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From: Judge John R. Tunheim

Subject: Copying of CBS Assassination Records

COMMENTS:

Mr. Waldman:

Al Ortiz referred me to Linda Mason and you and Linda asked me to be in contact with you.   I am trying to finalize the arrangement we have been discussing with CBS concerning copying of CBS archival records on the assassination of President Kennedy.   Attached to this fax is a minor redraft of the last draft of the proposed Deed of Gift that was sent to us by CBS earlier this year. The changes were made by the National Archives to conform with federal law.

Briefly, to recap this situation, the Assassination Records Review Board, which I Chair, has been working for some time to arrange for the copying of certain of the CBS archival records which involve CBS' coverage and investigative work on the assassination of President Kennedy.   Since we are nearing the end of our role as the government agency charged with declassifying the government records and gathering as much information as possible for the country's large and fascinating collection, I decided to try to make this happen.   Our staff has reviewed some of the materials in the CBS Archives and we very much want to include these significant records for the public files.   The Review Board will close its operations on September 30, 1998 at the end of the federal fiscal year so that accounts for the rush to finish.

For some time we had tried to arrange for a donation of the files to the National Archives, but there were apparently problems with obtaining a tax deduction for the donation.   Failing that, we agreed to pay for the costs of making copies, a cost which I was told would be close to $30,000. We only have about $10,000 - $15,000 available at this stage for this project.   I would like to send my staff to New York, hopefully this week, to try to finalize the agreement and designate which of the files we will agree to pay for copying and transfer to the National Archives.   Please give me a call at (202) 724-0088 ext. 227 so that we can discuss.

Thank you very much.