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Dear Ms. Stokes:

I read with interest the article in the Los Angeles Times about your project which was referred to me by my board colleague Gabrielle Kelly.

By way of introduction, The British Academy of Film and Television Arts, Los Angeles (BAFTA LA) is a membership organization founded in 1987 and affiliated with the fifty year old British Academy of Film and Television Arts in London.

Last year we established a new project, the BAFTA LA Video Archive with the objective of making archival videotapes of the many eminent British members of the film and television industry now residing or working in Los Angeles. Among the completed tapes are interviews with actors Sir Ian McKellen, Sir John Mills, and Michael Caine; directors Ronald Neame, CBE, John Boorman, and Ken Annakin. Next week we will tape an interview with Anna Lee. Glynis Johns has also agreed to take part in the project.

Our membership numbers 650, and consists of British artists, technicians and executives currently working in Southern California. We screen approximately 30 British films each year, including some which may not have a U.S. distribution. Other events include an annual Garden Party at the residence of the British Consul General, a Tea Party honoring nominees for Academy Awards and for the British Academy of Film and Television Arts, and the Britannia Award dinner honoring excellence in the entertainment world. Recipients include Sir Peter Ustinov, Michael Caine, Dustin Hoffman, Sir Anthony Hopkins, and Martin Scorsese.

You will understand why I and my colleagues were interested to read about your project and if your book is still available we should be very pleased to receive a copy. In any case we should like to keep in touch and hope that you will be interested in learning more about our Archive. Please call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Hilary Mackendrick

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Secretary, Board of Directors

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