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The National Archives makes public (5 Jan 68) text of agreement between Kennedy family and Archives regarding preservation of President Kennedy's clothing and autopsy photos and x-rays. Wording of agreement suggests that these items are being turned over to the Archives by the family, but does not say so specifically, only that they transfer "all of their right, title and interests" in them.

Paragraph I (1) (b) of agreement dealing with the clothing, says that access to it is to be permitted to "any serious scholar or investigator of matters relating to the death of the late President, for purposes relevant to his study thereof." This section of agreement does not limit access to investigators from scientific fields, does not forbid access for five years (from 29 Oct 66), nor does it specify that determination of the investigator's "suitable qualifications and serious purposes" be made by Kennedy family representative, all of which are specified in Paragraph II (1) (b) which deals with the x-rays and photos.

The covering story in the Times gives no reason for the text of the agreement being made public at this time, beyond including a quote from Sylvia Meagher's book (published 3 Nov. 67) that terms of agreement were such that the material would not be available "to any individual or organization except a new governmental investigatory body, if one is appointed to further investigate the assassination."