

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

Question No. 37

Senator Brandis asked the following questions at the hearing on 26 May 2011:

Senator BRANDIS: That is fine. Have there been any occasions when the AFP have inspected the safe keeping or storage of this top secret material by Zapruder?

Mr Wood: My understanding is that we have, but I would need to confirm that.

Senator BRANDIS: Take it on notice, please. And I would like to know how often material of the kind we have been discussing has been inspected by the AFP.

Mr Wood: I will take that on notice.

Senator BRANDIS: Thank you.

The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:

The AFP has not provided material classified Top Secret to 'Zapruder's Other Films Pty Ltd' (Zapruder). The Senator's question relates to the storage of operational footage obtained by Zapruder during the filming stage of the project. The contract between AFP and Zapruder stipulates that Zapruder will ensure that all film and sound footage is securely stored in a manner appropriate to its level of classification.

A site security assessment of the Zapruder office premises was undertaken by the AFP on 16 July 2008. The AFP reinspected the Zapruder office premises on 18 February 2009. Follow-up discussions have been held with Zapruder staff to keep them abreast of general security requirements and ensure that they are meeting these requirements.