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Ms. Jane Wagner and Tina DiFeliciano  
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Dear Ms. Wagner and Ms. DiFeliciano,

I would be delighted to serve as a member of the advisory board of scholars for your documentary *Seeking Refuge*.

I have read your proposal and it is a most exciting and important project. At a time when at least 123 countries utilize torture as a means of controlling their citizens, torture is today a reality that must be discussed as openly and as urgently as possible.

When I read about your project and the unique access it will provide into the country's premier rehabilitation center for the survivors of foreign torture—The Bellevue/NYU Program for Survivors of Torture—I was honored to be considered as a member of your advisory board.

I am an historian of twentieth century Europe and I teach in the Department of History at Yale University. I am particularly interested in the periods of transition from war to peace since the First World War. The traumatic impact of war on soldiers and civilians is one of my fields of research.

Since I believe that it is vital that research be communicated to a broad audience, I think your project, combining solid scholarship with the tenets of contemporary documentary filmmaking, will provide a first-rate vehicle for the exploration of the issue of torture and its profound ramifications on every single human life affected.

Again, I am most excited by your subject matter and your plans. I wholeheartedly and enthusiastically support your project, and I look forward to hearing that you have been funded.

Sincerely,



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