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## **Dallas Project Mission Statement**

### **Introduction**

An important part of the President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection (JFK Act) are films and photographs, and other records, that relate directly to the events surrounding the assassination of the President in Dealey Plaza on November 22, 1963. Various government investigations of the assassination have collected relevant films and photographs for analysis. Some of these records are part of the Collection. Other records were returned to their owners. In some instances, important films and photographs were never acquired by government investigators and have remained in private hands. As a result, there are important records not currently available to the American public at the National Archives.

### **Goal**

The Dallas Project goal is to acquire original records, or adequate copies, that can be generally categorized as relating directly to the events surrounding the assassination. Specific areas that the Dallas Project will explore for records are: Dealey Plaza witnesses and photographs, including the Zapruder film; Dallas police; Dallas County; and Dallas Archives. Compiling records related to the history and chain of possession of important films and photographs will also be pursued.

Compilation of the best and most complete record of the events directly related to the assassination will allow interested parties to make their own judgments about the death of President Kennedy, consistent with the purpose of the JFK Act.