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Bud,

On a T.V. news broadcast last week--Friday, I think--the commentator mentioned some pending legislation which would require that video tapes of network news be preserved permanently rather than destroyed after a short time as they now are.

In this connection, the commentator mentioned a chap named Paul Simpson who does make video tapes of the evening news broadcasts and has apparently created some sort of film library at Vanderbilt where the tapes are stored.

It was not clear just how long Simpson has been making these tapes--and I am pretty sure they are video rather than only audio--but the impression I got was that this has been going on for some time. If the period covered includes MLK or RFK even, it could be of considerable help to us.

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I thought that/Simpson is from Nashville and that's your neck of the woods, you might be able to get someone down there who could check on this film library, see what's in it, for what periods of time, and what regulations govern its use or reduplication.

Jim