... and video
Stays or Goes?
Selecting A/V Materials for Outsourcing

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1. First, Do No Harm

- Common Sense Goes a Long Way
- Conservation/Preservation Training Applies
- Preserving info vs. Preserving artifact
- When in doubt…
2. Selection

- What is your collecting policy?
- Does this belong here?
- How does this serve our mission?
- Nothing new here…
3. Triage

- Sort what, how?
- Survey Tools
  - Law of averages
  - Pareto Principle
  - Gaussian Distribution (Bell Curve)
  - Teach you anything you don’t already know?
- Common vs. obscure
- ISO18933/AES49-2005…
- Pick a criteria and stick with it
- You already know the most important things in your collection
7-Point Check List

- Container Damage
- Fungus or Mold
- Bad Smell
- Tape Pack
- Dirt or Liquid Contamination
- Decomposition residue
- Carrier failure
7-Point Check List

Container Damage
7-Point Check List

Container Damage
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Disassembly of a Metal Reel

Courtesy GSU
Common Mistake: handling 1/4” tape on hub

• DO NOT handle tapes without reel flanges (sides)!
7-Point Check List

Container Damage
Fungus or Mold
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Container Damage
Fungus or Mold

Courtesy IU/FACET
7-Point Check List

Container Damage
Fungus or Mold
Bad Smell
Identification of Acetate Tape

• Acetate Tape is Translucent
  – Develops “vinegary” odor
• Polyester Tape is Opaque
  – Develops “old socks” or waxy odor
7-Point Check List

Container Damage
Fungus or Mold
Bad Smell
Tape Pack
Tape Pack

Courtesy Pacifica Radio Archive
Tape Pack
7-Point Check List

- Container Damage
- Fungus or Mold
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Container Damage
Fungus or Mold
Bad Smell
Tape Pack
Dirt or Liquid Contamination
Decomposition residue
Decomposition Residue

Courtesy IU/FACET
Decomposition Residue
Palmitic Acid
7-Point Check List

Container Damage
Fungus or Mold
Bad Smell
Tape Pack
Dirt or Liquid Contamination
Decomposition residue
Carrier failure
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Carrier Failure
16” Acetate Disc

Delaminating
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