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Dear Ted,

I've gone over what you sent and it appears to me to be in order and the best they can do. They are limited to what IRS accepts and so is the appraiser. The only point of comparison I have is one item, where I've sent them xeroxes, and at this end I was told the identical thing, 10¢ a page. With the books, it is impossible to know without a list of them and knowing their condition, but I am certain that if this can be appraised upward, they will see to it. I've known Wrone for years and he is an honest man. However, also bear in mind that on your end it must bear IRS scrutiny, and if they have any reason to have any questions, you'd have troubles.

Many of the books have little value but some can have considerable value, like the 26 volumes, which I'd not include if I were you because you can get quite a bit in a private sale if you have them and would part with them. Same for the Report, any and all editions.

They have no interest at all in having a lower than real value fixed and they would not do that. It is true that they cannot themselves provide any appraisal, as I learned years ago

Tell Anita that Nixon saw to it that all such things would be on the low side and examined with care because of the crooked things he tried and in which he got caught. Or do you and she remember that stink? That appraiser, who also had a big professional reputation, got into a lot of trouble and hurt himself by it.

You can depend on it, if any of it can be given a higher valuation, it will be. Hope you are both well.

Best,

Ted Gandolfo
1214 First Avenue
New York, N.Y. 10021
Feb. 19, 1984

Dear Harold,

Enclosed you'll find some important previous correspondence between the Univ. Of Wisconsin and myself re my materials.

I would appreciate it very much if you would look this correspondence over/read it all..and let me know if you think the amount for income tax deductions they are offering me for my materials is a good or even a fair one for all my taped/printed materials or not.

Please read it all carefully and take your time and let me know by mail if you think it is an equitable amount that they are offering me.

The reason I'm asking your advice on this is obviously because I'm very unknolegdable about these things.

My wife thinks that for the vast amount of materials I am offering them, she thinks their amount to me is too small. What do you think, Harold?

ZB I'll abide by what you say in response because I respect your good judgment. Thanks a lot for doing this for me.

I appreciate your indulgence.

Ted Gandolfo



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January 17, 1983

Mr. Ted Gandolfo
1214 First Avenue
New York, N.Y. 10021

Dear Ted:

Thank you for your recent letter concerning your tape-recorded and printed files on the assassination of President Kennedy. I was distressed to read that you are ill and suffering severe financial problems. I trust that all will eventually work its way out for you.

In consultation with the Dean of our Learning Resource Center I can report to you on the several questions you asked me:

1) re the question of income tax deduction.

The I.R.S. prohibits an institution such as the University of Stevens Point from making an estimate of the value of a collection and giving it to any person or institution. The I.R.S. says there must be an evaluation of the collection by a certified evaluator. Once that certificate is executed by the evaluator it is given to the doner (which in this instance would be you). In our city of Stevens Point there is a lady who can (and has) performed this task. We would take this list of materials to her and she would place a value upon it, give the certificate to you. You would then be able to use this document for your tax purposes.

Since you are going to be giving us your material without charge we would pay for the certification and have it forwarded to you.

2) re shipping and transportation charges

By shipping costs we meant also package, transportation, and postage costs. However, we would wish to see the list of materials before we would tell you which form of transportation to use. We would pay for shipping and transportation.

3) We must know how much materials you have to determine the amounts and arrange for the certification, etc., thus please send a detailed list of what all of your material consists of, both printed and taped.

We await your reply at your earliest possible opportunity.

Sincerely


David R. Wrone

cc: B.Eagon

DONALD B. WRONE
1000 14th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20004

NEW YORK, N.Y. 10011
Jan. 20, 1975

Dear Mr. Wrone,

Received your letter today, asking me for a detailed list of my materials, both taped and printed, on the JFK, RFK, MLK assassinations I've compiled beginning NOVEMBER 22, 1963 and to the present time. They are as follows:

TAPED RECORDINGS:

I have 225 7 inch reels of tapes, 4 tracks (or sides) on each tape.

I have 43 5 inch reels of tapes, 4 tracks (or sides) on each tape.

I have 79 cassette tapes.

I have 10 one hour long VIDEOTAPES on one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) inch reels of tape.

These tapes total approximately 4,300 hours total time. Each tape is in a box with written listings inside boxes.

PRINTED DOCUMENTS:

One box..2 $\frac{1}{2}$ feet across (long/length), x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ feet high x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ft.wide.
One box.. 1 foot high, x 1 foot long, x 1 foot wide.
One box of HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATION DOCUMENTS,
2 $\frac{1}{2}$ feet long, x 1 foot high, x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ feet wide.
One large dresser drawer full of documents, letters, etc.
Two very large, thick scrapbooks.

BOOKS:

I have sixty (60) books re JFK, MLK, RFK assassinations.

That is a detailed listing of my materials.

I would appreciate an evaluation of these as soon as possible in terms of value/ Income tax deductions. I want these income tax deductions listed under my wife's name, ANITA PIAGGIO, since I am unable to work (unemployed) for reasons of health, and she lists/claims me as her dependant. I would prefer to have all my materials transported to you by TRUCK OR CAR, etc, rather than through the mails, if possible, so as to PREVENT LOSS/THEFT, ETC.

I will be awaiting your evaluation as soon as possible, also any OTHER additional information (transportation, etc,) Alos, do yo provide the necessary boxes needed??

Respectfully yours,

Ted Gandolfo
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March 14, 1983

Mr. Ted Gandolfo
1214 First Avenue
New York, N.Y. 10021

Dear Mr. Gandolfo:

We are happy to accept your materials on the assassinations of John F. Kennedy, Robert F. Kennedy, and Martin Luther King. Our response has been delayed due to the untimely illness of the appraiser. Her health is now restored, and we can proceed at this time.

Enclosed is a tentative evaluation of the materials as described in your previous letter. The book estimates will be revised upon careful scrutiny of the volumes. The attached evaluation is only an estimate; upon receipt of the materials, their value will be officially certified by the appraiser, who requires that the materials be physically in her hands before executing the document. The income tax deduction certificate will be listed under your wife's name, Anita Piaggio.

We eagerly await receipt of the materials. Please package and ship the materials as soon as possible so that we may get the certificate to you in time for your tax return. We are sending you, by United Parcel, 20 boxes and the necessary packaging materials.

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$200.00 to cover your expenses and labor involved in assembling the packages and shipping the materials to us.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David R. Wrone".

Dr. David R. Wrone
Professor of History

DRW/js

cc: Dr. Burdette W. Eagon
Dean of Learning Resources Center

Encls.

TO: Ted Gandolfo

FROM: Dr. David R. Wrone

RE: Estimate of Value/Collection of Materials on the John F. Kennedy, Robert F. Kennedy, and Martin Luther King Assassinations

DATE: March 14, 1983

TAPE RECORDINGS

225 reels, 7" - 2400', @ \$13.05 each.....\$2,936.25
43 reels, 5" - 1200', @ 7.45 each..... 320 .35

PRINTED DOCUMENTS

19,500 sheets (duplicated at 10¢ per sheet)..... 1,950.00

AUDIO CASSETTES

79 sixty-minute cassettes, @ \$1.56 each..... 123.24

VIDEO CASSETTES

10 sixty-minute, 1/2" cassettes, @ \$16.91 each..... 169.10

BOOKS

60 volumes..... 360.00

TOTAL ESTIMATED VALUE: \$5,858.94

The above is only an estimate of the collection's value. An official certificate of value will be issued by the appraiser upon receipt of the materials.