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Subject: HSCA referrals

Sorry I haven't responded sooner, I only checked my e-mail within the last hour or so. I've read Joan's memo and have subsequently talked to Brian Rosen, who was helpful but clearly reluctant to get sucked back into thinking too often or deeply about Review Board-related matters. I've also chatted with Kevin (FBI) and Bob (CIA) and have left Chet a message (re: the equity-rec series view Joan's memo refers to). I thought I'd send you some initial thoughts via e-mail which might help structure any subsequent conference call. I'm basically around all the time, as you know, so I'd suggest you and Tom call me when you want to talk, or e-mail me with a time certain you'd like to talk and I'll make myself available. I will, of necessity, be blunt and I hope therefore that you will treat this e-mail with the requisite discretion. I also accept a full measure of responsibility for any current confusion, re: HSCA referrals, since it was my departure from Washington that first generated the kind of transition-confusion that, I believe, now plagues Joan. When I was last in D.C. I got sucked into a couple conversations with Joan, re: HSCA referrals, that suggested to me that she is very confused about what she's doing with the HSCA collection (even if she doesn't recognize it) and that she was either provided with, or absorbed, very little institutional memory prior to being given responsibility for it. The best example is the "equity-rec series view" database itself, which she couldn't explain to me in terms of how it was constructed, what differing databases it was built on, etc., which is a little unnerving as she is using this as her source document for her referral counts. (Since this new database/view was created after my departure, I am now trying to get a better handle on what it is supposed to be.) Though I can't recall all the details, there were a couple of other troubling instances of either confusion or, perhaps more accurately, a mis-prioritization of focus which manifested themselves in my HSCA-related conversations with Joan. One I do remember has to do with her fixation on FOIA-version copies of CIA documents in HSCA files, where the CIA sent (back during the HSCA investigation) FOIA-redacted versions of documents to the HSCA which NARA processed post-JFK Act as "Open in Full" (ie, because every word that had been provided the HSCA in these documents was now being forwarded, without any new post-JFK Act redactions, to NARA). While the nomenclature of "open in full" is undoubtedly confusing to the researcher who opens a folder at NARA II and sees a redacted (circa 1977) document, nonetheless it is not -- in my judgment -- the job of a Review Board staffer with HSCA responsibilities to be taking these HSCA-FOIA versions of core CIA documents back to the Agency on a piecemeal basis and asking that the CIA process them (absent a specific R&A rationale, of course). And yet that was exactly what Joan was trying to suck Bob into when I was there last month. The last paragraph is really an aside. Getting back to Joan's referral memo, and pending a conversation with Chet about the database she's

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