

Assassination Records Review Board  
Hearing on the Status and Disposition of the “Zapruder Film”

Wednesday, April 2, 1997  
1:00 p.m.

Archivist's Reception Room (Room 105)  
National Archives and Records Administration  
Washington, D.C.

The Assassination Records Review Board is the independent federal agency responsible for the review and release of public records related to the assassination of President Kennedy. The Review Board will hear testimony today on issues under The President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act of 1992 (Public Law 102-526) (JFK Act) related to the status and disposition of the original film of the assassination by amateur photographer Abraham Zapruder.

The record suggests that the original film was purchased by Time-Life for \$150,000 shortly after the assassination of President Kennedy. Time-Life sold the film back to the Zapruder family now doing business under the name of the LMH Company for \$1.00 in 1975. The film was placed in the National Archives by the LMH Company pursuant to a storage agreement in 1978. The Review Board must address questions about the status of the film that have been raised by the passage of the JFK Act.

The Review Board will hear from the following witnesses:

- Robert Brauneis, George Washington University School of Law
- James Lesar, President of the Assassination Archives Records Center
- Josiah Thompson, author of *Six Seconds in Dallas*
- Richard Trask, author of *Pictures of the Pain: Photography and the Assassination of President Kennedy*
- Art Simon, author of *Dangerous Knowledge: The JFK Assassination in Art and Film*
- Moses Weitzman, Film Expert