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LYNDON BAINES JOHNSON LIBRARY

Austin, Texas

CONSTRUCTED BY: University of Texas
SOURCE OF FUNDING: University of Texas
APPROXIMATE COST: $10,000,000 (The University of Texas spent approximately $18 million to construct the Library and the LBJ School of Public Affairs.)
DEDICATION DATE: May 22, 1971
SITE: 14 acres maintained by the University of Texas
BUILDING: 105,000 square feet of floor space
Legend:
- Library
- Major College Or University
- Metropolitan Area
- Scheduled Air Service

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- Houston: 164
- San Antonio: 78
- Dallas: 192
## PRINCIPAL LIBRARY HOLDINGS

September 30, 1980

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*In FY 1976, there was an extra "Transition Quarter" from July 1 to September 30, 1977. Since that time, the fiscal year begins on October 1 and concludes on September 30. Prior to FY 1976, the fiscal year began on July 1 and ended on June 30.
In a letter to the Administrator of General Services, dated August 13, 1965, President Lyndon B. Johnson offered his Presidential and other papers as a gift to the United States for ultimate deposit in the Lyndon Baines Johnson Library. The Administrator accepted this offer on August 17, 1965.

By joint resolution approved September 6, 1966 (79 Stat. 648), Congress authorized the Administrator to enter into an agreement with the University of Texas to use as the Johnson Library land, buildings, and equipment made available without transfer of title, and to maintain, operate, and protect the depository as part of the national archival system. The University of Texas and the Administrator entered into an agreement implementing this authority on October 8, 1965.

Plans for the structure, which was designed by Skidmore, Owings and Merrill of New York, were presented in December, 1966, and construction began on the main campus of the University of Texas at Austin the following year.

At the end of President Johnson's last term of office, on January 20, 1969, the Johnson Library began functioning in the Federal Building in Austin, pending completion of the permanent building by the University of Texas.

The permanent building was dedicated May 22, 1971. The first Presidential archival depository to be built on a university campus, the Johnson Library sits on a knoll at the end of a campus mall. An eight-level building, the library contains almost 150,000 square feet of floor space. The University of Texas reported that the construction cost of the building, together with that of the adjacent Lyndon Baines Johnson School of Public Affairs, was approximately eighteen million dollars.

Because the University of Texas provided for the fourteen-acre site and constructed the building, no private foundation or association was formed to solicit private contributions for the building of the structure. However due to Texas State policy, no admission fee is charged, and the Lyndon Baines Johnson foundation is heavily relied on. This foundation was established to make possible an extensive program of symposia and guest lectures held jointly with the L.B.J. School of Public Affairs, to offer financial aid to approximately 1/3 of the L.B.J. School of Public Affairs students and it also funds 3 chairs to the school for permanent and visiting scholars. The Library itself receives no support from the University, although the L.B.J. School of Public Affairs, which is in a separate building next to the library, is completely supported by them. Without the
support from the Foundation which ranges from $400,000 to $500,000 each year, the Library would not be able to provide any of the before-mentioned services or support their Distinguished Lecturer program, have a publications program, an active and dynamic changing exhibit program, offer tour guide service in the museum nor hire personnel for their Oral History program.

Original contributors to the Foundation were big donors -- upwards of $100,000. Subsequently, an organization known as the "Friends of the LBJ Library" was established as part of the Foundation. Members enroll in lifetime memberships for $1,000, and as annual members for $50 a year. There are approximately 1,500 members.

The transfer of President Johnson's personal papers to the United States was completed under the terms of his will in 1973.
August 6, 1965

The President
The White House

Subject: Letter of Intent from University of Texas
For the Lyndon Baines Johnson
Presidential Archival Depository

Dear Mr. President:

It is our understanding that at an appropriate time you intend to donate your papers to the United States for ultimate deposit in a Presidential archival depository.

The University of Texas shares the belief of the academic world and others that the papers of a President constitute a vital part of our Nation's historical heritage. We likewise believe that the richness and fullness of the Nation's knowledge and understanding of that heritage depends in a large measure upon the completeness of a President's historical materials, the care with which they have been preserved, the adequacy of the archival and museum facilities in which they are housed, and their general accessibility and availability for scholarly research and study.

A university can only fulfill its total mandate by being sensitive to contemporary world affairs, the lessons of our national experience, and our Nation's constant effort to improve the processes of Government. The role of a university in bringing about an understanding of our times is affected adversely unless it can impart a knowledge of the conditions from which they arose; and it is equally clear that its responsibility to develop tomorrow's leaders, capable of making intelligent decisions for the future, can be greatly advanced when the inquisitive mind has available at the university the research collections from which a comprehensive view of the age in which we live can be obtained. It follows inevitably that convenient access to the rich resources of a Presidential Library, and the tremendous ancillary benefits which will follow will enable The University of Texas, in a most dramatic manner, to meet its responsibilities to expand its academic
capabilities, especially at the graduate school level, in the fields of history, government, economics, public administration and related disciplines. In furtherance of these objectives we intend to establish at The University of Texas a school to be known as the Lyndon Baines Johnson Institute of Public Affairs, at which we hope you will consent to teach or lecture after your retirement from the Presidency, devoting as much time thereto as you may find possible.

In view of the considerations set forth above, and the benefits which will thus accrue to The University of Texas in fulfilling its educational purposes and objectives as fixed by applicable law of the State of Texas, The University of Texas deems it an exceptional honor and privilege, consistent with its educational purposes and objectives, to make the following proposal:

1. The University, at its expense, will provide an appropriate site comprised of fourteen (14) acres within the principal academic environs of the University at Austin, Texas, to be utilized as the site of a Presidential archival depository which will be known as the Lyndon Baines Johnson Library. The University warrants against encroachment on or use of such site for purposes other than the site of the Lyndon Baines Johnson Library and related parking areas except as otherwise expressly provided herein, or as may be later agreed by The University of Texas, you or your representatives, and the Administrator of General Services or successors in legal functions. The site selected will be subject to approval by you or your designee.

2. The University, at its expense, will design, construct, furnish and equip a building to be located on such site. The selection of the architect or architects and the design concept of the facility, including its orientation on the selected site and its physical relationship with other University facilities will be subject to approval by you or your designee. The building is to contain the following:

a. not less than 100,000 square feet of space to be dedicated to use as a Presidential archival depository for the housing and display of Presidential papers and other historical materials relating to and contemporary with your life and works as a fitting and lasting memorial to you and your long distinguished years of service to our beloved Nation, and

b. additional space as the University deems appropriate for University purposes as detailed in Paragraph 5-c, hereof.
3. The University will confer with the Administrator of General Services or his designee concerning site selection, design, construction, furnishing, and equipping the Library including its museum aspects.

4. The University will provide adequate, convenient parking facilities for the use of visitors to the Presidential Library.

5. The University of Texas, in expanding its teaching capabilities in history, government, economics, public administration, and related disciplines, expects:

   a. To have access to the Presidential papers and other historical materials housed in the Lyndon Baines Johnson Library, recognizing, however, that the Presidential Library will be a national research institution and, therefore, officers, faculty, and students of the University, along with scholars and other interested persons everywhere, will be accorded access to the collections of Presidential papers and other Presidential historical materials housed therein. The University understands also, particularly since it is anticipated that great numbers of people will visit this Library on The University of Texas campus daily, that reasonable regulations must be provided to insure orderly use of the materials and access to all such historical materials will be subject to such restrictions as may be imposed by the donors, or by statute, Executive Order, regulations, etc.

   b. to offer and lend to the United States for deposit in the Lyndon Baines Johnson Library certain papers and other historical materials now held by the University relating to and contemporary with the life and works of Lyndon Baines Johnson, and,

   c. in addition to the space dedicated to the Presidential archival depository to provide space and related facilities in the building contemplated in Paragraph 2, hereof, for University purposes to be used in furtherance of studies and research in history, government, economics, public administration and related disciplines.

6. Upon completion of the construction, furnishing, and equipping of the space and facilities to be occupied by the Presidential archival depository, the University hereby undertakes and agrees to turn over, dedicate, and make available the same, including the furnishings and equipment therein, to the United States for its use in perpetuity as
the Lyndon Baines Johnson Library, but without transfer of title, pursuant to the provisions of Section 507(f) of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949, as amended.

7. In consideration of the foregoing and upon acceptance by the United States, the Presidential Library and the space and facilities occupied by it will be administered, operated, protected, maintained, and staffed in perpetuity by and at the expense of the United States of America. It is also understood and agreed that the administering, staffing, maintaining, operating and protecting the site of the Presidential Library and such portion of the building as is used for activities of the University as contemplated by Paragraph 5-c, hereof, shall be borne by the University.

8. The space and facilities to be occupied by the Presidential Library will be completed and available for occupancy within two years after final working drawings are ready for marketing; Provided, however, that in no event shall said two year period begin to run until the Administrator of General Services has entered into an agreement, as provided for in Section 507(f)(1) of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949, as amended, with The University of Texas, to maintain, operate, and protect said Presidential Library as a part of the National Archives system. It is understood that the said Administrator may not enter into such an agreement prior to the expiration of the first period of 60 calendar days of continuous session of Congress following the date on which a report of the proposed transaction is transmitted to the Congress as required by Section 507(f) of the Property Act, supra. It is further understood that the time when such report may be submitted to the Congress is a matter entirely within the discretion of the President of the United States or his designee.

9. Upon your assent to this proposal The University of Texas will proceed with its implementation.

Respectfully,

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS

[Signatures]

Chancellor

Chairman, Board of Regents

Members, Board of Regents
Dear Mr. Knott:

It has long been my belief that the papers and other historical materials of a President constitute a vital part of our Nation's historical heritage and that such papers and materials should be permanently preserved and made available for scholarly research and study.

You are aware that it also has long been my intention to donate my papers and other historical materials to the United States for ultimate deposit in a Presidential Archival Depository as provided by Section 507 (f) of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949, as amended (44 U. S. C. 397(f)).

You are also aware that the University of Texas has advised me of its intent, consistent with its educational purposes and objectives, to provide, at its expense, an appropriate site within the principal academic environs of the University of Texas, and to construct thereon a suitable Presidential Archival Depository to be known as the Lyndon Baines Johnson Library and to turn over, dedicate, and make available the space and facilities so to be constructed, furnished, and equipped by it, to the United States for its use in perpetuity pursuant to the aforesaid authority, as a Presidential Archival Depository for the housing, preservation, display, and appropriate use of my Presidential papers and other historical materials.

I have indicated to the University of Texas and publicly announced my approval of its proposal.

Accordingly, and in furtherance of the public purposes which will thus be served, I hereby offer as a gift to the United States for the purpose of ultimate deposit in the said Presidential Library my Presidential and other papers, documents, historical materials, mementos, objects of art, and other memorabilia, including books, motion pictures, still pictures, and sound recordings, all hereinafter called "Materials" belonging to me or in my possession which relate to my life and work, subject to the condition that these Materials be accepted, preserved, and made available by the United States under the following conditions:
1. As an initial step the Materials shall be accepted by the United States for deposit in the National Archives pursuant to Section 507(e) of the Act, supra, until the completion and acceptance by the United States of the above-described Lyndon Baines Johnson Library at which time the Materials shall be deposited in that Library and administered in accordance with the pertinent provisions of the Act, supra.

2. It is my purpose to make the papers and other historical materials referred to herein available for the purpose of study and research as soon as possible and to the fullest possible extent. However, since the President of the United States is the recipient of many confidences from others, and since the inviolability of such confidence is essential to the functioning of the constitutional office of the Presidency, it will be necessary to withhold from public scrutiny certain papers and classes of papers for varying periods of time. Therefore:

(a) I hereby reserve the right to restrict the use and availability of any Materials to which this agreement applies, irrespective of the time when such Materials may have been, or may be delivered to the United States, for such time as I, in my sole discretion, may from time to time specify, and such restrictions shall be adhered to and observed in all respects for as long a period of time as may be specified or until such restrictions are revoked or terminated by me or persons authorized to act on my behalf with respect thereto, or as otherwise provided in this agreement.

(b) During my tenure as President of the United States any Materials accepted and deposited pursuant to paragraph 1, above, shall be made available by display or otherwise for public inspection, research or other use subject to restrictions (1) imposed at time of delivery of possession thereof to the United States; (2) as otherwise provided for in this agreement; and (3) as may be imposed by me or by persons authorized to act for me with regard thereto.

(c) Archival personnel of the United States designated by the Administrator of General Services shall review the Materials to which this agreement applies and any Materials in the following categories shall be placed under seal of restriction:

   (i) 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 foreign relations of the United States of America, 
or Materials containing statements made by or to me in 
confidence.

(ii) Defense information that has been security classified 
pursuant to law or Executive order: Provided that such 
information may be declassified or otherwise made 
available in accordance with the procedures established 
by law or Executive order governing availability of 
security-classified information.

(iii) Papers relating to my family or private affairs, and 
papers relating to the families or private affairs of 
persons who have had correspondence with me.

(d) All Material restricted pursuant to this agreement shall be 
reviewed from time to time by Archival personnel designated 
by the Administrator of General Services, the restrictions 
removed therefrom, and the Materials made available for 
public display and research use as soon as the passage of 
time or other circumstances no longer require such Materials 
being kept under restriction: Provided that restrictions 
imposed on Materials by paragraph 2(b), above, shall not 
be removed during my tenure as President without my 
personal approval or the approval of persons authorized 
to act for me with respect thereto.

(e) Materials placed under restriction pursuant to this agreement 
shall not be made available to anyone or their contents divulged 
to anyone (including public officials) except (1) persons auth­ 
orized under the terms of paragraph 5 below and (2) Archival 
personnel designated by the Administrator of General Services 
when performing essential archival work processes on such 
papers under the supervision of the Administrator of General 
Services: Provided that access to security-classified materials 
shall be made available in accordance with the procedures 
established by law or Executive orders.

3. All unrestricted materials shall upon (a) deposit in the Lyndon 
Baines Johnson Library and (b) expiration of my tenure as President, 
be made available for public display and inspection, and made equally 
accessible to all competent private persons interested in using the 
materials for study and scholarly research purposes subject to regu­ 
lations issued by the Administrator of General Services governing
the use of materials in the Library: Provided that such materials may be made available for display, inspection and research purposes prior to the expiration of my tenure as President with my personal approval.

4. This offer shall not and is not intended to apply to or embrace such items which I determine to be of special or private interest to the personal and family affairs of myself, my wife and children, and I specifically reserve the right to retain title and possession and to regain possession of any such items that I, in my sole discretion, may determine to be excluded from the purview of this gift, irrespective of the fact that such items may have been theretofore delivered to the United States.

5. All Materials transferred to the United States pursuant to this agreement shall be freely accessible to me or my wife or to persons designated by me in writing, subject to the provisions of applicable law and Executive orders governing availability of security-classified information.

6. Subject to restrictions imposed by or pursuant to this agreement, all Materials transferred to the United States pursuant to this agreement shall be subject to the right of the Administrator in his discretion (a) to make temporary loans thereof to such persons, organizations or institutions as he shall determine; (b) to dispose by sale, exchange or otherwise of any such papers or historical materials which he may determine to have no permanent value or historical interest or to be surplus to the needs of the Lyndon Baines Johnson Library; and (c) to remove from the said Library any and all of such papers or historical materials if he shall deem it necessary to preserve them from threatened destruction.

7. I hereby assign to the United States all my literary property rights in all papers transferred to the United States in accordance with the terms and conditions of this agreement, except that I reserve to myself and my heirs (a) the right to make any use of such papers and (b) all literary property rights in any works that I have written or may hereafter write for publication, including the right to license the publication of such material.

8. The offer of the Materials to which this agreement is applicable is conditioned upon the United States, acting by and through the Administrator of General Services, entering into an agreement with the University of Texas to utilize as a Presidential Archival
Depository the space and facilities to be constructed, furnished, equipped and made available by it for such use without transfer of title, and upon agreement by the United States to maintain and operate the Library at all times thereafter as a Presidential Archival Depository for the preservation of such Materials, in accordance with the provisions of Section 507(f)(1) (44 U.S.C. 397(f)(1)) of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949, as amended.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Honorable Lawson B. Knott, Jr.
Administrator of General Services
Washington, D.C.
Memorandum

TO: Archivist - N

FROM: Special Assistant to the General Counsel - LL

SUBJECT: Lyndon Baines Johnson Library

Transmitted herewith is the original letter dated December 12, 1966, from the President to Mr. Knott expressing approval of certain steps taken to accomplish the realization of the Lyndon Baines Johnson Library, and designating Mr. Knott as his agent to express approval to the University of Texas.

This document is deemed an integral part of the historical development of the LBJ Library.

Enclosure

William H. Brewster
Dear Mr. Knott:

I am gratified with the progress that has been made toward the construction of the Lyndon Baines Johnson Library, and in accordance with the University of Texas' proposal of August 6, 1965, it now appears to be the appropriate time to record approval of certain actions proposed by the University in order that the University may proceed with plans for the construction of the Library.

The design concept of the Library, the proposed site of the Library, its orientation on the selected site, and the physical relationship of the Library with other University facilities have been explained and demonstrated to me during several conferences with representatives of the University of Texas and the architects. I have viewed and examined models that portray the site of the Library, its orientation on the selected 14-acre site, its relationship to other University facilities, and the physical and design characteristics of the Library itself. In addition, I have examined drawings of the proposed Library building. Based upon these presentations to me, I am satisfied with the selection of the firms of Skidmore, Owings and Merrill, New York City, and Brooks, Barr, Graeber and White, Austin, Texas, as architects for the Library. I am also satisfied with the site selected for the Library building, its design concept, its orientation on the selected site, and its relationship with other University facilities. Accordingly, I desire at this time to appoint you as my designee to convey formally my approval of the following to the University of Texas:

1. Selection of the architect or architects;

2. The design concept of the Library;
3. The site of the Library and its orientation on the selected site; and

4. The physical relationship of the Library with other University facilities.

Please keep me advised of developments in this regard.

Sincerely,

Honorable Lawson B. Knott, Jr.
Administrator of General Services
Washington, D.C. 20405
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 19, 1968

Dear Mr. Knott:

In my letter to you of August 13, 1965, I offered my Presidential and other papers and historical materials (therein defined as Materials) as a gift to the United States for the purpose of ultimate deposit in the Lyndon Baines Johnson Library. My offer further expressed this objective: to make the Materials available for the purpose of study and research -- as soon as possible and to the fullest extent possible.

That offer was accepted by you on August 17, 1965.

The President is the recipient of many confidences of others. The inviolability of these confidences is essential to the proper conduct of the Office of the Presidency. It becomes necessary, therefore, to withhold from public scrutiny certain papers and certain classes of papers for varying periods of time. Accordingly, my offer contained the following provision in paragraph 2(a):

"I hereby reserve the right to restrict the use and availability of any Materials to which this agreement applies, irrespective of the time when such Materials may have been, or may be delivered to the United States, for such time as I, in my sole discretion, may from time to time specify, and such restrictions shall be adhered to and observed in all respects for as long a period of time as may be specified or until such restrictions are revoked or terminated by me or persons authorized to act on my behalf with respect thereto, or as otherwise provided in this agreement."
The volume of manuscript papers included in the Materials available for deposit under the terms of our agreement now exceeds 22 million pages. A significant future growth in volume is anticipated, perhaps to a total in excess of 30 million different pages.

These Materials must be reviewed to determine which of them must be restricted and the nature of the restriction. This review will require a meticulously careful, thorough and time-consuming analysis. There are certain papers I will be obliged to restrict personally from access to others.

To fulfill my stated objective of making the Materials available for study and research as early and as fully as possible -- and to avoid any extensive delay inconsistent with that objective -- a staff should be assembled to perform this review promptly under guidelines and instructions I will provide. A sufficient number of qualified personnel should be assigned to review as much of this material as possible during the next five years when I can devote a large part of my time to supervising this review.

I am advised that within the Executive Departments and Agencies -- from which significant portions of these Materials were developed -- there are personnel familiar with the Materials and the process of conducting the official business of government. Because of such familiarity, these persons would be far better qualified than persons less acquainted with the Materials to undertake the necessary review and analysis in order to protect our Nation's best interests.

I am advised that Section 208(c) of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949, as amended, authorizes the Administrator of General Services, in carrying out the responsibilities imposed upon him by that Act:

"to utilize in his agency the services of officials, officers, and other personnel in other executive agencies, including personnel of the armed services, with the consent of the head of the agency concerned."
It is my understanding that you can complete arrangements with the Heads of the Departments and Agencies concerned to utilize the services of responsible and knowledgeable officials, officers and other government personnel to perform the review and analysis of the Materials, in keeping with paragraph 2(a) of my offer of gift.

Accordingly, when, pursuant to the provisions of law cited above, such government career and service personnel, acceptable to me, are assigned to review under my direction the classified and technical Materials involved, I will turn over to the General Services Administration from time to time the Materials within the scope of my offer of gift.

In addition to the review of the Materials required by paragraph 2(a) of my offer of gift, another review is required by paragraph 2(c). That review contemplates an analysis of the Material by archival personnel. Any of the Materials falling in the three categories specified in paragraph 2(c) must be placed under seal of restriction.

The arrangements I have proposed in this letter for the purposes of the paragraph 2(a) review should enhance, complement, and expedite the review required by paragraph 2(c). These new arrangements should hasten the time in which the Materials can be made available for research and study in conformity with my fundamental objective, as stated in my offer of gift.

I should appreciate your advice whether you accept this letter as an amendment of my offer of gift dated August 13, 1965, accepted by you on August 17, 1965.

Sincerely,

Honorable Lawson B. Knott, Jr.
Administrator
General Services Administration
Washington, D. C.
LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT
OF
LYNDON B. JOHNSON

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BLANCO

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That I, LYNDON B. JOHNSON, of Blanco County, Texas, being
of sound and disposing mind and memory, do make, publish and declare
this to be my Last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all other wills
and codicils by me heretofore made.

SECTION I.

In this will I am disposing of my interest in the community estate
of my wife, CLAUDIA T. JOHNSON, and me. I am not endeavoring to
dispose of the interest of my wife in our community estate except such
interest, if any, as she might have in my papers in case I have not dis-
posed of all of my interest therein during my lifetime. Unless such
papers are my separate property, I own no separate property.

SECTION II.

In the administration of my estate and of each trust established
hereunder and in connection with the construction of this will, the follow-
ing shall obtain:

(a) The word "executor" shall embrace both the
singular and the plural.

(b) The word "trustee" shall embrace both the
singular and the plural.

(c) The word "child" and the word "children" shall
embrace both the singular and the plural and shall also
include an adopted child or adopted children.
(j) To MARY RATHER, the sum of Three Thousand Dollars ($3,000);

(k) To JUANITA ROBERTS, the sum of Three Thousand Dollars ($3,000);

(l) To MILDREN STEGALL, the sum of Three Thousand Dollars ($3,000);

(m) To MARY MARGARET WILEY VALENTI, the sum of Three Thousand Dollars ($3,000);

(n) To WONG, the sum of Three Thousand Dollars ($3,000);

(o) To ZEPHYR WRIGHT, the sum of Three Thousand Dollars ($3,000);

SECTION VII

I give and bequeath to my friends, DALE MALACHEK and JEWEL MALACHEK or the survivor of them the sum of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars ($25,000).

SECTION VIII

My executor in his absolute and sole discretion may satisfy the gifts made in Sections VI and VII in cash or in property of an equivalent value or in a combination of cash and property of an equivalent value.

SECTION IX.

I give and bequeath, including any community interest that my wife, CLAUDIA T. JOHNSON, may have therein, to the United States of America for inclusion in the Presidential Archival Depository known or to be known as the LYNDON BAINES JOHNSON LIBRARY for administration therein by its authorities, all of my Presidential and other papers, documents, historical materials, mementos, objects of art and other memorabilia, including but not limited to books, motion pictures, still pictures, and sound records (all of which are hereinafter called "materials") of which I die seized or possessed and which relate to my life and work, subject to the conditions set forth in the letter dated August 13, 1965, signed by me and addressed to Lawson B. Knott, Jr., Administrator of General Services Administration of the United States of America, concerning the establishment of said Presidential Archival Depository; provided, however, the gift hereby made is without any reservation of any intervening interest
or right to the actual possession or enjoyment of said materials in my estate or my family. I hereby complete the gift of such materials not otherwise previously transferred during my lifetime as proposed in my said letter of August 13, 1965, and I hereby incorporate by reference said letter in this my last will and testament. The gift of such materials of which I may die seized or possessed is made by this provision of this my last will and testament in lieu of a Deed of Gift with respect to such property executed during my lifetime.

SECTION X.

All of the rest and residue of my estate of every kind and character, real, personal and mixed of which I may die seized and possessed or to which I may be entitled at the time of my death, I give, devise and bequeath unto my wife, CLAUDIA T. JOHNSON, and her substitute or successor trustees or trustee, IN TRUST, for the following uses and purposes and subject to the following provisions:

(a) Upon my death, the trustee shall divide and partition the trust property into two parts of equal value. One of said parts shall be designated as THE LYNDAD BIRD JOHNSON ROBB TRUST and shall represent and be held and administered for the benefit of my daughter, LYNDAD BIRD JOHNSON ROBB, and the descendants of my said daughter all as hereinafter more particularized. The other of said parts shall be designated THE LUCI BAINES JOHNSON NUGENT TRUST and shall represent and be held and administered for the benefit of my daughter, LUCI BAINES JOHNSON NUGENT, and the descendants of my said daughter, all as hereinafter more particularized. Each of said trusts shall be held and administered as a separate and distinct trust, subject to and governed by the provisions hereinafter set forth. If, however, at the time of my death, either child of mine above named should be dead without descendants her surviving, then the trust which would otherwise be created hereunder and designated by the name of the particular deceased child of mine shall not be created and the assets and property which would otherwise be allocated and partitioned to the trust not so created shall become and be a part of the other trust authorized to be created hereunder.

(b) The trustee, if and while the particular child of mine whose name designates the particular trust is living and during the continuance of that trust, shall pay at such
deductions and make such adjustment of tax between principal and income as he may think equitable. Any determination so made by my executor shall be binding and conclusive upon all interested parties.

(c) My executor shall have full power and authority to pay all costs, taxes, expenses and charges in connection with his administration of my estate and to reimburse himself for any and all actual expenses which he may reasonably incur in the administration of my estate.

(d) No executor shall be liable for any action taken or not taken or for any loss or depreciation in value of any property in my estate whether due to an error in judgment or otherwise where such executor has exercised good faith and ordinary diligence in the exercise of his duties, and no executor shall be liable for any mistake of law or fact.

(e) Except to the extent that the same are not consistent with the provisions of this Section XVI, in which event the provisions of this section shall control, my executor shall have and exercise all of the rights, powers and privileges and be subject to all of the duties, responsibilities, conditions and limitations conferred and imposed upon the trustee in Section XI.

This I make and publish as my Last Will and Testament, hereunto subscribing my name in the presence of , who have, at my request and in my presence and in the presence of each other, also subscribed their names as attesting witnesses, all on this day of 

Lyndon B. Johnson
We, the undersigned persons of lawful age, have on this day, at the request of LYNDON B. JOHNSON, witnessed his signature to the foregoing Last Will and Testament in the presence of each of us, and we have, at the same time and in his presence and in the presence of each other, subscribed our names hereto as attesting witnesses.

Witness
549 Graham Rd
San Antonio, Tex
Address

Witness
P.O. Box 226
Stonewall, Texas
Address
THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BEXAR

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared LYNDON B. JOHNSON, Mike Howard and Robert North, known to me to be the testator and witnesses, respectively, whose names are subscribed to the annexed and foregoing instrument in their respective capacities, and all of said persons being by me duly sworn the said LYNDON B. JOHNSON, Testator, declared to me and to the said witnesses in my presence that said instrument is his Last Will and Testament and that he had willingly made and executed it as his free act and deed and for the purposes therein expressed; and the said witnesses, each on his oath, stated to me in the presence and hearing of the said Testator that the said Testator had declared to them that the said instrument is his Last Will and Testament and that he executed the same as such and wanted each of them to sign it as a witness; and upon their oaths each witness stated further that they did sign the same as witnesses in the presence of the said Testator and at his request; and that he was at that time over eighteen years of age and was of sound mind; and that each of said witnesses was then at least fourteen years of age.

Lyndon B. Johnson
Witness
Mike Howard
Witness
Robert North
Witness

SUBSCRIBED AND ACKNOWLEDGED BEFORE ME by the said LYNDON B. JOHNSON, Testator, and subscribed and sworn to before me by the said Mike Howard and Robert North, witnesses, this 25th day of July, 1972.

Elizabeth P. Hall
Notary Public, Bexar County, Texas

My commission expires June 1, 1973.

(SEAL)
THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF TRAVIS

I, DORIS SHROPSHIRE, Clerk of the County Courts of Travis County, Texas, do hereby Certify that the foregoing pages contain a true and correct copy of the following:

1. WILL

in Cause No. 34,922, ESTATE OF LYNDON B. JOHNSON, DECEASED

as the same appear on file in my office and of record (Book and page as shown above) Probate Minutes of the County Court of Travis County, Texas.

WITNESS my hand and seal of office on this the 30TH day of APRIL A. D., 1973.

DORIS SHROPSHIRE
Clerk, County Courts,
Travis County, Texas

By L. Ramirez, Deputy
GERALD R. FORD PRESIDENTIAL MUSEUM
GRAND RAPIDS MICHIGAN
ARCHITECT • MARVIN DEWINTER ASSOCIATES

ARCHITECT'S CONCEPTIONAL DRAWING
GERALD R. FORD LIBRARY
Ann Arbor, Michigan

CONSTRUCTED BY: University of Michigan
SOURCE OF FUNDING: University of Michigan; private donations.
APPROXIMATE COST: $10,000,000 (Cost of library and museum)
DEDICATION DATE: Projected for the spring of 1981.
SITE: 4.2 acres
BUILDING: 30,450 square feet of floor space
GERALD R. FORD MUSEUM
Grand Rapids, Michigan

CONSTRUCTED BY:
Gerald R. Ford Commemorative Committee

SOURCE OF FUNDING:
Gerald R. Ford Commemorative Committee; State of Michigan; private donations.

APPROXIMATE COST:
Included in library cost.

DEDICATION DATE:
Projected for the fall of 1981.

SITE:
4.63+ acres

BUILDING:
28,300 square feet of floor space
Mileage From Ann Arbor:

- Detroit: 38
- Flint: 55
- Grand Rapids: 126
- Kalamazoo: 97
- Toledo: 49
- Lansing: 58

Legend:
- Library
- Major College Or University
- Metropolitan Area
- Scheduled Air Service
- Museum
# PRINCIPAL LIBRARY HOLDINGS

**September 30, 1980**

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## Presidential Libraries

### Researchers

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The Gerald R. Ford Commemorative Committee, a non-profit corporation, was established when Congressman Ford was appointed Vice President. The purpose of this organization was to honor Ford's service to the country. The membership was comprised mainly of prominent civic leaders from the Grand Rapids area.

Major planning and fundraising efforts, however, did not commence until after President Ford had committed his papers and memorabilia to the government for the purposes of establishing his Presidential library. At that time, the National Archives, President Ford, the University of Michigan, and the City of Grand Rapids, agreed to place a Ford museum in Grand Rapids and a Ford Library at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

The Gerald R. Ford Library/Museum Fund was established under the Gerald R. Ford Commemorative Committee to actually receive the funds and fundraise for both facilities. The principal fundraiser for both the library and museum was President Ford. He was greatly assisted by several business leaders in Michigan, the Vice President for Development at the University of Michigan, and a professional fundraising organization retained by the University. Major contributors were foundations and individuals in Michigan and other individuals throughout the United States and abroad who had served in the Ford Administration or who for other reasons had an interest in honoring President Ford. The University also offered several sites on its campus for the library, and received no compensation for the final site selected there. The library itself, however, was paid for out of funds collected for this purpose by the foundation.

In Grand Rapids, the city, county and state, made major contributions toward the construction costs for the building of the museum. The state appropriated $1 million in each of three years to be disbursed through the city to construct the museum building. The county also contributed funds for landscaping and other exterior appointments. The land for the museum building was donated to the Committee by the city at no cost to them.
Mr. Jay Solomon, Administrator  
General Services Administration  
Washington, D.C. 20405  

Re: Gerald R. Ford Museum  

Dear Mr. Solomon:

Pursuant to the Presidential Libraries Act, 44 U.S.C. 2107-08, the Gerald R. Ford Commemorative Committee ("Committee") is pleased to offer as a gift to the United States of America, that land ("Premises") in the State of Michigan, County of Kent, City of Grand Rapids, described as follows:

That property bounded by the present north line of Pearl Street, the south line of Douglas Street, the east line of Scribner Avenue, and the east line of Front Avenue, with the exception of Lot 1 and the north 15 feet of Lot 4 of Black 9 of J. W. Converse Plat, City of Grand Rapids, located on the southwestern corner of Douglas and Front Avenue; together with that property bounded by the present south line of Pearl Street, the west bank of the Grand River, the north line of Consolidated Rail Corporation's railroad property, and the east line of Scribner Avenue.

The offer of the Committee is based upon the following background information and is subject to the following conditions:
1. By a grant dated December 14, 1976 ("President Ford Grant"), President Gerald R. Ford offered to the United States of America, all of President Ford's rights, title, and interest in certain materials of historical, educational, and commemorative value associated with his life and work. This offer by the Committee is subject to the terms and conditions of the President Ford Grant, including acceptance by the United States of the gift intended by President Ford.

2. The President Ford Grant, on page 5, contained the following restrictions and acknowledgements, expressing his reasons for his offer to the United States:

"...

"(e) To enable the United States to maintain and operate a museum in Grand Rapids, Michigan, as another facility of my Presidential archival depository, in a building to be provided by an appropriate organization, for housing and exhibiting the many articles of commemorative and educational value among the conveyed materials, together with tangible gifts received by the United States during and because of my service as President, where they will be readily available for viewing by the people in the area of my home town whom I represented in the Congress for 25 years and by interested visitors, researchers, educators and students from throughout the nation in the manner that similar materials of former Presidents Hoover, Roosevelt, Truman, Eisenhower, and Johnson have become available within their respective home areas for that purpose."

3. In the President Ford Grant, also on page 5, the Committee was acknowledged by the President for its role in assisting with development of the Gerald R. Ford Museum:

"(f) To express my deep appreciation to the people of the State of Michigan and to the University for their many benefits
to me and helpful influences upon my life, and to demonstrate my grateful cooperation with the University, the citizens of my former Congressional district, especially the members and supporters of the present Gerald R. Ford Commemorative Committee, and other interested persons in their plans to raise the necessary funds for the construction of the archival facility and the museum which, when in operation with the materials conveyed, will serve as national resources of historical, commemorative, and educational importance."

4. Again, in Appendix B to the President Ford Grant, Section 2, the President stated:

"The museum collection is to be located as soon as practicable on a permanent basis within Grand Rapids, Michigan, or its environs after a suitable building for that purpose has been provided by an appropriate organization (such as the Gerald R. Ford Commemorative Committee or other local civic group, a municipality or State agency, the University or another institution of higher learning) which shall be designated as the Gerald R. Ford Museum."

5. The Committee functioned as an unincorporated association until its incorporation as a non-profit corporation under the laws of the State of Michigan on January 6, 1977. The Articles of Incorporation of the Committee include the following statement of purpose in Article II(A):

"The corporation may acquire by purchase, grant, devise, or gift land, buildings, and equipment in Grand Rapids, Michigan or its environs for use as the 'Gerald R. Ford Museum,' all in accordance with a certain grant by Gerald R. Ford to the United States of America, dated December 14, 1976, concerning certain of his papers and other historical materials, and other papers and historical materials relating to or contemporary with Gerald R. Ford."
The Committee is an organization exempt from federal taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

6. The chief executive officer of the Committee is Jordan Sheperd, Chairman, and he has executed this offer pursuant to a resolution by the Board of Trustees of the Committee adopted on July 13, 1978. This offer has been attested by Thomas Heywood, Secretary of the Committee, certifying that this offer is made under the authority of the Board of Trustees, as the free act and deed of the Committee.

7. This offer is made from the conviction that the United States historical experience is unique, that the life and times of President Ford are essential elements of that experience, and that the preservation and display of the museum materials from the era of President Ford will memorialize his role in history and will enlarge our individual and collective vision, hopes, and historical appreciation.

8. The Gerald R. Ford Museum ("Museum") is in the development stage, with the beginning of construction anticipated in mid-1979. Funds for the Museum building are being raised by private contributions through a cooperative effort of the Committee and the University of Michigan. In this joint effort, the University of Michigan will construct and offer for use to the United States, a depository for the Gerald R. Ford Library. The Committee and the University have been assisted by the Gerald R. Ford Library-Museum Fund in fund raising and it is anticipated that the combined fund raising goal for both depositories of more than $7,000,000 will be met or exceeded. The invaluable cooperation of the State of Michigan and the City of Grand Rapids, including their respective elected representatives and appointed officials, has made location of the Museum in Grand Rapids possible. The City and State have cooperated in making available to the Committee the land necessary for the Museum building, at no cost to the Committee. In addition, the City of Grand Rapids has assisted in planning and development
of the Museum. As a demonstration of the City's efforts to locate the Museum in Grand Rapids, the City and the Committee have entered into an agreement for the Museum, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit A.

9. As noted in Exhibit A, the Committee does not now have title to the Premises. The offer of the Committee contained in this letter will be performed by the Committee in accordance with the acquisition schedule and the conditions noted in Section 7 of Exhibit A. The Committee calls your attention to Section 12 of Exhibit A, wherein the United States is expressly named as a beneficiary of the Agreement between the City and the Committee.

10. Upon acceptance of this offer, and when directed by the United States, the Committee will grant and convey all of its right, title, and interest in the Premises and improvements, including the Museum building, to the United States. The further terms and conditions of the conveyance from the Committee are contained in Exhibit A, the terms of which are hereby incorporated by reference.

11. This offer to the United States is made upon the condition that the Premises and Museum be used for Museum or related purposes.

12. The Committee may continue to operate as an auxiliary organization for the benefit of the Museum and for the memorialization of President Ford. However, this offer is not conditioned on any agreement being reached between the United States and the Committee as to the future role of the Committee.

13. The Museum building will be a triangular shaped building, with parking areas, access routes, and notable physical features as described on the report attached as Exhibit B, which has been prepared by the architects for the Museum, Marvin DeWinter Associates.
14. The Committee and its architect have been in continual contact with your office and with the General Services Administration regarding the Museum's safety, adequacy, and conformance to required standards. The Committee and its architect will continue to confer with your office and the GSA throughout the development and construction of the Museum.

15. The Museum is expected to be substantially completed and ready for occupancy early in 1981, but no later than September 1, 1981. Conveyance to the United States of the Premises and the Museum building will be made upon substantial completion or when requested by the United States, whichever shall first occur, but subject to the acquisition schedule in Exhibit A.

16. The Committee acknowledges that your acceptance of this offer is conditional until your report concerning the Museum is submitted to Congress and has lain before Congress for a period of 60 calendar days of continuous session or has received congressional approval.

GERALD R. FORD COMMEMORATIVE COMMITTEE, INC.

By Jordan Shepard
Its Chairman

ATTEST:

Thomas J. Heywood, Secretary
Gerald R. Ford Commemorative Committee, Inc.

On behalf of the United States of America, I accept the offer of the Gerald R. Ford Commemorative Committee upon the completion of the contingency cited in paragraph (16) above.

Administrator of General Services

MAY 23 1979
Date