

February 23, 1998

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Dear Mr. Livingstone:

Thank you for your fax of February 20, 1998. As you suggested, your letter did indeed help substantially to clarify what you were seeking from us. This allows 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 to 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. In furtherance of this effort, the Secret Service recently located and turned over to the Archives four additional copies of assassination films (including a copy of the Zapruder film, an assassination re-enactment film, a combined copy of the Nix and Muchmore films, and CBS news footage of the shooting of Lee Harvey Oswald). We have not had the opportunity to examine these materials. (According to the Secret Service, they were transferred under the RIF numbers 154-10003-10087, 154-10003-10088, 154-10003-10089, and 154-10003-10090. It may also take some time before these materials are properly processed by the Archives.)

Second, we have previously attempted to secure all information related to Life Magazine's possession of the Zapruder film. I am enclosing for you copies of the documentation of which we are aware regarding the chain-of-custody. 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.) We also believe that we may have located a badly damaged first-generation copy of the Zapruder film that was created at the film lab of Mr. Jamieson in Dallas on November 22, 1963 and that is now in private hands.

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

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business. (This is in sharp contrast with the way in which the files of the Warren Commission and the House Select Committee on Assassination were handled by those committees.)

I would like to conclude with two 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 communications between us. First, I do not think it is helpful for you to suggest that unless we take certain steps that you are advocating you will report on us to Congress, or the Vice President, or the media. *If you wish to approach any of these persons and to discuss with them (or complain to them), I encourage you to do so regardless of what we do or do not do.* I do not think, however, that it contributes in any way to helpful communications between us when you suggest that you will “go tell on us” if we do not do what you are asking. (I appreciate the fact that there were no such “threats” in your most recent letter.) In short, feel free to contact anyone you wish whenever you wish.

Second, I think it also would contribute to our communications if you did not repeatedly imply that we may have bad motives. (I remember this problem as far back as the letter regarding the autopsy depositions and continuing through the third point I made above.) Although neither the Review Board nor I will be making substantive judgments about issues relating to the assassination, we are doing the best we can to collect records, declassify them, and transfer them to the Archives. Our final report will discuss these issues and will not opine on substantive issues that are best left to researchers, historians, and scholars. We leave it to others to explain the meaning of the records.

Thank you again for your continuing interest. I hope this letter helps answer some of your concerns.

Sincerely,

T. Jeremy Gunn
Executive Director

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

Enclosures