

20 July 1967

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: President Lyndon B. Johnson Library Project

On Thursday, 20 July 1967, at 10 a.m. I met in the Office of Presidential Libraries at National Archives with Mr. Herman Kahn and his Assistant, Mr. James D. Walker. We met at Mr. Kahn's request to discuss the participation of Central Intelligence Agency in the continuing program to gather copies of records material for the Presidential Libraries. Mr. Kahn expressed appreciation for the material the Agency sent to the Kennedy Library. He wished to continue a similar effort for the President Johnson Library.

Mr. Kahn referred to the President's memorandum to GSA (15 November 1966) establishing the Presidential Libraries as a continuing program to be conducted by National Archives. Mr. Kahn also referred to his Administrator's memorandum (7 April 1967) to the Director which requests copies or originals of papers on issues, policies, and events of the period, especially those that had White House interest or activity that influenced the Agency's actions.

He recalled his last meeting with Mr. Houston as the Agency's General Counsel when we agreed to give the Kennedy Library microfilm copies of some material and would earmark and hold certain sensitive items that could not be released until a later date.

Mr. Kahn wished to emphasize that Presidential Libraries have all types of classified data. All their personnel are security cleared and access to material is governed by Executive Order #10501. He said the material is made available only as the original material in the Agency is available. Any restrictions are followed and release is made only with proper approval.

Mr. Helms was recently interviewed by National Archives for the oral history project, Mr. Kahn informed me. He went on to say that within two weeks a memorandum would be sent by the Archivist to all Presidential appointees requesting them to deposit their personal papers in the Presidential Libraries. Mrs. Lydon^{Johnson} intends to send a personal letter to several friends and appointees requesting that their historic personal papers be deposited in the President Johnson Library. (This information was passed on to the DDS, Mr. Bannerman through the Acting Chief, Support Services Staff)

~~Mr. Kahn gave me the attached list of suggestions concerning material.~~

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Mr. Kahn also indicated that this current effort will be concerned with material no earlier than November 1963 and no later than 30 June 1967. Later, another cut-off date would be established. He gave me the attached list of "Suggestions for Agency Representatives assigned to the Lyndon Baines Johnson Library Project"

I assured Mr. Kahn we would be pleased to cooperate in this Project and that I would arrange to meet with Mr. Houston and reactivate the procedures that were so successful for the President Kennedy Library Project.



CIA Records Administration Officer

Attachment:

"Suggestions for Agency Representatives Assigned to the
Lyndon Baines Johnson Library Project"

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