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Subject: Letter to President of CBS News on CBS Assassination Archive Film and Videotape
As I mentioned to David on the telephone, I had a positive conversation today with Al Ortiz, CBS News Washington Bureau, (202) 457-4401, regarding our interest in discussing the CBS archival assassination film and video collection. Ortiz said that there were various issues that would have to be dealt with, but he thought that CBS would be predisposed to working with us. Specifically, he said that there were three departments at CBS that this matter would cut across, including: (1) Archives Department; (2) Documentaries Department; and (3) Legal Department. The issues for the legal department will be not setting a bad legal precedent for CBS regarding archival materials and copyright concerns. Ortiz will contact CBS VP Linda Mason in New York next week regarding this matter. He said that he would try to get back to me by Wednesday. Ortiz speculated that after we talked next week, we would probably want to have a conference call with Ortiz, Mason and me. If we get to that point, you, Jeremy and I should talk about who else needs to be involved, as discussion of the various issues would get more specific. Given my conversation with Ortiz, we can hold off on the letter from Jack to the CBS News President, for now. I will advise you of what Ortiz tells me next week. To: David Marwell/ARRBcc: Jeremy Gunn/ARRB From: Tom Samoluk/ARRB Date: 08/27/97 04:49:43 PM Subject: Letter to President of CBS News on CBS Assassination Archive Film and Videotape I spoke with Mary Mapes today regarding our interest in the CBS assassination archives (see report below). Per her suggestion, I have drafted the attached letter for Jack to go to the President of CBS News. Mapes said that she would help with follow-up if we did not get any immediate response. As you may recall, we previously sought Rather's assistance (no response) and I spoke with the senior producer involved in all of the CBS assassination specials (helpful, but the marching orders will come from the top). Please advise me of your thoughts. Thanks. CALL REPORT Document's Author: Tom Samoluk/ARRB Date Created: 08/27/97 The Players Description of the Call Date: 08/27/97 Subject: CBS Assassination Archives Materials Summary of the Call: 12:00 noon - I called Mary and got more guidance from her regarding the CBS archival film on the assassination. She suggested a letter to Andrew Haywood, President of CBS News, call Bernie Birnbaum, the producer of all the CBS assassination specials, and maybe Al Ortiz, Washington Bureau Chief. Toby Wertheim, head researcher, is not worth contacting now because she will take her marching orders from above and would not be able to do anything until she got the okay. Linda Mason, VP for CBS Productions is working with History Channel on some specials. She may be important at some point. Mary thought that if we can get through to CBS, they may be cooperative, but Haywood's concern would be other networks not getting access to what CBS has in their files. Mary said to call her three weeks after the letter to Haywood goes out.

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