

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

National Archives and Records Service
Washington, DC 20408



May 26, 1976

Mr. Howard Roffman
912 SW. 7th Avenue, Apt. 3
Gainesville, Florida 32601

Dear Mr. Roffman:

As requested in your letter to Jane Smith of April 23, 1976, enclosed you will find a copy of the letter of gift signed by Jacqueline, Robert, and Edward Kennedy on February 25, 1965. There is no letter of gift from members of the Kennedy family dated April 25, 1965. The April date has become current because, in responding to an inquiry from a Member of Congress, this office inadvertently substituted "April" for "February" as the date of the document in question. We regret the error.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "R. Jacobs".

RICHARD A. JACOBS
Deputy Assistant Archivist
for Presidential Libraries

Enclosure



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Honorable Bernard L. Boutin
Administrator of General Services
Washington, D.C. 20405

Dear Mr. Boutin:

FIRST: The late John Fitzgerald Kennedy had said many times both publicly and privately that it was his intention to place certain of his papers and other historical materials in a Presidential archival depository in Massachusetts, in the form of a Library bearing his name, and had encouraged, and participated in, and arranged for the planning of such an institution.

SECOND: Accordingly, in fulfillment of such stated intention and arrangement, it is our desire to give and deliver to the United States of America for the purpose of ultimate deposit in the said Presidential archival depository in Massachusetts, the papers, documents, historical materials, mementos, objects of art, and other memorabilia, including books, motion pictures, still pictures and sound recordings, hereinafter called "Materials," formerly belonging to and relating to the life and work of John Fitzgerald Kennedy, and which he intended should be so deposited.

THIRD: Therefore, we, the undersigned Jacqueline Bouvier Kennedy, and the Executors and Trustees of the estate of John Fitzgerald Kennedy, deceased, hereinafter called the "Donors," hereby convey, assign, give, and donate to the United States of America, hereinafter called the "Donee," effective as of November 22, 1963, and subject to the conditions and restrictions hereinafter set forth, all of our right, title, and interest to the Materials above described, hereinafter called "Materials," as our right, title, and interest may appear, including but not limited to those Materials now stored at the White House, the Executive Office Building, The National Archives Building, or at such other place or places where such Materials may be found, subject, however, to the specific understanding and agreement that:

(i) This gift and trust shall not and is not intended to apply to or embrace such items as John Fitzgerald Kennedy had not intended to be deposited in said Presidential archival depository, or which are determined by the Donors to be of special or private interest to the personal, family and business affairs of John Fitzgerald Kennedy, his wife and children, parents, brothers and sisters.

(ii) The Donors shall have and specifically reserve the right to retain title and possession and to regain possession of any items that the Donors in their sole discretion may determine in accordance with this paragraph the Third are excluded from the purview of this gift, irrespective of the fact that such items may have been theretofore delivered to the Donee.

(iii) For the purposes of effectuating the provisions of subparagraphs (i) and (ii) of this paragraph the Third, ^{of the} the Donors shall have and specifically reserve the right to examine, at any time or from time to time prior to January 1, 1967, either themselves or through authorized representatives, any Materials from time to time in the possession or custody or under the control of the Donee, and wheresoever the same may be situated, for the purpose of determining and designating any such Materials as being excluded from the purview of this gift, provided, however, that examination of security-classified information shall be in accordance with applicable law or Executive Order relating to security-classified defense information.

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(iv) The Donee shall, as soon as is reasonably possible, and upon written notice from the Donors of such designation, deliver to the Donors any items so designated by the Donors pursuant to subparagraph (iii) of this paragraph the Third as excluded from the purview of this gift.

(v) Mrs. Jacqueline Bouvier Kennedy shall have and specifically reserves the right to borrow from the Donee without formality such materials to which this transfer applies as she may wish for her personal use, examination, or display either by herself or by anyone she may select or approve, and any Material so borrowed shall be returned to the Donee within a reasonable period of time.

FOURTH: All Materials to which this transfer is applicable shall be maintained by the United States and stored at such place or places as may be designated by the Administrator of General Services until the completion and acceptance by the United States, pursuant to section 507(5) of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949, as amended, of the proposed John F. Kennedy Library, at which time the Materials shall be deposited in that Library and administered in accordance with the pertinent provisions of that Act.

FIFTH: It is the Donors' wish that all Materials donated to the Donee hereunder be made available for research use as soon as possible and to the fullest extent possible. The Donors, however, desire to guard against the possibility of the Materials being used to injure, embarrass, or harass any person and otherwise properly to safeguard the interests of the United States. Therefore, all Materials to which this transfer applies are accepted and shall be held by the Donee subject to the following restrictions and conditions:

(i) The Donors shall have and hereby reserve the right to restrict the time and availability of any Materials to which this transfer applies, and irrespective of the time when such Materials may have been, or may be delivered to the Donee, for such time or times as the Donors in their sole discretion may from time to time or at any time specify, and such restrictions shall be adhered to and observed in all respects for as long a period as the Donors shall have specified or until such restrictions are revoked or terminated by the Donors or by persons legally qualified to act on their behalf with respect thereto. Any Materials so designated in writing by the Donors as restricted shall be known and are hereinafter referred to as "Donors' Restricted Material," and shall be placed under seal, it being understood, of course, that Donor Restricted Materials shall be accessible to the Archivist of the United States or designated members of his staff for the performance of such archival work processes as may be requested by the Donors, but not otherwise.

(ii) The Archivist of the United States or designated members of his staff shall review the Materials to which this transfer is applicable, except Donors' Restricted Material, for the purpose of classifying such Materials. Any Materials which fall within the following categories shall be designated by the Archivist and are hereinafter referred to as "Archivist Restricted Material," and shall be placed under seal:

(a) Materials containing statements which may in any manner be used to injure, embarrass, or harass any person, or Materials which may in any manner be prejudicial to the conduct of the foreign relations of the United States of America, and materials containing statements made by or on behalf of John Fitzgerald Kennedy in confidence.

(b) Defense information that has been security-classified pursuant to law or Executive Order:

Provided that such information may be declassified, altered, or otherwise made available in accordance with the procedures established by law or Executive Order governing availability of security-classified information.

(c) Materials that relate to the personal, family, and business affairs of John Fitzgerald Kennedy and his family, including such affairs of Mrs. Jacqueline Bouvier Kennedy, and the mother, father, sisters, and brothers of John Fitzgerald Kennedy.

(iii) The review and classification of the Materials hereinabove provided for shall be performed by and in collaboration between the Donors or their designated representatives and the Administrator of General Services or his delegates and shall be completed within the shortest reasonable period of time after the Materials have been deposited in the John Fitzgerald Kennedy Library in Massachusetts.

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(iv) Until such time as the review and classification of the Materials, as hereinabove provided for, has been completed, no person shall be permitted access thereto except the donors, persons given written authorization by the donors, and employees of the General Services Administration performing archival work processes on such Materials, provided, however, that access to Materials which are security-classified shall be in accordance with applicable law and Executive Order relating to security-classified defense information.

SIXTH: Except as otherwise provided herein, all Archivist Restricted Materials shall be available only to employees of the General Services Administration performing archival work processes on such Materials and to the Donors or other persons given written authorization by any of the Donors, provided, however, that access to Archivist Restricted Materials which are security-classified shall be in accordance with applicable law or Executive Order relating to security-classified defense information.

SEVENTH: The Archivist of the United States or his designated representative shall review from time to time Archivist Restricted Materials, and shall remove the restriction from such materials and make them available for research use as soon as the passage of time or other circumstances no longer require their being kept under restriction, provided, however, that notwithstanding anything otherwise or to the contrary in this instrument contained, no restrictions shall be removed in respect of the materials described in Article Fifth II (c) without the prior written consent of the donors.

EIGHTH: The Donors hereby assign to the United States of America all of their literary property rights in all Materials, including Donors'

Restricted Material during the period of restriction, except that the donors reserve to themselves (a) the right to make any use of such Materials and (b) all literary property rights in any manuscript or other writings that John Fitzgerald Kennedy wrote for publication, including the right to license the publication of such material.

NINTH: All competent persons interested in using the materials for purposes of serious research shall be granted equal access to unrestricted materials.

TENTH: As used herein, the word "Donors" shall mean Mrs. Jacqueline B. Kennedy, and the Executors of and the Trustees under the Last Will and Testament of John Fitzgerald Kennedy from time to time qualified and serving.

Jacqueline B. Kennedy
Donor
Jacqueline B. Kennedy
John F. Kennedy
Edwin P. Kennedy
Donors

By virtue of section 507(c) of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949, as amended (44 U.S.C. 397(c)), the foregoing gift of the papers and other historical materials of the late President John Fitzgerald Kennedy is accepted.

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Acting by and Through

[Signature]
Acting Administrator of General Services

Date: FEB 25 1965