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Chief, Records Administration Branch
Subj: Collection of Materials for the Presidential Libraries
Dated 15 November 1966,

1.) In a letter, to Mr. Lawson Knott Jr, Administrator, General Services Administration, President Johnson endorsed a program for the collection of copies of historical materials in government agencies. This material ^{creates} provides a historical source from which future Presidential libraries will have the benefit of the enrichment of the collection.

2.) Attached as reference material for your review are two folders. One has to do with the material collected for the Kennedy Library and the other has to do with the correspondence leading up to the collection of material for the Pres. Johnson Library and the overall Presidential Library Project.

3.) The authorities of the National Archives and Records Service emphasize that they do not want ^{initially} records to be removed from the Agencies or Departments. They do desire for the representative to seek out and identify records relating to "major Johnson administration issues." Also, papers on any subject, major or minor, in which the President took a personal interest, which required his personal decision, or which

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emerged in response to Presidential requests. After the material is properly identified it would then be ready for future possible microfilming for library use.

4.) It is important that a project such as this have the complete support and ^{appropriate} delegated authority of the officials "on-high". ~~A~~ A meeting with Mr. Harry Houston, General Counsel, Mr. F. Gargheimer, Chief, Historic Intelligence Collection, Mr. Philip Edwards, Historical Staff and other appropriate agency officials may be in order. The purpose of such a meeting would be to discuss the furtherance of the collection of Presidential library material. The specific and general procedures for collection would or should be decided upon at this time.

5.) Your reaction to the proposed meeting and any suggestions which you may have to enhance our objective ^{would} ~~will~~ be appreciated.

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Attachments:

A- Folder titled Presidential Library (Kennedy)
B- " " " " (Johnson)