

What we do

- Design and file Freedom of Information and declassification requests
- Index, annotate, and publish declassified documents on foreign policy
- Bring lawsuits to enforce the records laws
- Preserve government records from shredders and falsifiers
- Advocate greater public access and government accountability

Our standards

- Targeted requests for historically-significant documents and events
- Expert curation for reference collections and e-books
- Outside pressure and inside negotiations to achieve results
- Litigation only against systemic barriers
- Front-page news-making primary sources
- World-class authority-controlled indexing

Our funders and supporters

- Libraries that subscribe to the Digital National Security Archive
- Grant-making foundations (Carnegie, Ford, Hewlett, Spitzer, Democracy Fund, and more)
- Generous individuals
- [No government funding]

Our constituencies

- Journalists
- Librarians
- Historians and international relations scholars
- Truth commissions and human rights monitors
- Policy analysts on national security
- Open government advocates/public interest lawyers
- Former officials and active citizens

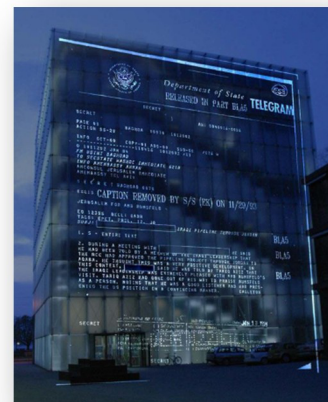
Our awards

- Emmy for “outstanding achievement in news and documentary research”
- George Polk for “piercing self-serving government secrecy”
- Choice “Outstanding Academic Title” for the Digital National Security Archive
- Peabody for best documentary series (CNN’s Cold War)
- Pulitzer for non-fiction by Archive senior fellow
- Tufts University Jean Mayer Global Citizen Award
- American Library Association James Madison Awards (3 over 20 years)
- Investigative Reporters & Editors award for long-form audio
- 20+ national prizes for individual staff books and civic contributions



Our impact

- * Saved over 1 billion White House e-records
(From Reagan's PROFS notes to Kushner's Whats App messages)
- * Opened millions of historic records otherwise still hidden in the vaults
(From JFK-Khrushchev letters to first Clinton-Putin transcript)
- * Published over 1 million pages of curated records in award-winning series
- * Brought dozens of precedent-setting lawsuits with pro bono lawyers
(From Rosenberg spy case grand jury records to Rumsfeld's "snowflakes")
- * Invited by Congress dozens of times for testimony and expert consultation
- * Generated thousands of news headlines around the globe
- * Published 900+ online briefing books of declassified documents
- * Rewrote historical understanding of the Cuban Missile Crisis
- * Recovered Henry Kissinger's verbatim memcons and telcons from 1970s
- * Compelled CIA to declassify "family jewels," Bay of Pigs, Area 51 histories
- * Broke loose Oliver North's notebooks and highest-level Iran-contra secrets
- * Helped write Freedom of Information laws in Mexico, India, Hungary, Peru
- * Partnered with East Europeans after fall of the Berlin Wall to build institutional bridges and document Cold War flashpoints
(Filled "blank spots of history" on East German uprising 1953, Hungarian revolution 1956, Prague Spring 1968, Poland's martial law 1981, collapse of communism 1989, and inside the Warsaw Pact)
- * Supplied documents for every truth commission from Indonesia to Liberia
- * Provided expert testimony in human rights trials
(Fujimori first head of state conviction, Argentina, Condor and more)
- * Built critically-praised Nuclear Vault ("national treasure" says Eric Schlosser)
- * Organized landmark "critical oral history" conferences in Havana, Tehran, Warsaw, Prague, Budapest, Moscow, Hanoi, and The Hague
- * Thousands of staff appearances on TV, radio, documentary films, C-SPAN
- * Brought the lawsuit during the Trump-Biden transition that forced the National Archives to recover the missing boxes at Mar-a-Lago.
- * "Heroic excavators of government secrets," says *The Boston Globe*.



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