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Dear AARC Friend or Member:

I am pleased to enclose a copy of the first issue of the AARC Quarterly. I hope that you will approve of the job we have done, and will look forward to receiving the next issue.

Because of the AARC's beleaguered financial state, putting out this newsletter has taken a great deal of time and effort by a few dedicated people. If you want AARC to continue to do this job, we need your support.

For the past decade the AARC's annual dues have remained constant at \$25. Now we find it necessary to raise dues to \$30 per year. However, we are also committing to publish a quarterly newsletter of high quality. We are also offering multiple year membership at a discount. Members paying dues for three years or longer will become members at the rate of \$25 a year or less. The new rate for membership dues, effective June 1, 1995, is:

1 year:	\$ 30.00
3 years:	75.00
5 years:	100.00

The AARC Quarterly is received at no additional charge by members. Back issues are available at \$4.00 each for single copies of an issue, \$ 10.00 for three copies of an issue, and \$30.00 for 10 copies of an issue.

Finally, some news that came too late for inclusion in the newsletter. On May 3rd, the Assassination Records Review voted to adopt a revised definition of "assassination record." Listening to criticism by the AARC and others, the Board deleted the phrase "may have led to" in § 1400.1 of its proposed regulations, and replaced it with "reasonably related to." It also included "persons" within the basic definition, as I had suggested. It has also scheduled a hearing to be held in New Orleans, tentatively set for June 28th.

Sincerely yours,

Jim Lesar
President, AARC

LIST OF ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST
AVAILABLE AT THE ASSASSINATION ARCHIVES

JFK Act - Copy of the President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act of 1992 requiring release of files, with statements of Senators and witnesses, including testimony of AARC President Jim Lesar). \$15.00

JFK Act Hearings - Proceedings of hearings held by the House Legislation and National Security Subcommittee on November 17, 1993 to evaluate the compliance with JFK Act. Includes testimony of AARC President Jim Lesar, Maj. John Newman, and Gerald Posner. \$20.00

Review Board Members - Biographical information and written answers submitted by the nominees to the Assassination Records Review Board before their February 1st confirmation hearings. Learn about the backgrounds of the five people who will decide what documents the public will see. \$10.00

Mexico City Report - This long awaited 400+ page report from the House Select Committee as the possibility that he was impersonated at foreign embassies. Spiral bound in a clear plastic cover. \$45.00

Clandestine America - Now rare newsletter originally published "to provide critical coverage of events surrounding the House [Select Committee on Assassinations] investigation, as well as pertinent information related to the general theme of assassinations and "clandestine America." Eleven issues \$22.00

New Files - Latest listing of new files turned over to the National Archives on August 23, 1993 and since; a helpful guide. - \$4.00

LBJ Transcript List - List of telephone calls made in the Johnson White House in November and December of 1963. \$4.00

The LBJ Transcripts - 275 conversations held during November and December of 1963 involving Johnson, White House aides, political officials and other post-assassination figures discussing immediate aftermath of the assassination, formation of the Warren Commission, and related subjects. Includes two recently released Hoover transcripts. Five volumes spiral bound in a clear plastic cover. \$70.00

Connally Fragments File - Articles from major print media about the effort to retrieve the Connally fragments, and correspondence between researchers and the Department of Justice, including the original AARC letter and the Justice Department's August 8th response. \$6.00

Case Closed File - Laudatory (mostly) articles from major media, and critical analyses and commentary by major research figures on the book by Gerald Posner, including AARC media advisory. \$15.00

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CIA Inspector General's Report - Recently released report prepared in 1967 on the orders of DCI Richard Helms which details the formation of "Executive Action Capability", ZR/RIFLE, and assassination plots against Fidel Castro. \$22.00

Alleged Assassination Plots Involving Foreign Leaders - This critically important report released by the "Church Committee" in 1975 provides insights into MONGOOSE, QJ/WIN, and ZR/RIFLE. Necessary background for newly released documents. \$25.00

Nosenko - Two newly released CIA studies on KGB defector Yuri I. Nosenko. The first is February 1968 (421 [pages]); the second is dated October 1, 1968 (268 pages) \$75.00 (including postage)

The Paines - The FBI has released approximately 1900 pages on Ruth Paine and 1700 pages on Michael Paine. Very little material has been withheld from these files.

DeMohrenshildt - The FBI has released approximately 2,000 pages on Georges DeMohrenshildt. Only a small percentage of material has been withheld.

Clay Shaw Trial Transcript - The AARC has obtained the complete Clay Shaw trial transcript, consisting of approximately 3,500 pages. A breakdown according to the individual witnesses who testified is available upon request.

Oswald Marine Corps File - Lee Harvey Oswald's official Marine Corps file. 364 pages. \$ 40.00 (postage included)

JFK Review Board Transcripts - The AARC has obtained copies of the transcripts of all of hearings held by the JFK Review Board to date. They are available to members at our usual rate of ten cents a page. The October 11, 1994 hearing featured testimony by AARC President Jim Lesar and others (Page Miller, John Newman, Peter Dale Scott, Mark Zaid and others). The purpose of the hearing was to elicit views on the definition of the term "assassination record").

April 12, 1994 (53 pages)

July 12, 1994 (58 pages)

October 11, 1994 (119 pages)

The AARC also has the written statements submitted by the persons testified at the Review Board's October 11 hearing. These statements generally contain much more information than their actual testimony.

Ebersole Interview--The AARC has obtained the transcript of Dr. John Ebersole's appearance before the HSCA Medical Panel on March 11, 1978 (69 pp.) We expect to soon have the transcript of Dr. Pierre Finck's testimony before that panel (61 pages). A copy of Finck's testimony at the Clay Shaw trial is available (286 pages).

Code Name "Solo" Packet--On March 30, 1994, the FBI released a packet of materials on the "Code Name 'Solo'" informants (Jack and Morris Childs) who reported to the FBI on Communist Party leaders at home and abroad. The packet includes only their reports pertaining to Kennedy assassination matters. In the packet is a copy of CD 1359, which was actually released by NARA at the end of January, 1995. With identification forms, the packet contains 293 pages.

Sam Giancana Files--The AARC has obtained the entire release of FBI files on Sam Giancana and Gus Alex, consisting of about 10,000 pages.

Robert J. Groden v. Random House, Inc., The New York Times Company, Inc., The New York Times Sales, Inc., and Gerald Posner. The brief for Appellant Robert Groden. in Groden's Lanham Act lawsuit against Gerald Posner, The Times, and Random House. \$ 10.50 (postage included).

Appendix to Appeal Brief in Groden v. Posner. Comprised of the papers filed in U.S. District Court, including the affidavits of Dr. Randolph Robertson, Dr. Cyril Wecht and Harold Weisberg, as well as the complaint, amended complaint, and the District Court's Memorandum Opinion ruling in favor of Posner and company. 417 pp. \$47.00 (postage included).

Case File in D. Mark Katz v. National Archives and Records Administration. This is a Freedom of Information Act lawsuit brought by Mark Katz to obtain access to the Kennedy assassination autopsy x-rays and photographs. Includes briefs, two opinions by the District Court, and affidavits by Dr. Cyril Wecht, Dr. Randolph Robertson, Dr. David Mantik, Dr. Louis P. Kartsonis, Harry Livingstone, Mary Ronan, Burke Marshall and Mark A. Crouch. 269 pp. \$ 32.00 (postage included).