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THOUGH THE INITIAL PUSH WAS FOR THE PROGRESS LETTER TO BE MAILED TO CONGRESS NO LATER THAN MONDAY SEPTEMBER 15, I think that, at least as far as CIA records are concerned, inclusion of our records for the September 17 meeting would be helpful. At the August the Board voted on 133 CIA/ CIA related HSCA records. For the September meeting we should have somewhere between 250 and 400 records. The records are from the CIA Sequestered Collection and the HSCA notes and records that were originally stored in the Sequestered Collection. I should explain the process for review of the Sequestered Collection to you, Tom, though I'm not sure you would want to present all this detail in the progress letter. The Review Board staff has surveyed the Sequestered Collection and prioritized each folder according to relevance on a 1 to 4 scale. This exercise was done to assure that all relevant material was reviewed before we went out of business. 66% of the folders were designated priority 1. CIA and the Review Board will have finished nearly 2/3 of the priority 1 folders by the September meeting. The most recent group of records reviewed are from box 42 (of 63). Although the time frame for review of the category 2, 3 and 4 folders has not been established, it appears that, for the category 1 folders, we are easily on schedule to meet the January 31 projection for completion of the Sequestered Collection which we sent to Mr. Moll in the June 11 letter. Review of HSCA staff notes from the Sequestered Collection also progresses well. This is a much smaller collection than the CIA Sequestered Collection. We have recently reviewed records from box 34, though I think we may have already processed records from later boxes. We may have completed as much as 3/4 of this Collection. At the August meeting Michelle presented the Nosenko issue to the Board. The records on Soviet defector Yuriy Nosenko in the Sequestered Collection microfilm total nearly 3500 pages of interviews, transcripts, memos, and reports. Nearly 1200 of these pages have been released to the public. Review Board staff has recommended, and the Board as accepted in principle, that the remaining 2300 pages be treated as "NBR" - not believed relevant to the assassination. Michelle has reviewed these pages and will present a summary memo to the Board at the September meeting to finalize this action. The Review Board staff has also completed a preliminary review of rest of the microfilm, again to address the NBR issue. CIA had designated 33% of these 100,000+ pages as NBR. Our staff has reviewed all CIA NBR designations and has identified some additional records that should be reviewed by the Board. According to our June 11 letter, review of the microfilm should commence in November. The Board also reviewed some Ford library records- actually Rockefeller Commission records- with CIA equities at the August meeting, but these only total 9 documents. They hardly seem worth mentioning. We are also processing a mass of CIA consent releases which we hope to notice with this September meeting

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