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Iraqi Secret Police Files Repatriated to Kurdish Delegation



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(L-R) Jim Williams, Dean of Libraries; John Griffin, CWA director; Woshiar Rasul Mohammed Admin, Advisor to Sulaimaniyah Governor; Ferdinand Hennerbichler, historian and diplomat; Bruce P. Montgomery, Director of ASC; Ako M. Wahbi, Zheen Archive Center Board; Philip P. Destefano, CU Chancellor

A Kurdish delegation visited the University of Colorado Boulder campus Sept. 29 and 30 to deliver a public talk on the political situation in the Kurdistan region of Iraq and receive an electronic copy of important documents captured by Kurdish rebels in 1991. Known as the Captured Iraqi Secret Police Files, the documents contain evidence of Iraq's genocidal Anfal campaign against the Kurdish minority population in the late 1980s, including repeated use of chemical weapons.

"These historical documents have great meaning to the Kurds because they reveal what brutality transpired and how it was carried out," said Curator Bruce Montgomery, who negotiated with the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee to acquire the files for CU-Boulder's Human Rights Archive.

The collection has been part of the University of Colorado Libraries Archives and Special Collections since early 1998 when 18 metric tons of documents were transferred to CU-Boulder from the National Archives with the approval of the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee. At the same time, Montgomery obtained an electronic copy of the 5.5-million-page collection from the Defense Intelligence Agency's Documentation Exploitation Division, which had scanned the documents for intelligence.

Members of the delegation included Woshiar Rasul Mohammed Amin, adviser to the Sulaimaniyah governor and former member of the Sulaimaniyah Provincial Council; Professor Ferdinand Hennerbichler, faculty of languages and humanities at the University of Sulaimaniyah and a former Austrian diplomat; Mohammed Fatah Mohammed, member of the General Directorate for Culture, Sport and Youth of the Sulaimaniyah Governorate; and Ako M. Wahbi, international board member of the Zheen Archive Center, where the repatriated files will be housed.

Events included a panel discussion hosted by the Conference on World Affairs Athenaeum on "The Future of the Kurds and Iraq: Confronting the Threat of ISIS," and a private ceremony at Norlin Library hosted by Chancellor Philip P. DiStefano to officially hand over an electronic copy of the documents, which will be taken to the Zheen Archive Center in Sulaimaniyah, located in the Kurdistan region of Iraq. The ceremony signified the first act of restitution of captured Saddam Hussein documents in more than 20 years of internal upheaval, rebellion and war.

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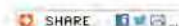
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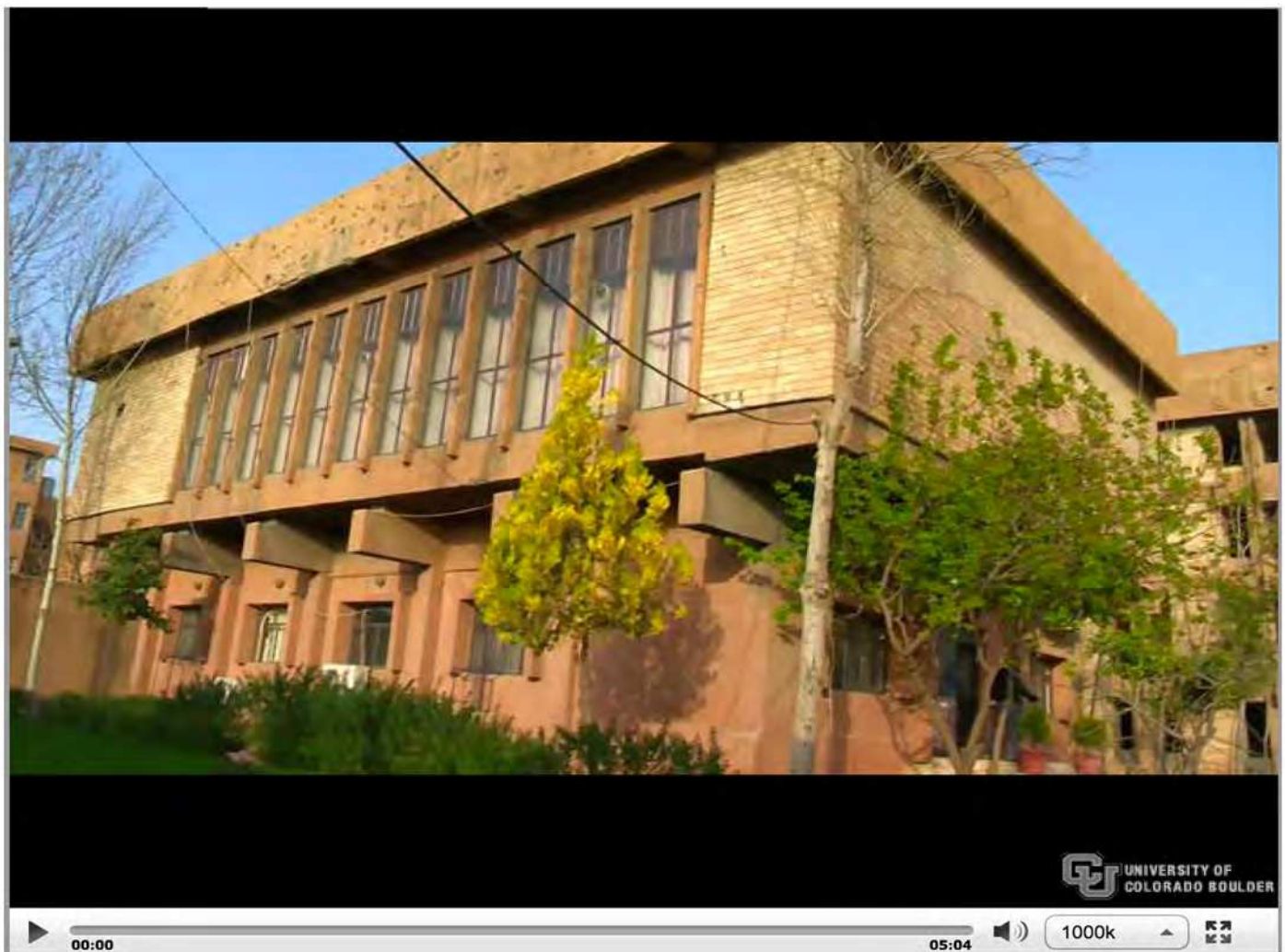
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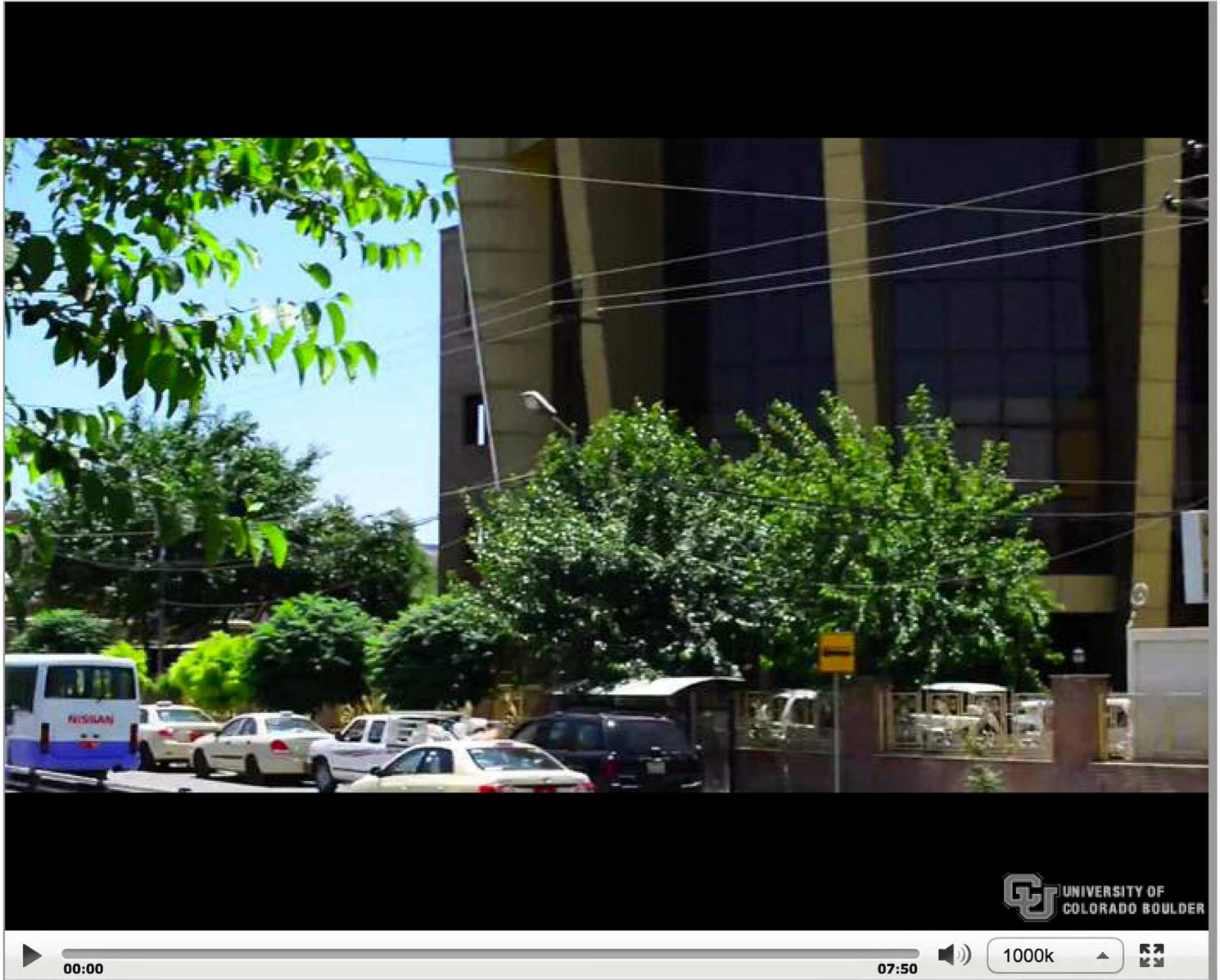
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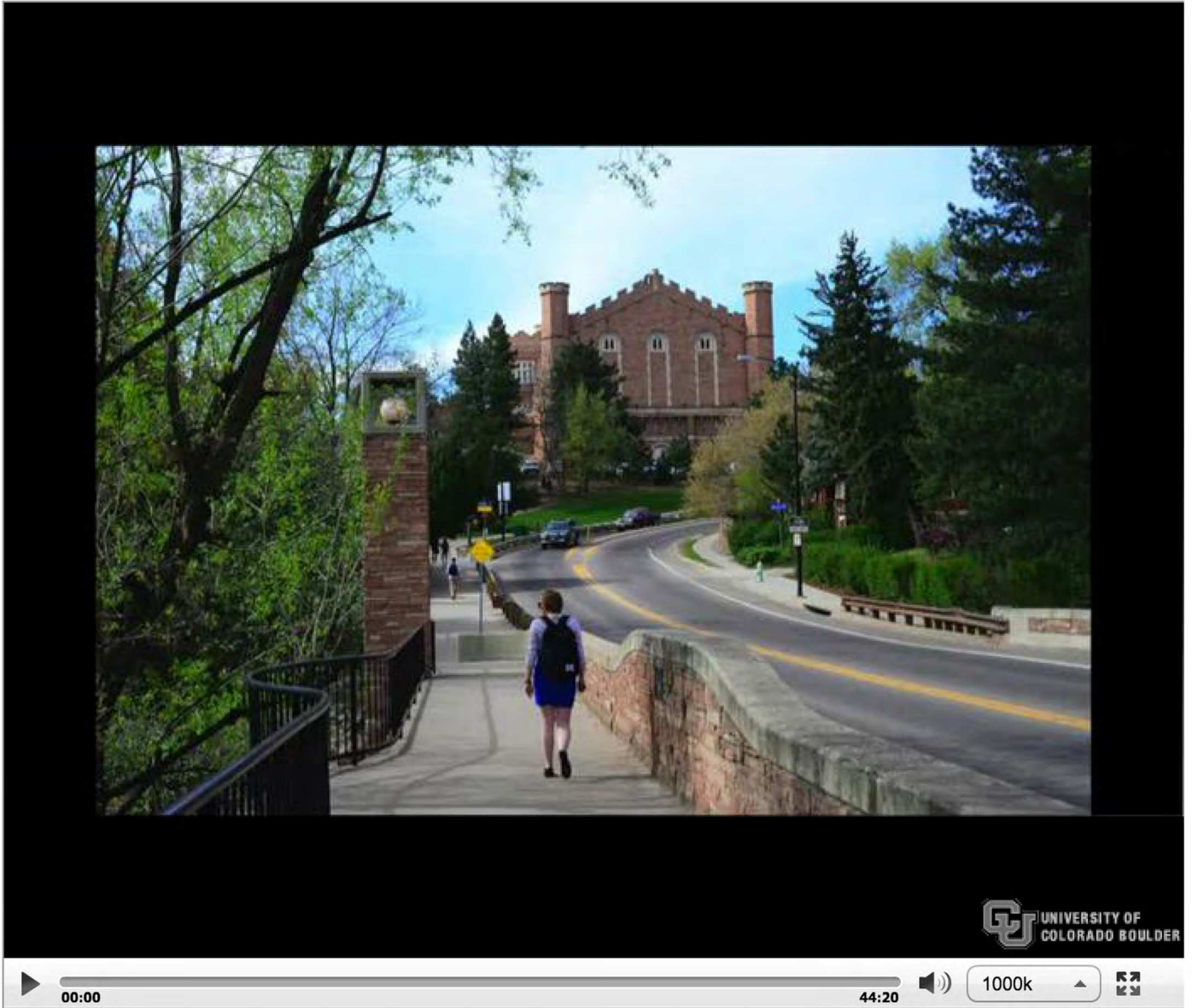
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