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Subject: Re: Potential use as trial expert
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Am on deadline and backed-up. will respond ASAP. gg

>It was a pleasure to speak with you on the telephone yesterday. As we discussed, I need to get some information from you. Please send me the following:

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- >1) Your curricula vitae;
- >2) A schedule of your fees;
- >3) A summary of the work of the Cultural Indicators study;
- >4) A list of all cases for which you have given either a deposition or trial testimony;
- >5) A list of Congressional or legislative hearing for which you have provided testimony; and
- >6) A couple of select articles or summaries of research results which show the relationship between media violence and violence in society, especially among children.

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>Initially items 1,2 and 6 are most important.

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>Although I cannot, at this point, reveal the subject matter of this litigation, I can assure you that it is one of the most egregious examples of gratuitous violence in the media today. One of the storylines is about a teenage girl who goes on a shooting spree at her high school and kills scores of students, police and reporters. She is rewarded by being made a secret government agent and leads the "good life" from that point.

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>Basically, I will need an expert who, upon reviewing the materials involved in this case, will give an opinion that the materials cause violent behavior in children. Although it need not be the sole cause the expert must be able to testify that it is a substantial contributing cause to violence. I know you can not commit to such an opinion without viewing the materials. However, I need to know if it is an opinion you could give if the materials warrant it.

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>I look forward to hearing back from you soon.

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>R. Thomas Avery, Esq.

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