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F on 9/29/2016 according to the John F. Kennedy Records Collection Act of 1992, 44 U.S.C. 2107 6(3)]Kermit:I  
am writing in response to your telephone call stating that you wish to attend the Groden deposition. In order  
for you to make your plans, the details are as follows: the deposition is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday,  
August 20, at the U.S. Attorney's Office on the Third Floor of the Earle Cabell Federal Building at 1100  
Commerce Street in Dallas. This is the same building where the Dallas hearing was held. As I said to you, I  
believe that all Board members are fully entitled to attend the depositions. I would, however, like to express  
some thoughts that I have. First, to the extent that you desire to be informed about what transpires in the  
depositions, the transcripts have always been and will continue to be fully available to you and the other  
members of the Board. I urge you to read them and I would be very interested in your comments, suggestions,  
and observations on them. Reading the transcripts is certainly an easier, cheaper, faster, and more efficient  
way to obtain the information than attending the depositions. Second, I appreciate your statements that your  
desire to attend the deposition has nothing to do with the (unsigned) letter about the medical depositions that  
was circulated at the Board's last hearing and that you do not wish to "micro-manage" the work I am  
doing. Third, David and other staff members have attended some of the prior depositions that were held in the  
Washington area. I always find it valuable to get their thoughts, suggestions, observations, insights, and  
proposed questions. I have no doubt that you would be able to contribute as well. However, I frankly am  
concerned that your presence might be a distraction to me. When I am preparing for and conducting a  
deposition, I try to focus as single-mindedly as I can on the witness and on the issues that need to be  
addressed. It is obvious that you are a man of strong convictions and that you do not hesitate to express your  
convictions in strong terms, particularly when you disapprove of something. I am concerned that during the  
deposition my focus might shift from the witness to attempting to anticipate your reactions and potential  
disapprobation. In saying this, I should nevertheless add that I have conducted more than a hundred  
depositions in extremely difficult situations. One example occurred during a multi-million dollar lawsuit against  
my client, a prominent French corporation. Depositions were scheduled in Paris for a two week period in  
which I had to prepare 10 witnesses (including two former Presidents of the corporation) for depositions and  
to conduct the depositions in both French and in English. The depositions were at the General Counsel's office  
in Paris, and attorneys for the corporation attended the depositions. But in these and other depositions, I  
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