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A report on the activities of AARC is long, long overdue. Our only excuse...but no justification... is that we have been terribly busy, especially in this "anniversary year."

We have been growing like topsy. We now occupy seven large crowded rooms, at the same old address, 918 F. St. N.W. Washington, D.C. 20004. Our staff has grown slowly to five. Our facilities are open to the public Monday - Friday, 8:30 - 5:30, and, upon request, at nights and on weekends.

Our library now has approximately 2000 books, including all of the "standard" works on JFK, RFK, & MLK. We are trying to strengthen our collection from an historical and an international viewpoint, and we are making progress. Thanks to the generosity of many friends, we have several hundred duplicate books, which we have made into a lending library; books may be borrowed by a member for two weeks with no charge. Let us know if you are looking for a particular book, and we'll let you know if we have it in our lending library. If not, we can have all or a part of it xeroxed. And, if you have books which you no longer need, please send them along for the lending library.

Our collection of audio tapes (interviews, radio & TV programs, HSCA proceedings, etc.) has grown to more than 1500. And our VHS tapes number about thirty. We will send a catalogue of audio and video tapes upon request. And we will send members a copy of an audio tape for \$2.00 and loan you (on a long term basis) a copy of a video tape for \$5.00, roughly the cost of reproduction and mailing. If you have a number of VHS tapes, please send us a list; maybe you will loan us for copying any that we don't currently have.

Our raw research files have increased quantitatively and qualitatively. We have received whole collections from some of the best in business. At last count, the over-all research files are now contained in 24 file cabinets, not counting a dozen or so additional cabinets with government documents. Our computerized data base/indices contain upwards to 50,000 names. Members should feel free to request printouts of one or more names in the data base, as well as copies of materials in the research files and of government documents. Small requests will be handled free; large requests will be at the cost of xeroxing. If you want a copy of the complete data base for an IBM compatible computer, write to Daniel Brandt, P.O. Box 5369, Arlington, Va. 22205- (703) 241-5437; the cost is nominal.

Our special collections have also been upgraded. As to the JFK case, we obtained a gift from George Washington University Law School of a complete set of released FBI Headquarters file documents; and we got from the FBI a 30,000 name index, which makes the file very usable. We have all of the CIA documents which have been released, but these are unindexed. Any volunteers?

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Our RFK collection has received three lots of files from the LAPD and reduced them from microfilm to hard copy; the various indices are being placed in our computer data base. Second, we received a loan of the gigantic collection of all sorts of RFK materials from Ted (Second Gun) Charach of Los Angeles; and these have been housed in a special room. Third, we now have the trial transcript of the Sirhan Sirhan case.

Our George Wallace collection contains all of the released FBI documents in the case, as well as a wealth of other materials.

Our most ambitious project at the moment is the organization of a scholarly International Journal of Political Assassinations, a quarterly which we hope to start publishing in a couple of years. Currently, we are attempting to find an "agent" in every major country who will send us locally published historic books on assassinations current clippings, and/or draft articles for the Journal. The first editor of the Journal will be Prof. George Michael Evica of Hartford (Conn.) University.

We are also looking toward some University affiliation for AARC, hopefully with an institution in the Washington area. We believe that a university affiliation would serve a two fold purpose: it would improve AARC's standing in the academic community, and it would ease the difficulty of fund raising.

From time to time, we are asked "What can we do for AARC?" The list is almost endless, but here are a few things which would top the list:

* Send money. Either take out a \$25.00 membership or make a larger donation. An application form is included herewith.

* Donate used books for our research library or our lending library.

* Donate research materials, including papers, photos, tapes, etc. They may be given now or by will; we will be glad to send you a codicil to your will. The basic purpose of AARC is to preserve research materials for future generations.

* Send us your list of VHS tapes; we get loads of requests, and we have good duplication facilities.

* Send us a list of colleges and/or universities where assassination courses are taught, and the name of the professor.

* Names of persons overseas who are interested in assassinations, and who might cooperate with our Journal.

* We have had enquiries as to special programs centered around the 25th anniversary of the Dallas assassination. A learned seminar will be held in Pittsburgh, Nov. 18-20, and the person to address is Dr. Cyril Wecht, Institute of Legal Medicine, 1200 Centre Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa. 15219 (412-281--9090). Another will be held in Dallas, Nov. 22, and enquiries should be sent to Ms. Conover Hunt, Dallas County Historical Society, 411 Elm St., Dallas, Texas, 75202 (214-749-6666).

At its annual meeting on June 6, 1988, the Board of Directors unanimously resolve that Prof. Peter Dale Scott and Mr. Jim Hougan be invited to join the Board of Directors and that Mr. Ed Tatro and Mr. Dan Moldea be invited to join the Board of Advisors. At the same time, it was announced that Prof. Phil Melanson and Mr. Gregory Stone had resigned.

PARTIAL LIST OF VHS FILMS AVAILABLE
AT THE AARC LIBRARY

<u>Case</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Author/Producer</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Time</u>
1) JFK	Rush to Judgment	Mark Lane	1986	2 hrs.
2) JFK	Two Men in Dallas	Mark Lane	1987	1 hr.
3) JFK	Trial of Lee Harvey Oswald	London Weekend TV	1986	2 hrs.
4) JFK	Plot to Kill the President	Tony Summers	1978	2 hrs.
5) JFK	Zapruder & Other Films, etc.			2 hrs.
6) JFK	Assassination of Pres. Kennedy	WNEC/Groden	1982	1 hr.
7) JFK	The Kennedy Tapes (3 vols.)	WFAA/ABC News	1963	6 hrs.
8) JFK	The Kennedy Tapes (1 vol.)	WFAA/ABC News	1963	2 hrs.
9) JFK	Killing of Pres. Kennedy	Vid-America	1973	1 hr. +
10) JFK	Dallas & After (Fifth Estate)	CBC (Scott Malone)	1976	1 hr.
11) JFK	Panorama	Lane/Specter/Belin		1 hr.
12) JFK	Investigation	Ted Charach		2 1/2 hrs
13) MLK	I Have A Dream	Dr. King		30 Mins.
14) RFK	Arizona Seminar (Panel of Experts)	Robert Joling	1976	2 hrs.
15) RFK	Second Gun	Ted Charach		2 hrs.
16) RFK	Interview of Herb MacDonnell	Ted Charach		
17) RFK	Interview of Noguchi, Shulman Uecker & Isaac	Ted Charach		
18) RFK	More Witness Interviews	Ted Charach		1 hr.
19) RFK	Last Best Hope	BBC	1979	3 hrs.
20)	Hoover V. The Kennedy's	Fox	1987	4 hrs.
21)	Private Files of Hoover	BBC	1979	3 hrs.
22)	Secret Government (CIA)	Bill Moyers	1987	2 hrs.
23)	Yuri Nosenko	HBO	1986	1-1/2 hr
24)	Manson	Commercial		1-1/2 hr
25)	Chile	Panorama		1 hr.