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For those of you who receive this by e-mail, please advise that you have received it. There has been some question about a breakdown of the e-system. It was suggested that Harvard bears some responsibility for this potential problem, an allegation that I reject out-of-hand and out-of-loyalty (let the facts be what they may). The following Board members participated in the call: Henry, Anna, Jack, and Bill. The Board was briefed on the following matters: 1. Current status of Kodak and NARA's concern about security of the autopsy materials. Jack has spoken with Burke Marshall and we are taking other steps to help allay concerns. 2. An issue involving a CIA matter that will be discussed at the next Board meeting. 3. The pace of FBI and CIA review of records. I have prepared draft letters to the agencies. I will send them to the Board for suggestions. My concern is that these two agencies, although they mean well, have still not "got religion" on the fact that all assassination records need to be reviewed before the Board expires. 4. A personnel matter involving an employee. 5. Our letter to 60 minutes (a copy is being faxed to Board members). 6. Tom's very successful trip to CBS and his examination of outtakes. 7. My meeting with David Garrow in Atlanta last week and his request that I extend to the Board his greetings. I told him about an idea I had regarding a contribution the Board might make on other declassification issues, and he thought it was a good idea. I will talk to you about it at the next Board meeting. 8. The completed deposition of Ed Reed. He is the person who took and developed the x-rays of JFK. He had previously made some comments suggesting that the x-rays at the Archives are not authentic. He confirmed that the x-rays are the ones that he took and developed. We have thus been able to help clear up the chain of custody and authenticity of those records.

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