# Custom Enclosures and Encasements for Historic Artifacts



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# Design Criteria

- What artifact or type of material is going to be displayed?
- Where will it be displayed and for how long?
- Will the object travel?
- What are the security requirements?
- What is the budget for the project?

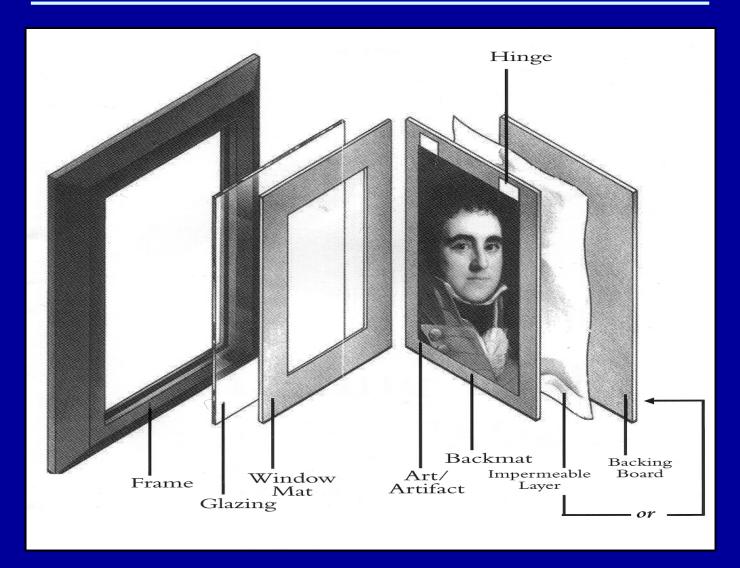
# Environmental Requirements

- How sensitive is the object to changes in temperature and relative humidity?
- What will be the difference in temperature and humidity outside of the enclosure versus the interior of the case?
- Can a stable interior environment be maintained and for how long?
- What will be the lighting conditions?
- Is it possible to make a maintenance free enclosure?

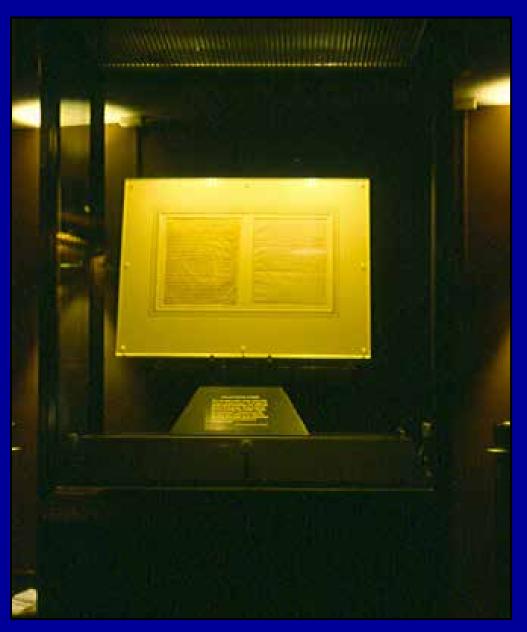
## Framing and Matting Methods

- 100% rag window mat
- Plexiglas spacers
- Japanese paper hinges
- Chicago string mat vellum
- UF3 Plexiglas®
- UV filtering glass
- Marvel Seal 360 moisture barrier
- Wood or metal frame

# Basic Window Mat Structure



## Gettysburg Display Case



# Chicago String Mat



Linen threads maintain uniform tension

# Carolina Charter





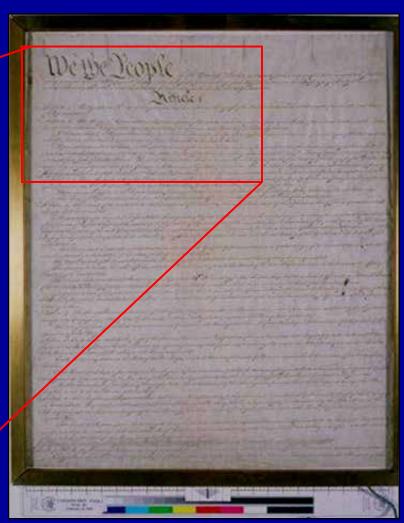
raking light – unframed before treatment

mounted and framed – after treatment

# We the People....

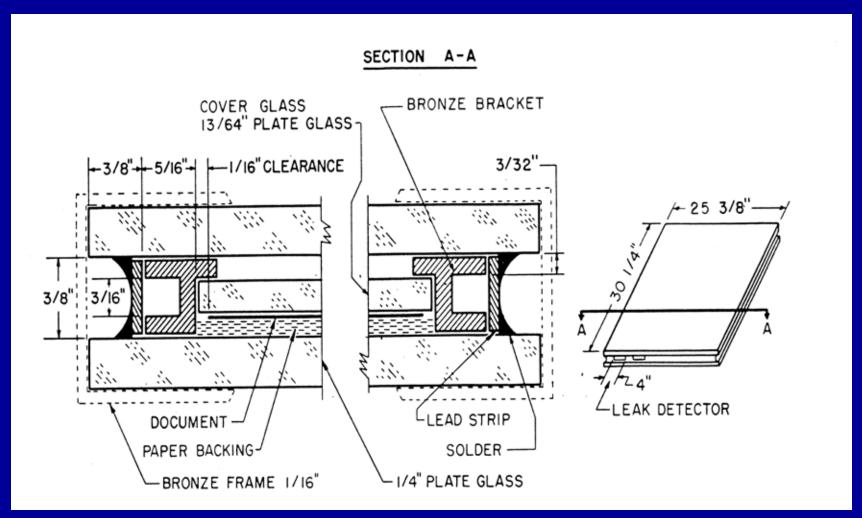


cockling in the vellum - raking light view



1951 Encasement

# 1951 Enclosure for the Declaration of Independence

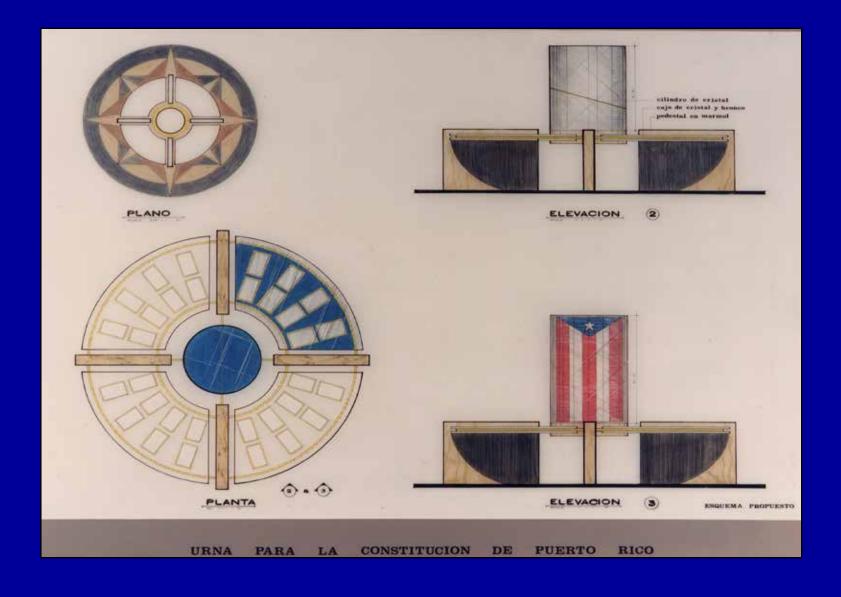


#### The Constitution of Puerto Rico



Capital Building of Puerto Rico

#### Design of the Rotunda Display Case

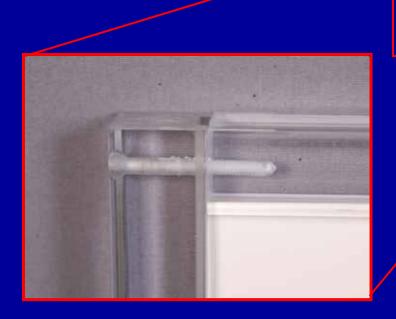


## Capital Rotunda – Interior View

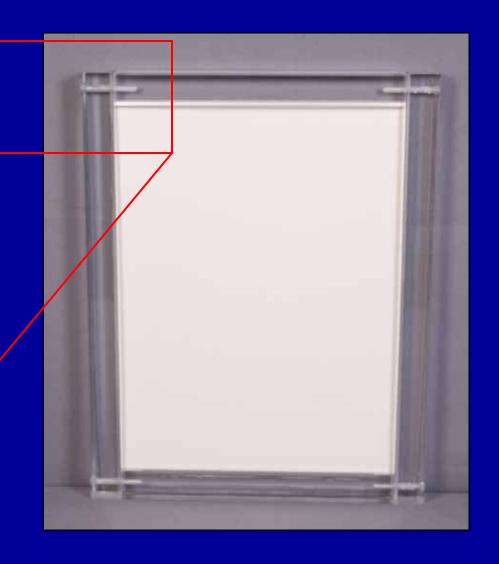


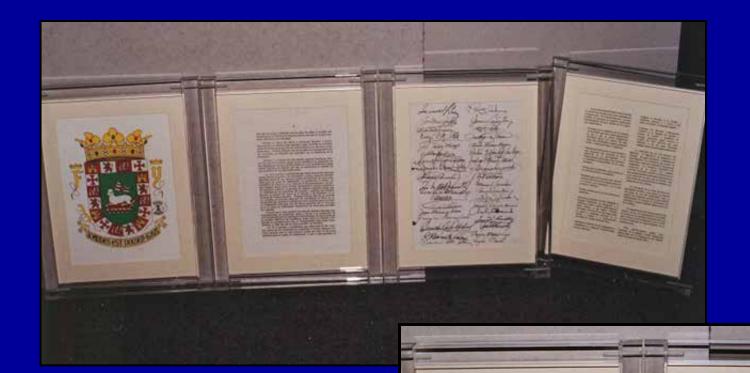


# Acrylic Frame for the Constitution of Puerto Rico



corner joint secured with acrylic screw



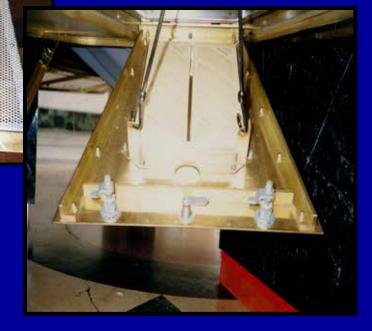


Documents mounted in acrylic frames



Document frames

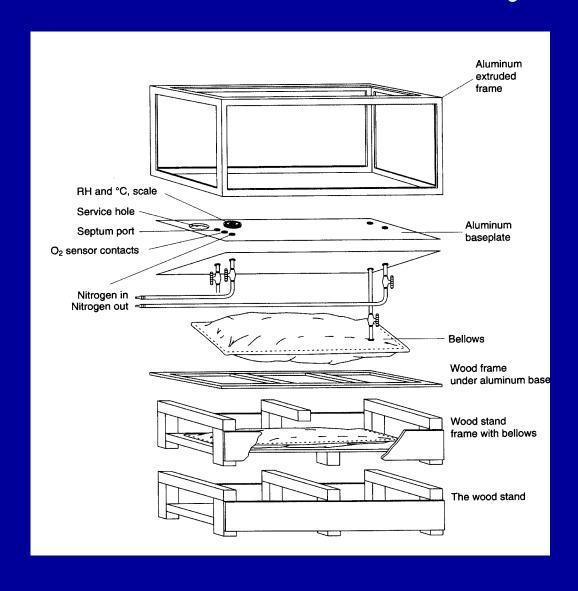
Silica gel tray



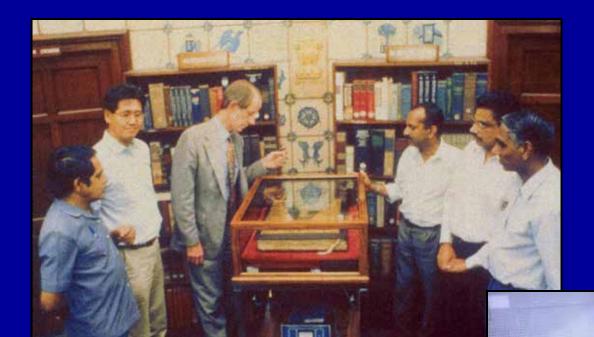
# Egyptian Mummy Case



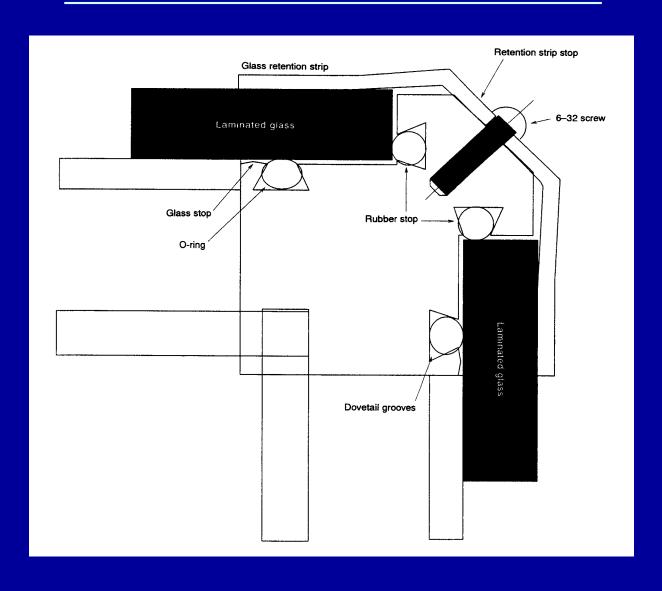
# Exploded View of Mummy Case

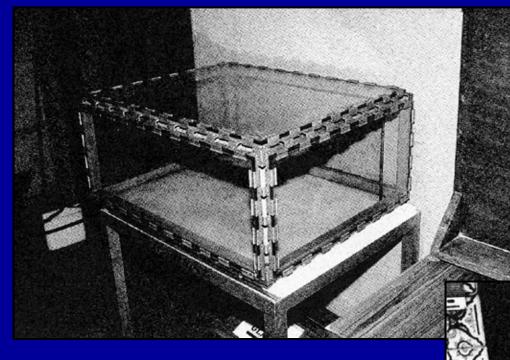


# Constitution of India



## Corner Joint and Gaskets



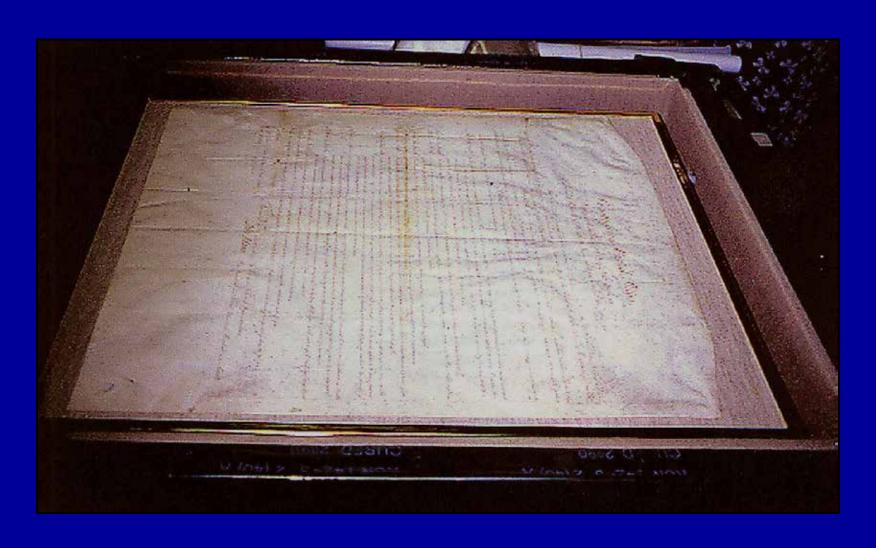


Case with applied trim

Case structure without edge moulding



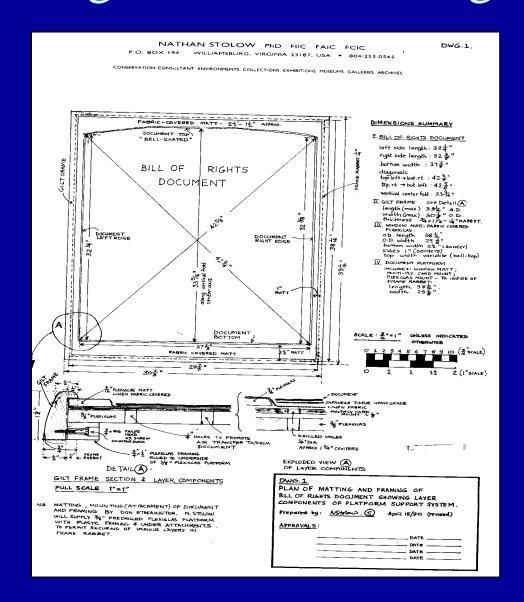
# Virginia Bill of Rights



#### Matting and Framing of the Bill of Rights

Plan of Matting and
Framing of the Bill of
Rights Document
Showing Layer
Components of Platform
Support System

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April 15, 1990



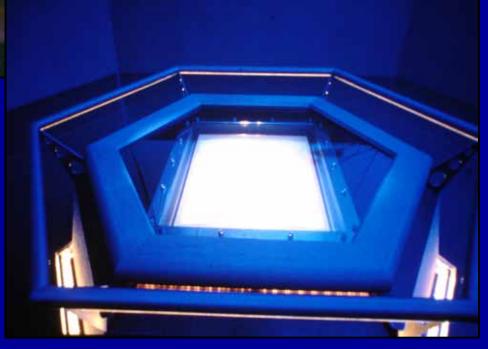
# Entrance to the Exhibition



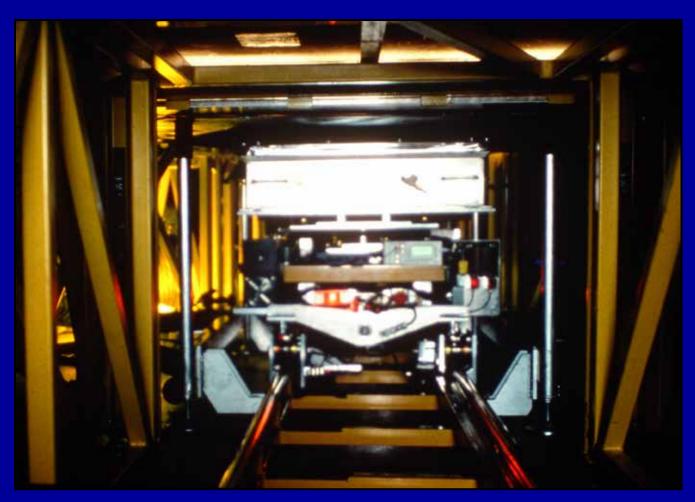


#### Virginia Bill of Rights

Exhibition case and viewing stand



# Transport Carriage



## Bird's Eye View of Exhibition Space



# Security Vehicle



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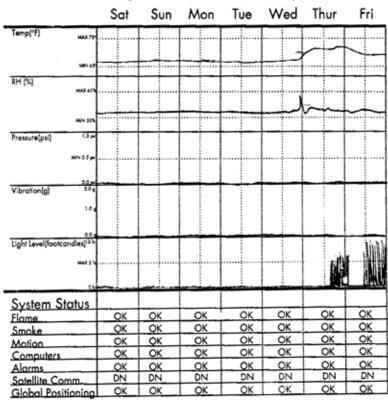
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#### The Bill of Rights Tour

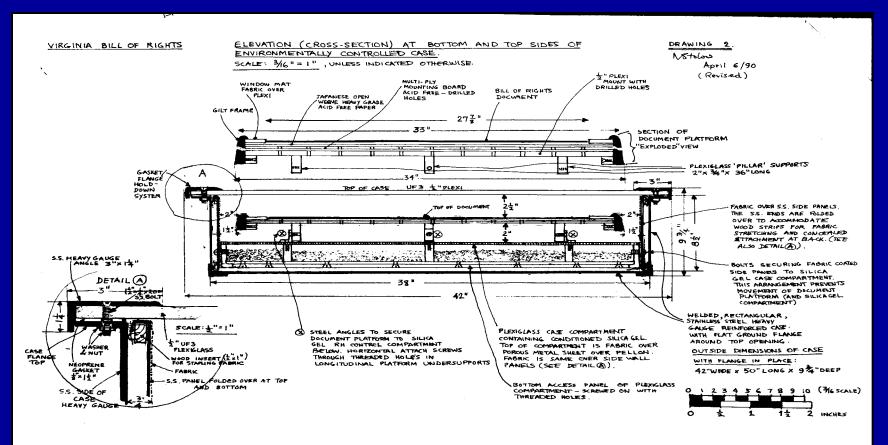
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# Elevation of Environmentally Controlled Case



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# Magna Carta



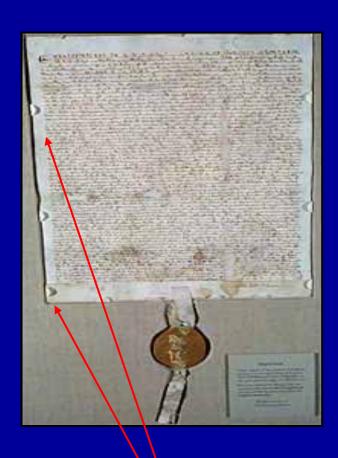
# Enclosure for the Magna Carta



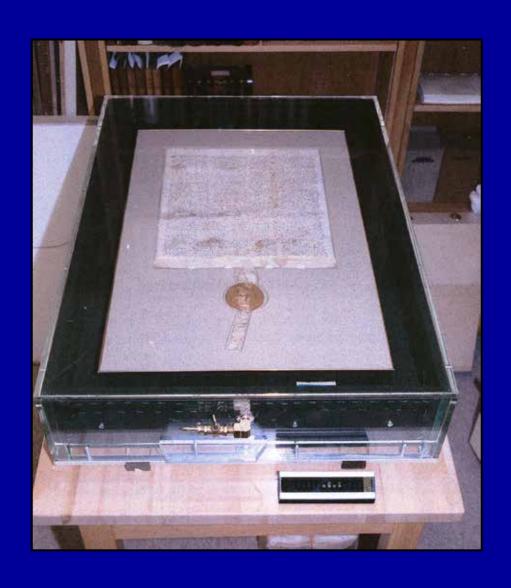
# Perforated Acrylic Platform for the Magna Carta



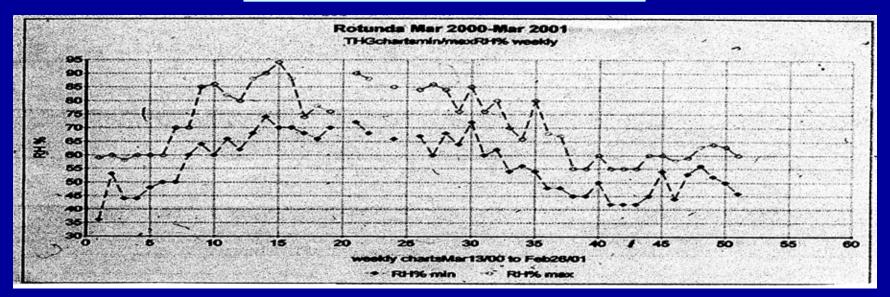
# Magna Carta Mounted on Cloth Covered Perforated Platform



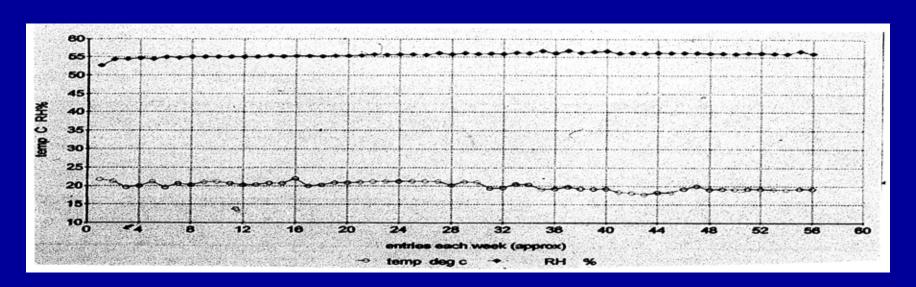
Polyester mounting tabs



#### Rotunda National Archives



#### Magna Carta Encasement



## Transportation Pad



## Metal Transportation Case



### Final Display Case for the Magna Carta

