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Subject: General FYI: the HSCA's final days and draft report
General FYI only. As you'll recall, the HSCA draft report contained in the Security Classified Files record series is dated 12/13/78. Five days later (12/18/78) the HSCA had Dr. Barger, Prof. Mark Weiss and Ernest Aschkenasg in to testify on late-breaking acoustic evidence (the same evidence that occasioned the reworking of the the report's conclusions). On 12/29/78 the Committee held its last meeting, prior to going out of formal existence on 1/3/79. The 12/29 meeting was held in Executive Session and is currently in "Referred" status. In it, Chief Counsel Blakey references that staff has "what amounts to" a rough draft of a Committee Report totaling "approximately 600" pages. The 12/13/78 draft contained in the Security Classified Files (including MLK material) is closer to 500 pages, though I'm not sure the discrepancy is important. On the Sunday following the 12/29 meeting (which I believe was 12/31, New Year's day being Monday and the Committee's expiration taking place on what I believe was a Wednesday, 1/3/79), the Committee released a Summary of Findings and Recommendations, but the report, per se, was issued months later, long after the Committee had gone out of existence.

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