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The focus of this template is to ensure the preservation, integrity, and authenticity of the archival content. In cases where Artificial Intelligence (AI) manipulation is used, the template helps ensure that these changes are flagged, and a review is conducted to ensure compliance with standards established by the Archive.

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SCHEDULE A

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- Before and after representations (such as screenshots, .movs, .mp3s) for ease of comparison
- Name of software used
- Date of AI manipulation, if known
- Prompts used, if applicable
