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WESTERN NEW ENGLAND COLLEGE

CENTER FOR THE STUDY
OF AMERICAN POLITICAL ASSASSINATIONS

The Center

As a result of a number of requests from outside individuals and the presence on Western New England College's campus of an administrator, all of whom have done extensive work in the field, the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of the College approved a proposal in March, 1981, to develop a center for the study of American political assassinations as a component of our new library. This center will serve as a national resource for research and study of the topic, and will be available to all those desiring to pursue scholarly investigation. It is the intent of the College to assist students, faculty, and those of the general public wishing to conduct relevant studies in sociology, psychology, history, business, communications, religion, law, political science, and other related disciplines. The availability in one place of primary source materials, dealing with such assassinations throughout the history of the United States, will make it possible for interested persons to have access to a vast collection in a center equipped for study, supervised for security, controlled for adequate preservation of rare documents, and dedicated to the premise that study of the past makes possible a controlled future.

Cost and
Description

The center will cost an estimated \$2,000,000. About \$600,000 will be needed for the physical facility construction, and \$1,400,000 for necessary endowment to maintain it. The center will have a staff consisting of a director and audio-visual computer specialist. Study areas, seminar space, climate-controlled storage areas, and audio-visual equipment will comprise the structural components.

The College

Western New England College was founded in 1919 as a division of Northeastern University. In 1951 the College sought and was granted its own charter. From its inception, Western New England College has sought to provide students with a strong professional education supported by broad liberal arts preparation. The College confers the following undergraduate degrees: Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, Bachelor of Science in Engineering, and Bachelor of Social Work. A Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy is offered in cooperation with the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy. Graduate degrees offered by Western New England College are the Master of Science in Engineering and Accounting, the Master of Business Administration, and Juris Doctor.

The College is located on the eastern edge of Springfield, Massachusetts, about three miles from the city's downtown area. The campus is situated on 94 acres. Total undergraduate and graduate enrollment is over 6,500 students.