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**Subject:** Re: Rankin Deed of Gift

I have already spoken to NARA about para 4, which should not (and cannot) be included. Please send me your draft when you have completed it.  
**To:** Jeremy Gunn/ARRB  
**From:** Laura Denk/ARRB  
**Date:** 08/28/96  
10:34:28 AM  
**Subject:** Rankin Deed of Gift  
I have reviewed James Rankin's letter about donating his father's Warren Commission papers and I have prepared a draft deed of gift that incorporates 2 of the 6 conditions he sets forth in his letter. (#1 about when the transfer of title actually occurs and #3 about allowing the family to make copies.) It seems to me that the other four conditions, 2, 4, 5, and 6 don't really need to be written into the deed of gift. I think we should just write a cover letter that explains what we will agree to do, and send that letter along with the deed of gift for Rankin to sign. But before I start preparing a cover letter agreeing to do these things, I should ask: are we agreeing to each of the remaining four conditions? If yes, I think we should probably call Elizabeth Pugh's office and consult with them about condition # 4, which would involve giving the Rankin family some sort of "hold harmless" provision for any defamatory or libelous material in the papers. We may also want to ask about condition 2, which would commit the Board to assist (pay for?) an appraiser for the material. I know that the Archives doesn't have appraisers and does not hire them, but I don't know whether it would be a problem for us to assist with getting an appraiser in this situation. I assume that we won't have a problem with condition #5, which requires us to pay for packing and shipping of the papers to Washington, or with #6, which involves us sending a staff person to Santa Cruz to inspect the papers before the Board hearing on 9/17. Let me know what you would like me to do next on this deed.

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