

28 June 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting Concerning Presidential Libraries Committee

1. At 3:30 Wednesday, 26 June 1968 Mr. Houston, and I met with Col. White, in his office to discuss the latest memo the Director received from Mr. Knott, Administrator GSA, concerning material for the President Johnson Library.
2. Col. White read us major portions of Mr. Knott's memo related to earlier correspondence and about Agency participation in the LBJ Library. We discussed my appointment as Liaison last summer and my subsequent visit with Mr. Herman Kahn, Head of the Presidential Libraries at National Archives. (I did not have an opportunity to show Col. White the page of instructions Mr. Kahn developed with suggestions on material for the Library.)
3. Mr. Houston explained his involvement in the President Kennedy Library and our recent meeting with Mr. Bannerman and [redacted]. We talked about the Agency material transmitted to the Kennedy Library. Col. White reviewed the transmittal memos and noted the type items selected and sent. He asked and I explained that the FBIS materials were selected items related to President Kennedy and not merely the total FBIS reports of the period. Col. White expressed surprise at the highly sensitive material itemized in transmittal #14. We explained that these items were still in their original offices. He said he felt the Agency should make available only unclassified material. Mr. Houston explained that Mr. Kahn's personnel had clearances and the depositing Agency could, as it saw fit, place any restrictions and use requirements on the material and these would be scrupulously followed. Col. White remained of the conviction that the Agency would be best advised to avoid sending or identifying sensitive items to these libraries. Mr. Houston and I acknowledged that the DDP also expressed this position in the past.
4. I explained that the President requested a continuing Committee in each Agency to select material for all future Presidential Libraries.
5. During the discussion of staffing the Presidential Libraries Committee, Mr. Houston pointed out that although the Records Officers in some Directorates could serve on the Committee some were not in

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positions to be effective. Col. White felt the Committee should be staffed by Senior Officers with knowledge and authority to select and reject material as appropriate.

6. Mr. Houston felt the Director should be kept informed of the Committee's progress because it was quite possible the President would raise the subject with him at some time.

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