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Letter of Intent

Dear Ms Plank,

I, like many of my colleagues here and around the world, was absolutely shocked when I, some years ago, learned about the closing down of the Institute of Scientific Film (IWF) in Göttingen. One fear, of course, concerned the potential terrible loss of film and video material that quite clearly could be categorised as both national and world cultural heritage. Personally I, as an anthropologist working in the Solomon Islands and Melanesia, was therefore particularly happy that I managed to get hold of copies of some of the material, namely copies of some of the marvellous films made in the late 1960s by Prof. Gerd Koch. However, I am acutely aware that much other material was not secured yet for posterity, and the future use by scholars such as myself. With his letter of intent I would therefore like to support any measures that may guarantee the preservation of IWF film and video material, being convinced that we are many who would find this extremely useful. Representing also the Nordic Anthropological Film Association (NAFA), I am convinced that this would provide us with a very important resource.

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Yours sincere