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Honorable Richard Helms
Director of Central Intelligence
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Helms:

You will note from the attached directive to me that the President wishes to establish a continuing program to collect copies of historical materials from government agencies for the purpose of enriching the collections and enhancing the usefulness of all Presidential Libraries henceforward.

This activity will be carried out through the National Archives and Records Service of this agency. The successful execution of the program will require the same generous cooperation that we have received from your agency in the past in connection with other programs for the preservation and duplication of permanently valuable historical materials.

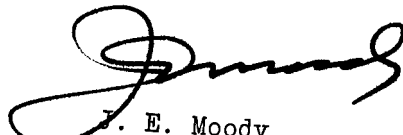
As one part of the implementation of the President's directive, we wish to initiate a plan for the systematic acquisition from Federal agencies of information concerning exhibit materials that could be considered for use in the museum areas of Presidential Libraries. Such materials would be a great help in presenting a full and effective story of the administration of the President. These materials might include graphic displays and models, objects having some associational interest in connection with the central themes of the administration of a particular President, and short-subject motion pictures created in connection with new government programs from which excerpts could be used for brief film showings.

It will greatly facilitate our planning if you will designate a representative, preferably an official directly responsible to you who is familiar with all major programs of your agency, to serve as your liaison with the National Archives and Records Service and to have responsibility for working with a representative of the National Archives and Records Service in carrying out the program within your agency. Will you please send the name of the person whom you have designated to act in this capacity to Dr. Robert H. Bahmer, Archivist of the United States, National Archives and Records Service. The necessary working arrangements will then be made.

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As President Johnson's letter indicates, this activity proved extraordinarily useful and successful when conducted in connection with the John Fitzgerald Kennedy Library. We look forward to receiving your continued fine help in the establishment of the program on a permanent basis.

Sincerely yours,



J. E. Moody
Acting Administrator

Enclosure

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