

Here are my thoughts on the Center:

- 1) The largest single improvement would be to have micro-film/fiche machines in the Center that could produce copies. When I only have a few days to spend with a collection I tend to skim the material--photocopy first and read later. I was able to use the machines downstairs but once or twice they were all being used by students.
- 2) I really enjoyed presenting my research. That was a great experience and I appreciated your publicity effort.
- 3) This is a solid collection. Amazing. It topped me up for publication. Perhaps these microfilms are available all together in the LOC or NARA, but I doubt it. Minute-for-minute this is the most productive collection I've visited.
- 4) Excellent website and collection details. This was extremely useful.
- 5) Outstanding staff.

In short, the collection at the American Foreign Policy Center is extremely valuable. By combining the holdings of Presidential Libraries, the State Department, and other agencies the AFPC merits being placed at the top of the list for collections to visit. A week spent there will save you from having to visit at least three other collections. This vast collection is accessible and up-to-date.

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