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Mr. David Taplin  
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Dear Mr. Taplin:

Thank you for your recent telephone calls regarding the film taken on the day that Lee Harvey Oswald was shot at the Dallas Police Station. Although as I mentioned, there was live television coverage in and around the police station that day, the film is still of interest to the Assassination Records Review Board.

In response to your inquiry regarding copyrighting the film, I have enclosed information that should be of interest to you. I suggest that Circular 45 is the one you should read first and the most important. Some of the information may seem technical at first glance, however, the Copyright Office has tried to make it as simple as possible. I hope you do not get discouraged from donating the film to the JFK Collection because of the paperwork. Please note that there is a number for the Copyright Office contained in the materials, if you have any questions. Although I cannot legally advise you on this matter, please do not hesitate to call me if you have any questions about our role.

In addition to the copyright information, I have enclosed a brochure about the Review Board. I hope it adds some insight into our mandate.

Again, thank you for calling regarding the film. We are interested in seeing it and possibly making it part of the JFK Collection. As I mentioned on the telephone, we can make the arrangements that you articulated regarding the original being returned to you and a copy being kept for the JFK Collection.

I look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Sincerely,

Thomas E. Samoluk  
Associate Director

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