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Subject: UPDATE - Letter to President of CBS News on CBS Assassination Archive Film and Videotape
I have now had two positive telephone conversations with Al Ortiz, CBS News Washington Bureau Chief, subsequent to my earlier e-mail, regarding the CBS archival materials. He has now spoken with the key CBS person on this matter in New York, Vice President Linda Mason. According to Ortiz, Mason is inclined to be responsive to our request. He suggested that a meeting in New York with our representatives, Mason, the head of the CBS Archives and him, would be the most effective way to pursue this matter. Ortiz has suggested a meeting in New York sometime around October 7th. He will get back to me with more specifics about a meeting date, but I wanted to see if it would be possible for you to go to New York with me for this meeting around the 7th. Please advise me what your schedule looks like and then we can nail down the specific time and date with Ortiz. I would like to note that I have not specifically mentioned our interest in outtakes at this point. My references have been general such as "all materials that are relevant to the assassination." I think talking about outtakes at the outset would immediately taint our request and any future discussions. Thus, I hope to make progress on the on-air materials, further establish our credibility and then deal with the tougher issues like conditions of a donation and outtakes. As a result of my conversations with Ortiz today, I will put Jack's letter to the CBS News President on hold again.
To: David Marwell/ARRB, Jeremy Gunn/ARRBcc: Eileen Sullivan/ARRB From: Tom Samoluk/ARRB Date: 09/16/97 09:42:23 AM
Subject: Letter to President of CBS News on CBS Assassination Archive Film and Videotape
I have a pending call to Al Ortiz of CBS News, but I have not heard back from him. Thus, I plan on giving the attached letter for the CBS News President to Jack for his signature on Wednesday when he is here. This is consistent with the advice I received from Bernard Birnbaum, the veteran CBS producer who did all of the CBS assassination specials. It should have no impact on what Ortiz may do, should he come through for us. To: David Marwell/ARRB, Jeremy Gunn/ARRBcc: Eileen Sullivan/ARRB From: Tom Samoluk/ARRB Date: 08/29/97 04:51:57 PM
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

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