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Dear Mr. Livingstone:

Thank you for your fax of February 20, 1998. As you suggested it might, your letter did indeed help substantially to clarify what you were seeking from us. This permits me to give you a more complete answer.

First, *we already have, in no uncertain terms, instructed the Secret Service to turn over to us (or the JFK Collection at the National Archives) ALL of the films, photographs, and records in its possession, custody, or control that are related to the assassination.* As a part of our compliance program, *the Secret Service will be required to state, under oath and subject to the penalty of perjury, that it has indeed made a thorough search of its records and files and that it has sent to the Review Board or the Archives all such materials.* I do not know how I can be more explicit than this. [Doug--anything in the SS letter of February 6?]

Second, we have previously attempted to secure all information related to Life Magazine regarding the chain of custody of the Zapruder film. I am enclosing for you copies of the documentation of which we are aware regarding the chain-of-custody. [Doug--does this make sense?] I would very much appreciate it if you could advise us of any other documentation of which you are aware. (As always, you should understand that the Review Board is not opining on the completeness or accuracy of this documentation.)

Third, you state that: "For you to imply that you have helped create a game for us researchers in the future to try to sort out what you have dumped on the Archives is not good enough." I certainly implied no such thing. Our records will be organized in such a way that will permit you to research our files easily. Our entire filing plan will be available at the National Archives when we go out of business. (This is a sharp contrast from the way in which the files of the Warren Commission and the House Select Committee on Assassination were transferred.)

I would like to conclude with some personal observations. Although I am sure that you do not intend your letters to be insulting or threatening, some people might read them that way. Let me suggest two things that I think might improve our communications. First, I do not think it is helpful for you to suggest that if we do not do what you wish that you will approach Congress, or the Vice President, or to the media. *If you wish to approach any of these persons and to discuss with them*

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(or complain to them), I encourage you to do so. I am glad that we live in a country where citizens can show initiative and take action. I do not think, however, that it contributes in any way to effective communications between us when you suggest that we will do something differently simply because of a "fear" that you will approach others whom you know. (I appreciate the fact that there were no such threats in your most recent letter.)

Second, I think it also would contribute to our communications if you were not repeatedly presuming bad motives on our part. (I remember this problem as having started with the letter regarding the autopsy depositions and continuing through the third point I made above.) Although neither the Review Board nor myself will be making substantive judgments about issues relating to the assassination, we are doing the best we can to collect records and transfer them to the Archives. That is our job.

Thank you again for your continuing interest.

Sincerely,

T. Jeremy Gunn
Executive Director

P.S. You might wish to correct the spelling of "Baltimore" in your letterhead.

Enclosures