

U.S. Gets Kennedy Case Camera

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The movie camera used by Abraham Zapruder to film the assassination of President Kennedy was turned over to a federal marshal here this week by the Bell and Howell Company to be placed in the National Archives in Washington.

Called the only unimpeachable witness to the tragedy, the 8mm camera which recorded the assassination in sequence was acquired from Zapruder by the company a few weeks after the assassination.

Peter G. Peterson, company president, said in a statement "in view of the significance of the role played by the camera, we have concluded it should be lodged for safekeeping with other objects considered important by the Warren Commission which are now in the National Archives.

Peterson said the camera was tested recently in the company's engineering laboratories.

"Our results would appear to corroborate the FBI testimony before the Warren Commission that the average speed at which film passed through the camera was 18.3 frames per second," he said.

The time element of the camera's speed was an important factor in the Warren Commission finding that Lee Harvey Oswald was the sole assassin.

The commission's conclusion is being disputed on the grounds that Oswald did not have time to fire as rapidly as he did to kill Mr. Kennedy and wound Texas Governor John B. Connally on Nov. 22, 1963.

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