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Dear Phillip

**BBC Television – *Timewatch: Bonnie & Clyde* documentary**

I wanted to thank you for the hard work and dedication you have put in to the historical restoration of the apartment at Joplin, and for your help in allowing us to use this priceless resource during the production of our Bonnie & Clyde documentary, for the BBC history series *Timewatch*.

*Timewatch* is BBC Television's History flagship series. Drawing on a tradition of 25 years of excellence, we are world renowned and recognised by viewers, critics and academics as a gatekeeper of quality and integrity. Each *Timewatch* is a 60 minute film telling a single story, drawn from any era in history, aimed at the widest possible audience. We spend much of our time trying to bring history to life. In terms of the Bonnie & Clyde story, you've done this for us!

As you know, the apartment in Joplin has become famous as Bonnie & Clyde's hideout during April 1933, and was the scene of a dramatic shoot out that represents a defining moment in their criminal history. Their story itself provides a dramatic, engaging, and accessible way in to an exploration of broader historical themes such as the Great Depression, the 1930s 'War On Crime', the development of American criminal legislature, and the evolution of the F.B.I. In terms of bringing history to as wide an audience as possible, such stories are priceless, and resources such as the apartment at Joplin are invaluable, both in terms of research, and as a location for filming.

Keep up the good work, and thanks again for all your help!

With best wishes

**Chris Wilson  
Producer / Director: BBC - *Timewatch***