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Mr. Jonathan Fein

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Dear Jon:

Thank you for your presentations on campus at Virginia Commonwealth University during the second week of September 2011, the tenth anniversary of the terrorist attacks of 9/11.

Because we had shown the film, *Objects and Memories*, on the Tuesday before you arrived, the positive responses from your audiences here directly reflected the quality of your presentations to them. The film itself was a strong attraction, and an audience of about 200 watched it intently. They were eager to discuss its themes.

On your first evening here, you engaged over dinner with two of our Ph. D. students who are doing documentary films for their dissertation projects. The next day we put you before an Honors Seminar and then a gathering of freshman from our Focused Inquiry composition program. You assessed the groups quickly and adjusted to communicate with each effectively.

Finally, you spoke that afternoon to an auditorium audience of about 200. Some there had seen the film on Tuesday, but many had not. At one point I realized that you had captured the rapt attention of the entire audience. Your discussion of the film, and the clips that you showed, gave everyone food for thought about the ways that we find (and invest) meanings in objects.

Your stamina and intellectual vigor were on display throughout your visit. I was pleased to report to our sponsors on the value received. Most of all, my own students who attended were unanimous that their time was well spent. I recommend you to any interested audiences.

Sincerely,



John Kneebone

Associate Professor