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MemorandumTo:David MarwellFrom:Thomas E. SamolukSubject:Outline for a Los Angeles HearingDate:July 3, 1996IntroductionA hearing in Los Angeles (tentatively set for September 27,1 996) would be modeled after the Boston and New Orleans hearing. The plan would be to conduct it in an accessible (to the public and the media) public building. I would suggest that the hearing begin at 10:00 a.m. and conclude at approximately 1:00 p.m. The hearing would be preceded by a media availability at 9:30 a.m.WitnessesAs with Boston and New Orleans, I suggest that we have between four and six witnesses, along with an update by Steve Tilley. We would seek to have witnesses who offered testimony on different topics, while keeping it balanced between witnesses who subscribe to the lone gunman theory and those who believe that there was a conspiracy to assassinate President Kennedy. Potential witnesses would be pre-interviewed and advised that the Board is seeking information about the existence and location of assassination records, not theories on who killed the President.The following individuals are potential witnesses for a Los Angeles hearing:1. Oliver Stone, Director of JFK3. David Lifton, author of Best Evidence**4. James DiEugenio, author Destiny Betrayed5. Lisa Pease, researcher6. David Mantik, MD, researcher7. Gary Aguilar, MD, researcher*8. Dennis Effle, researcher9. Robert Tannenbaum, HSCA Deputy Staff Director10. Peter Dales Scott, author of Deep Politics*11. Robert Dorff, researcher12. Paul Hoch, researcher**1. David Slawson, Warren Commission Assistant Counsel**2. David Belin, Warren Commission Assistant Counsel3. Wesley Leibeler, Warren Commission Assistant Counsel4. Gerald Ford, Warren Commission Member (Jeremy's idea)Selection of witnesses would be based on who could provide the most helpful and interesting information relative to the Board's mandate.Other staff members may have additional ideas about witnesses.PreparationA site visit to Los Angeles would be necessary several weeks before the hearing. The site visit would include checking the hearing site and the hotel accommodations. Tracy has called GSA for information about potential federal building sites.A pre-hearing visit would also be necessary to meet with witnesses and review the contents of their testimony.* Testified at previous Board hearing** Attended Board Experts Meeting

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