

Notes re Zapruder:

conversation with Steve Katz:

Draft agreement

Whereas clauses: admit facts up front

declared national historic treasure by Library of

Congress

Has been stored at NARA

Should continue to be made available to public

Should be preserved for posterity

Because of reasons stated above

should continue to be available for public inspection

need for researchers to have access

no interference with ownership rights to private use

and enjoyment

film shall be accessible under the following

conditions (not narrow ones)

No precedent for purchasing;

Zapruders will deposit on permanent loan

One of most valuable materials related to the assassination

Acknowledge that it belongs to them

Guarantee public access during the life of the review board

and beyond

Archive can discharge duty in future

Special conditions

No charge for storage and maintenance over the years by

NARA

No charge in future

Will be maintained in archival standards

As unique documentary record, material should be

perserve for these purposes

Check with SAA, Library of Congress, museums re
donations

Ultimate status -- eliminate multiple reproductions

Create a special category of publicly important or valuable
materials;

acknowledge not a government record, but a private
record so can't exercise dominion over it in same way would do so

Term "assassination record" is a term of art for the
collection's purposes

If they got it back what would happen to it tomorrow?

Has a special status

Archival work to establish the collection

LBJ collection, Ford library -- broad language in statute --
what's there?

emphasize life as a public servant

Part of historiography; how do you find history

Richard Russell records -- at Emory, Univ. of Georgia?

Obligation to identify existence

Issue is -- what and where are the records

CIA historian -- Harry (?) in Middleburgh

Intra branch subpoenas

These records may not be the best and clearest lens through which to
view history, but releasing these records under the act provides an
opportunity to broaden the viewfinder, the horizon

Identify what and where documents are -- cataloguing function