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> A little windup
>Agfa camera or what have you in something this important. Come on!!

Excuse me, Don, but that is a grossly ill-informed and silly comment. The film has always been claimed to have been shot with a Bell & Howell Filmo 70 camera. This camera is certainly not "little". It is a large, solid camera, and was used by all branches of the US military for many years. In the late 60s, when I began doing cinematography, many hundreds if not thousands of these cameras were still in use. The Bell & Howell Filmo was, in fact, the most successful motion picture camera in history.

Yes, it was spring driven, as were nearly all cameras at the time. In today's world of miniaturized motors and such, we tend to forget that spring wound cameras were the standard in the 20s,30s, 40s, 50s and well into the 60s. There was an electric motor attachment for the Filmo series, but it was gigantic and VERY heavy. It could not be used for hand-held shooting.

Bob

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