Houston is in charge of the JFK project and is a long-time staff member at the library.

The following are important issues:

Referred Material

There is some of CIA material that is being withheld pending review by the Agency. (The CIA has just now begun to review material at the Ford Library.)

Johnson Tapes

In addition to reviewing postponement decisions on specific tapes, the staff will need to review all the LBJ conversations to determine relevance. We need to discuss the logistics of this undertaking.

Oral Histories

The issue here is the sticky one of deposit agreements.

Jackie Kennedy

Apparently, author Kitty Kelley (*Oh Jackie!*) had access to and published material from the LBJ Library relating to Mrs. Kennedy. Mrs. Kennedy, reportedly complained to Mrs. Johnson who, in turn, made it clear to the LBJ Library staff that she did not want anything like that to happen ever again. Consequently, material about Mrs. Kennedy has enjoyed an extra level of privacy protection. The impact of the death of Mrs. Kennedy on this issue is not yet clear.