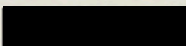
  
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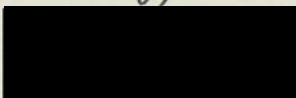
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Good Morning:

I am interested in obtaining a <sup>video</sup> copy of  
David McCullough's lecture, given at  
the National Archives on June 8, 1993.  
(see enclosed).

Please tell me how I can do so.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,  




# NEWS AND NOTICES

## CLOSING SCHEDULE FOR NATIONAL ARCHIVES BRANCHES ANNOUNCED

The National Archives Cartographic and Architectural Branch, Motion Picture, Sound, and Video Branch, and Still Picture Branch are scheduled to move to new facilities at Archives II in College Park, Maryland. To prepare for and complete the move, services will be temporarily discontinued as follows.

The Cartographic and Architectural Branch (NNSC) research room will be closed from November 29, 1993, through January 31, 1994. NNSC will be unable to process requests for photographic reproductions received after November 12, 1993, and requests for information and electrostatic reproductions received after November 26, 1993, will not be processed. Requests received after the cutoff dates will be returned for resubmission after January 31, 1994. The new address, effective January 31, 1994, is NNSC, National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740-6001.

The Motion Picture, Sound, and Video Branch (NNSM) research room will be closed after February 12, 1994. Self-service video will be available beginning March 14, 1994. All research room services will be available beginning March 21, 1994. NNSM will be unable to process reference inquiries (letters, faxes, and telephone calls) after December 30, 1993. This service will resume on March 21, 1994. NNSM will be unable to process reproduction orders postmarked after December 13, 1993. This service will resume on March 21, 1994. Requests received after the cutoff dates will be returned for resubmission after March 21, 1994. The new address, effective March 21, 1994, is NNSM, National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740-6001.

The Still Picture Branch (NNSP) research room will be closed on January 28, 1994, and will reopen on May 2, 1994. NNSP will be unable to process requests for reproductions received after December 30, 1993, and requests for information after January 24, 1994, will not be processed. The new address, effective May 2, 1994, is NNSP, National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740-6001.

This schedule of closings is subject to change without notice as the move progresses. For clar-

ification or more information, please contact the appropriate branch (telephone: NNSC, 703-756-6700; NNSM, 202-501-5449; NNSP, 202-501-5455).

## PROLOGUE ARTICLE BY DAVID MCCULLOUGH

David McCullough, author of six widely acclaimed works of history and biography, the most recent of which (*Truman* [1992]) won the 1993 Pulitzer Prize for Biography, and host of the PBS series "The American Experience," gave the annual James E. O'Neill Memorial Lecture at the National Archives on June 8, 1993. His topic was "Why History?" He is currently working on an article based on his lecture and anticipates completing it for publication in the fall 1994 issue of *Prologue*. Videocassettes of the complete lecture are available from C-Span Viewer Services, 400 North Capitol Street, NW, Suite 650, Washington, DC 20001.

## SARA JACKSON AWARD

The National Archives and the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC) are pleased to present the 1993 Sara Jackson Award to Ms. DeAnne Blanton for her essay "Women Soldiers of the Civil War," which appeared in the spring 1993 issue of *Prologue*.

Sara Jackson, for whom the award is named, guided researchers through the labyrinths of records at the National Archives for more than two generations. Hundreds of scholars, students, archivists, genealogists, and other researchers benefited from her vast knowledge of documents, especially those relating to the Civil War and the military. From 1944, when she first joined the National Archives, until her retirement from the NHPRC in 1990, Sara informed and inspired others with her deep respect for history and love of research.

The Sara Jackson Award is presented annually in recognition of outstanding research and writing by a young scholar who demonstrates in his or her work creative research in documentary sources and who makes a solid contribution to historical scholarship. Ms. Blanton is the second winner of the award.

## EXHIBITION HALL WINTER HOURS IN EFFECT

On Tuesday, September 7, 1993, winter hours resumed at the National Archives Exhibition



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Hall. The Exhibition Hall, located at Constitution Avenue between Seventh and Ninth Streets, NW, will be open to the public from 10 A.M. to 5:30 P.M., seven days a week, through March 31, 1991. Summer hours of 10 A.M. to 9 P.M. will begin on Friday, April 1, 1994. The Exhibition Hall is open every day except Christmas.

### JUDGE GRANTS NIXON'S MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION

On July 22, 1993, former President Richard Nixon filed a motion for a preliminary injunction to stop the National Archives release of additional Watergate-related tapes scheduled for August 13 and 26, 1993. On August 9, Judge Royce Lamberth of the U.S. District Court granted his request.

In his order, Judge Lamberth stopped NARA's further release of Watergate-related tapes until all personal conversations are segregated and returned to former President Nixon. Judge Lamberth further determined that all four thousand hours of White House tapes should be released as a single "integral file segment."

The Justice Department argued on behalf of the National Archives that the issue of personal and returnable property was not germane to the tape opening and that the National Archives had never intended to open all four thousand hours of audiotape in a single release.

The opening of textual materials scheduled for July 15, 1993, took place as planned at the Nixon Presidential Materials Project.

### RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN DECLASSIFICATION POLICY

On March 22, 1993, Acting Archivist Trudy H. Peterson wrote to National Security Adviser Anthony Lake urging the new administration to undertake a fundamental revision of declassification procedures. The letter read, in part:

As you review the many issues facing the National Security Council today, I urge you to consider a fundamental revision of the Executive Branch's procedures for declassification of information. The system that has evolved since the Second World War weighs the risk of disclosure more heavily than the risk of release to the American people. It is time to redress this balance.

While many suggestions for revision have been made, and I am sure will be discussed in the months ahead, one revision is critical: a date certain when documents can be released. We at the National Archives hold hundreds of documents that pre-date the Second World War and remain classified by instruction to us of the originating agencies.

Just last year we declassified our oldest classified document—an item from 1917—but other documents from the World War I era still remain classified. Not only does this deny the American public the information contained in these items, but it requires needless administrative expense to house the classified items in security storage, to handle the paperwork when they are requested under the Freedom of Information Act and to make copies and return them to the agencies of origin when requested for review. In the effort to make government more efficient, this obvious inefficiency should be eliminated.

A presidential directive issued April 26, 1993, ordered a sweeping review of cold war rules on government classification of records and established an interagency task force to draft new guidelines by November 30, 1993. Michael Kurtz, Acting Assistant Archivist for the Office of the National Archives, is the NARA representative on the task force, and serves on its declassification committee; Martin Elzy of the Carter Library is his alternate. The head of the Information Security Oversight Office (ISOO) chairs the task force, which held its first meeting in May 1993.

### VARIOUS NARA HOLDINGS NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE

The National Archives Center for Electronic Records is offering electronic access to its Title List, a preliminary and partial listing of data files in the National Archives and selected other materials, through the Internet computer network. The center's materials may be obtained by using the FTP (file transfer protocol) software to get to the Internet host computer (CU.NIH.GOV) where the materials are stored. The center's reference staff maintains this FTP site. For more information, please contact Ted Hull, 202-501-5579 or [tif@cu.nih.gov](mailto:tif@cu.nih.gov).

The Motion Picture, Sound, and Video Branch and the Still Picture Branch have begun to make information about the National Archives audiovisual holdings available online. Currently, the online information includes: READ.ME, describing the contents of other online files; NA-GIL33.TXT, Motion Pictures and Sound and Video Recordings in the National Archives; NA-GIL34.TXT, National Archives Gift Acquisition Policy: Motion Pictures and Sound and Video Recordings; NA-GIL35.TXT, National Archives Gift Acquisition Policy: Still Pictures; NA-GIL38.TXT, Information for Prospective Researchers About the Still Picture Branch of the National Archives; WW2-PIX.TXT, Select Audiovisual Records: Pictures