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5 Matariki Street
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Re: Film *Aspiring* Filmed by Brian Brake

Dear [name removed]

Thank you for your phone call a couple of weeks ago about the film, *Aspiring* filmed by Brian Brake, that [name removed] managed to locate in your 'basement'. I appreciate your interest in the film being conserved, catalogued and made accessible to the general public. It is a national treasure and Archives New Zealand would ensure all these conditions are met on your behalf.

[name removed] and [name removed] brought the original film into Archives New Zealand for the film archivist, [name removed] to examine. [name removed] told me he was very impressed by the quality of the original film, especially the colour, and the fact it was the original film stock.

I was able to view a copy of the film recently at Gibson Group for the first time and it is in superb condition. Its content, the record of three well known climbers in New Zealand, including your father [name removed] and, its cultural aspect through the involvement of [name removed], [name removed], [name removed] and [name removed]'s superb cinematography makes it a significant piece of New Zealand film. I am sure it will be of great interest to New Zealanders and people worldwide researching New Zealand history and our cultural identity.

Enclosed is the Disposal Authority form for you to sign. Please send the original signed copy of the form back to me. It will then be countersigned by one of our staff and the film will become part of Archives New Zealand's permanent holdings. A copy of the signed Disposal Authority and associated documentation will be forwarded to you.

If you would like to discuss this further then please feel free to give me a call.
My phone number is (04) 499 5595 ext 285 or email me: [name removed]

We are extremely grateful to receive such a significant piece of film into our holdings. I know it will be well cared for here at Archives New Zealand.

Yours sincerely

[name removed]

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