

June 7, 1996

Mr. Joseph Backes
9 Kaine Terrace
Albany, New York 12208-1215

Dear Mr. Backes:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your June 6, 1996 letter.

First, I have enclosed another copy of the Rules of Procedure (as amended).

Second, one copy of the new JFK film was provided to each media outlet that requested one at a cost of \$8.00 per videotape. Copies were made available (in great haste and on short notice) because two media outlets, The Dallas Morning News and CBS, already had copies and overwhelming interest in the film developed during the course of the day. There was no proactive notification of the availability of the film to anyone, not even the media. We simply advised representatives of the media, when they called inquiring about getting a copy of the film, that copies would be available at 7:00 p.m.

Third, the Review Board has no copies left for distribution. Members of the general public will be able to obtain copies of the film from the National Archives once it is in the JFK Collection. It will probably be available at the Archives in a few weeks. Members of the public will receive a better quality copy of the film than the Board was able to quickly distribute to the media. I should also note that it has aired in its entirety on C-SPAN at least three times this week and additional airings may be scheduled.

Fourth, Mr. Lesar and Mr. Judge were allowed to purchase copies of the videotape because their organizations publish journals and thus they were considered members of the media for our purposes.

In addition, they were not contacted by us regarding the film. Both of them initiated contact with us.

The members of the Review Board appreciate the continuing interest that you and other members of the public have expressed in their work.

Sincerely,

Thomas E. Samoluk
Associate Director