

James Lesar

James Lesar, 57, is a Washington, DC attorney and President of the Assassination Archives and Research Center. Lesar is an attorney who has litigated many Freedom of Information Act cases on behalf of JFK assassination researchers. He represented Chip Selby Jr., an assassination researcher in litigation seeking a superior copy of the original Zapruder film to include in "Reasonable Doubt," a documentary which later won a Golden Cine Award and represented the U.S. at the Cannes Film Festival. Mr. Lesar is expected to testify that the Zapruder film is of such exceptional importance that it should be taken on behalf of the citizens of the U.S. and made available to the public at cost in order to further a free and open discussion of the Kennedy assassination that has been inhibited for more than a decade by misuse of the copyright. Lesar says the history of this film is scandalous in terms of the public's right to know. He said the Zapruder film was kept from the public for 12 years after the assassination. Lesar says the result of the suppression of the film delayed the re-examination of the assassination by Congress and, as a result, a loss of evidence.