

MEMORANDUM

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To: Jeremy Gunn

From: Eric Scheinkopf

CC: David Montague

Re: Audio and Video materials in the Library of Congress on the Kennedy Assassination

The Library of Congress has both audio and video facilities which contain film and recordings concerning JFK and the events surrounding the assassination. Enclosures are provided and a summary follows. The audio reference center is in Room 113 of the Madison Building while the video center is in Room 338.

Audio

NBC Radio coverage of the assassination available at the Library of Congress goes from 11 AM to 10 PM on November 24th. Two of the interesting reports deal with Dr. Perry's accounting of events in the Parkland Emergency Room and the coverage of the Oswald shooting in the Dallas Police Department headquarters.

The entries under John F. Kennedy include tapes from the November 22, 1963 ABC Radio Network and in a separate listing news flashes of various news reports from several stations.

There is almost nothing from CBS in the audio collection but if someone is going down there I would recommend looking again as something of interest might turn up.

The Library of Congress audio collection has an impressive list of speeches of Fidel Castro from 1959-1962.

Video

An excellent source for determining what video exists on the Kennedy Assassination can be found in a book by Anthony Frewin that was compiled in 1993. It is entitled The Assassination of John F. Kennedy - An Annotated Film, TV, and Videography, 1963-1992. It lists TV broadcasts from the time of the assassination, as well as documentaries, and films such as those made by Zapruder and

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Another book that is useful, but not as interesting, is the book There was a President. This book details NBC News' TV coverage of the assassination minute by minute. The Library of Congress has a card collection that breaks down the reels by approximately half hour segments. In most cases for all film possessed by the Library of Congress, they say it will take approximately five days from time of request to the obtaining of film for viewing. I have also included some comments on the NBC film by Richard E. Sprague that were made in 1967.

Also attached for your information is film background on Castro. Whenever the word "master" appears, it means that there is no viewing copy at the Library of Congress - arrangements would have to be made.

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