

THE WHITE HOUSE  
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Dear Mr. Knott:

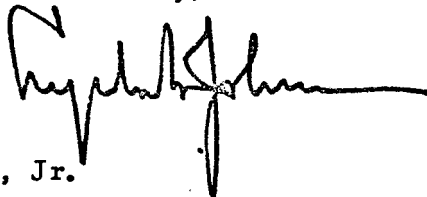
You will remember that on December 20, 1963, in connection with the plans then being formulated for the John Fitzgerald Kennedy Library, I sent a letter to each cabinet officer and to the heads of government agencies endorsing the program for the collection of copies of historical materials in government agencies, and requesting every department or agency to cooperate fully in this undertaking.

I have been informed that the result of this program has been to create a collection of historical source materials that will greatly enhance the usefulness of the Library to future scholars.

The marked success of this activity, which was carried out by The National Archives leads me to believe that it should be established as a permanent activity of that agency, so that henceforward all Presidential libraries will have the benefit of this enrichment of their collections. To that end I wish a continuing program of this character.

I am certain all agencies of the Federal government will continue the same fine cooperation that has been given this endeavor in the past.

Sincerely,



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