

What the page, 60, from Classified Files, by the 20th Century Fund does not indicate is that all the JFK papers and their declassification is entirely under the control of the federal government, through the Archives, which runs the Kennedy library. HW

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mittee headed by Burke Marshall, former Assistant Attorney General under Kennedy, on behalf of the Kennedy family. The collection consists of 15.2 million papers, of which nearly 42 per cent have been opened to the public since November 1963. In July 1971, the Kennedy Library staff released 3.3 million pages of White House files for public use. These files included originals of presidential letters, routine correspondence, and drafts of important presidential statements, but the late President's personal papers as well as documents classified "secret" and "top secret" were excluded. Joseph Stewart, the acting director of the Kennedy Library, hopes to release some secret papers after clearance in 1972.¹²

Lyndon Johnson took 31 million papers from the White House, 5.5 million pages on microfilm, 500,000 photographs, 2,010,420 feet of film, and 3,025 sound recordings. The Johnson Library, built at a cost of \$18 million, including the Johnson School for Public Affairs building, opened in the spring of 1967 in Austin, Texas. The first 250,000 pages of records, all but 5 per cent of them related to the education programs of the Johnson Administration, were opened on January 25, 1972. Meanwhile the first volume of the former President's memoirs, reportedly based heavily on classified documents, was published in the fall of 1971. President Johnson established criteria for barring access to sensitive papers that might be prejudicial to foreign policy or national security; material that could "injure, embarrass or harass" any person; and material involving Johnson's family, private affairs, and personal correspondence. According to library director Harry Middleton, papers in the Johnson Library from the Departments of State and Defense that are classified "top secret" may not be downgraded or declassified for decades. The library will have periodic reviews made by the State Department, the CIA, and the library staff to determine which papers can be made available to scholars.¹³

¹² *The New York Times*, August 2, 1971, pp. 1, 6; *The Times*, London, August 3, 1971.

¹³ *The New York Times*, November 9, 1969, April 11, 1971; Weisberger, "The Paper Trust," p. 40.