Seventy-third Congress of the United States of America:
At the Second Session.

Begun and held at the City of Washington on Wednesday, the third
day of January, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-four.

AN ACT

To establish a National Archives of the United States Government,
and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the
United States of America in Congress assembled, That there is
hereby created the Office of Archivist of the United States, the
Archivist to be appointed by the President of the United States,
by and with the advice and consent of the Senate.

SEC. 2. The salary of the Archivist shall be $10,000 annually. All
persons to be employed in the National Archives Establishment
shall be appointed by the Archivist solely with reference to their
fitness for their particular duties and without regard to civil-service
law; and the Archivist shall make rules and regulations for the
government of the National Archives; but any official or employee
with salary of $5,000 or over shall be appointed by the President
by and with the advice and consent of the Senate.

SEC. 3. All archives or records belonging to the Government of
the United States (legislative, executive, judicial, and other) shall
be under the charge and superintendence of the Archivist to this
extent: He shall have full power to inspect personally or by deputy
the records of any agency of the United States Government what-
soever and wheresoever located, and shall have the full cooperation
of any and all persons in charge of such records in such inspections,
and to requisition for transfer to the National Archives Establish-
ment such archives, or records as the National Archives Council,
hereafter provided shall approve for such transfer, and he shall
have authority to make regulations for the arrangement, custody,
use, and withdrawal of material deposited in the National Archives
Building: Provided, That any head of an executive department,
independent office, or other agency of the Government may, for
limited periods, not exceeding in duration his tenure of that office,
exempt from examination and consultation by officials, private indi-
viduals, or any other persons such confidential matter transferred
from his department or office, as he may deem wise.

SEC. 4. The immediate custody and control of the National
Archives Building and such other buildings, grounds, and equip-
ment as may from time to time become a part of the National