

MINUTES  
OPEN BOARD MEETING  
APRIL 24, 1997  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

The meeting was called to order by Chair John Tunheim at 11:40 a.m. The purpose of this meeting was to deliberate and determine what should be done with the camera-original film taken by Abraham Zapruder on the day of the assassination of President Kennedy.

Board Members Present: Henry F. Graff, Kermit L. Hall, William L. Joyce, Anna K. Nelson, and John R. Tunheim.

Senior Staff Members Present: David G. Marwell, T. Jeremy Gunn, and Tracy Shycoff.

Judge Tunheim welcomed visitors and staff members and thanked the Department of Justice for permission to use their conference room.

A motion was made by Dr. Graff to accept the transcript as minutes of the April 2, 1997 Public Hearing on this issue which was held at the National Archives. The motion was seconded by Dr. Joyce and passed unanimously.

The Assassination Records Review Board General Counsel, T. Jeremy Gunn, had presented a summary of the issues at the April 2 hearing and stated that he had nothing further to add at this time.

Each of the Board Members made a statement regarding the importance of the film and the study that had gone into determining its disposition. Judge Tunheim noted for the record that the film has been stored at the National Archives under proper archival conditions for many years.

Dr. Hall read the attached set of resolutions as a statement of policy and intent with regard to the Zapruder film and moved the adoption thereof. Dr. Graff seconded. Board Members spoke in support of the resolutions. Dr. Hall asked that the votes be recorded on an individual basis. The chair directed the secretary to poll the members; each indicated support, therefore adopting the statement by a vote of 5-0.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Dr. Hall's motion to adjourn was seconded by Dr. Joyce, and carried by a 5-0 vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerrie Olson