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Dear Noel:

Thank you for your letter of July 2, 1997, and for sending draft chapters from your book. As you requested, we have replaced the new Chapter 28.

In regard to your questions about the edge prints on the three first-generation copies of the Zapruder film, I can tell you that a member of our staff, Doug Horne, examined what we currently understand to be the three first-generation copies: the two "Secret Service" copies that are housed at the National Archives, and the third ("Life Magazine") copy that is now in private hands (although it is in a degraded condition).

All three copies possess *two sets of edge prints*, as one would expect to be visible on copies made from an original film that was copied, by a contact printer, onto Kodachrome IIA film stock. The two sets of edge prints on each first generation copy are backwards (*i.e.*, reversed) from each other. The "home movie" portion of the Zapruder film is present on all three copies. The "home movie" portion also includes the double, reversed edge print information. (The original film edge print reads "Kodachrome II," and the first generation copy edge print reads "Kodachrome IIA.")

More information on this matter will become available when our working files are placed in the JFK Collection at NARA following the conclusion of our efforts. I hope this information is of use to you.

Sincerely,

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for Research and Analysis

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