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TO: : BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
BOARD OF ADVISORS

FROM : BERNARD FENSTERWALD, JR.

SUBJECT : UPDATE

For a change, I am glad to report that we are making considerable progress:

LIBRARY: Our library of 1000+ books is catalogued, cross-indexed and shelved so that we can locate books promptly. We recently ordered 38 books from Tom Davis.

AUDIO TAPES: We have something less than 1000 audio tapes which are indexed and properly stored.

COMPUTER PROGRAMS: Our hard disc now contains (a) the "BRANDT GENERAL INDEX" of 22,000 names and events, and (b) the "MEEK JFK INDEX" of 10,000+ names and events dealing only with the JFK murder. We also have underway a joint AARC-FERRELL-BRANDT effort to computerize Mary's 30,000 cards on JFK. We anticipate that this will be completed in 3 months.

LONDON WEEKEND TV: We are working with LWTV on "The Trial of LHO."

COLLECTIONS: We have recently received the collections of William Turner, Paris Flammonde, and Richard Popkin. Any member of the Board of Directors, Board of Advisors, or members who have "excess" assassination materials or know the whereabouts of some, please try to get them to AARC. We want to have the best collection in the world.

RFK REPOSITORY: We are actively seeking to be named the Repository of the LA Police files on RFK, unless the National Archives or Library of Congress is named. The files should reside in Washington.

INTERNATIONAL NETWORK: We are considering the establishment of a network of "co-respondents" in every country to swap assassination information. Such a network should greatly improve our research capability.

FUND-RAISING: We have hired a part-time, professional fund-raiser, Ms. Linda Wieboldt, of Arlington, VA. Any leads for us?

FRED COOK has sent an intriguing letter relating to a possible "special status" LHO may have had with the U.S. Government.

FUTURE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS: It has been suggested that we should have a meeting in November, 1986. Any comments from Members of the Board?

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SPECIAL PLEA FOR PERMANENT MEMBERS

This is a special plea for all of those interested in the subject of assassinations to become members of AARC. Up to this point, we have concentrated on building the best repository of assassination materials in the world. We believe that we are well on our way to this goal. And, as our existence become known, the number of users of AARC is growing steadily.

However, if we are to survive and grow, we must find permanent sources of income. This, parenthetically, is not where you come in -- directly; but it is where you can be of enormous indirect help.

We can never expect any financial help from either government or corporate grants. That leaves the private foundations. And very few of them will become involved with anything as "dangerous" as assassinations. Yet, there are a few. These "strays", however, normally require that the recipients of grants have a minimum public support in terms of membership and financing. They want to help organizations which already have public support.

Because of this, we wish to increase our membership to several hundred. We particularly want to get institutional members. We can use the \$25 and \$100 membership fees; but, more importantly, we can use the members. We very much hope that you will join AARC, individually or institutionally, and that we can bill you annually for dues.

On the reverse of this page is a recent "progress report." Also enclosed is a current brochure which describes some of the advantages of membership.

Please do join; fill in the application on the brochure and return it with your check.

With thanks.



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President

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