“I second that emotion”
What is the archivists role after tragic events?

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Dr. Carl Max Hammond, Jr.

Mitre scientist and engineer who worked in K Building and whose life was cut tragically short in the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001.

With degrees in physics, geophysics, and space physics, Max was a signal processing engineer who worked tirelessly to serve his country.

He was the author of numerous scientific papers in international journals devoted to the field of space physics.

An invaluable asset to Mitre and the nation, he was a remarkable colleague and friend whose loss E. Keeney felt by all who knew him.
Officer Sean Collier
Sean Collier Memorial
What is the archivist’s role?

- Should everything be saved?
- Who decides what gets saved?
- What opportunities exist to expand archival collection?
- What archival collecting policies are in place? Should they change?
- What are the best practices?
Why save?

“While the collective memory endures and draws strength from its base in a coherent body of people it is individuals as group members who remember”

-Maurice Halbwachs (1951)
What is the impact?

- Frederick Harris’s Framework for the Evolution of Collective Memory and Its Impact on Collective Action
Thank you!

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