STATEMENT ON THE USE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA WSLS FILM ARCHIVE

The University of Virginia Library is committed to supporting research, teaching, scholarship, publication, and artistic production involving use of materials from the Library's collections. In 2009, WSLS, a Roanoke, Virginia television station, generously donated the entirety of its interests in 16 mm film archives from the 1950s to the 1970s to the University of Virginia. The UVa Library, with funding from the National Endowment for the Humanities, was able to digitize and preserve this rare WSLS collection, and has decided to make these materials freely available for public access and use, subject to the responsibilities outlined below.

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