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The Honorable Barbara J. Rothstein
Federal Judicial Center
1 Columbus Circle, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20002-8003
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Dear Judge Rothstein:

I am pleased to enclose for you a disk drive with 116 videos created by the Federal Judicial Center. The files are all encoded as H.264 video at 8 mbps and encapsulated as MPEG-4 files. In addition, there is an "fjc.short" subdirectory which contains transcoded versions of all files greater than 2 Gbytes to shrink them so that they are small enough to be uploaded to YouTube. Please note that the 8 mbps encoding on the video files is a mastering format and is big enough that some older PCs will not be able to play them properly.

In addition to the copies I am returning to you, we have sent a disk drive to NTIS as part of our joint venture agreement, and have made the files available on two locations on the net:

<http://bulk.resource.org/ntis.gov/>
<http://YouTube.Com/PublicResourceOrg/>

We will also be posting the videos on the nonprofit Internet Archive. I am also enclosing two recent pamphlets we've recently published about access to primary legal materials which I thought perhaps might be of some interest.

If you have videos on Betacam SP or other formats you'd like converted in a similar fashion, I'd be very pleased to offer that service at no cost. The enclosed files don't include closed captioning, but we're testing some new software that will allow us to capture that information for future videos we encode.

Sincerely yours,

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