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Dear Jack:

I would like you to know how much our agency appreciates the fine contribution and testimony that Professor Bob Brauneis generously provided to the Review Board at its Public Hearing earlier this week on the legal implications of a Federal "taking" of the Zapruder film. Although the hearing was arranged on short notice, Bob could not have been more cooperative and agreeable to meeting our quick deadlines. His review and analysis of the law (including our legislative history) was thorough and skillful. Melinda told me that she and Jo Anne watched part of the hearing on C-Span, and I received calls from around the country from people who complemented his performance. The Department of Justice attorney who handles takings cases, and who was present in the audience, also praised his testimony. The attorney for the Zapruder family also called and complemented Bob's work.

I hope that you are doing well and that Melinda and I get a chance to see you soon.

Best wishes,

T. Jeremy Gunn
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Associate Director for Research and Analysis

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