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At 10:42 AM 4/23/97 70400, you wrote:////NEWS RELEASE//FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE/APRIL 24, 1997>>CONTACT: THOM WILBORN>(202) 724-0088, EXT. 251>>JFK ASSASSINATION RECORDS REVIEW BOARD INITIATES STEPS, ENLISTS>PARTICIPATION OF CONGRESS, IN MAKING ZAPRUDER FILM A PERMANENT PUBLIC>RECORD>> The Assassination Records Review Board, an independent Federal agency,>today unanimously approved a Statement of Policy and Intent that takes the>first steps in making the Abraham Zapruder film of the assassination of>President Kennedy a part of the permanent JFK Collection at the National>Archives and Records Administration (NARA) in College Park, Maryland. The>Review Board indicated that it intended to direct that the film become U.S.>property on August 1, 1998 and would work closely with the U.S. Congress.> ?By taking this action, the Review Board is attempting to insure the>preservation of the original Zapruder film, guarantee its availability to>the American people, and give the U.S. Congress a role in resolving the>final disposition of the film,? said Judge John R. Tunheim, Chairman of the>Review Board and U.S. District Court Judge for the District of Minnesota.>?The members of the Review Board believe it is important that the public>have free and unfettered access to this film at a reasonable cost.? The>Review Board, in a five to nothing vote today, approved the Statement of>Policy and Intent that states:>> The Zapruder film is recognized as an assassination record within> the meaning of the JFK Assassination Records Collection Act of 1992;>> The Review Board intends to work with Congress to exercise its> authority under the JFK Act to direct that the film be transferred to> the JFK Assassination Records Collection on August 1, 1998;>> The Review Board will do all in its power to ensure that the best> available copy of the Zapruder film will become available to the> public at the lowest reasonable price; and>> The Review Board will continue to work cooperatively with LMH Company> to (a) make the best possible copy of the Zapruder film to be placed> in NARA for scholarly and research uses, (b) to establish a base> reference for the film through digitization, and (c) to conduct all> appropriate tests to evaluate authenticity and to elicit historical> and evidentiary evidence.>> The 8 mm film taken by Abraham Zapruder on Nov. 22, 1963 is considered>the best photographic record of the assassination of President Kennedy. It>was purchased by Time-Life, Inc. immediately after the assassination and>sold back to the family in 1975. The family placed the film in NARA>custody in 1978, where it has been kept under stringent preservation>conditions.>>The Review Board was established by the President John F. Kennedy>Assassination Records Collection Act, which was signed into law by>President George Bush. The five members of the Board were appointed by>President Clinton, confirmed by the U.S. Senate and sworn in on April 11,>1994. The law gives the Review Board the mandate and the authority  
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