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Mr. Richard Barnes  
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Dear Mr. Barnes:

Thank you for agreeing to donate the copy of the Associated Press wire copy from the days surrounding the assassination of President Kennedy. As we discussed, it will be a valuable addition to the JFK Assassination Records Collection at the National Archives.

For your review, I have enclosed a draft Deed of Gift to accompany your donation. If there are changes that you believe should be made, please call me at 724-0088, ext. 227, or edit the document and return it to me in the mail or by fax at 724-0457. Our experience with the National Archives has been that the process is simplified when a Deed of Gift travels with the donation.

Once we have heard back from you, we will decide when to issue a news release about the donation. As I told you, we will share a draft of the news release with you to allow for your input and to ensure that you are comfortable with what we say about the donation.

Again, thank you for agreeing to make the donation. We are confident that researchers and historians will benefit greatly from having access to this wire copy. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

Thomas E. Samoluk  
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