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Subject: URGENT REPLY NEEDED

As you are aware, the same CIA issue that was on the Board's agenda last month is on the agenda this month. I see this as one of the most difficult issues for the Board to face for the reasons I stated at the last meeting. We just received a new memo on the issue which is somewhat helpful, but which does not, in my opinion, resolve the difficult problem. We have every reason to believe that CIA will appeal if it does not prevail. Although I think we should win an appeal, I am not sure that we would win an appeal. I would like to make a proposal and ask that you get back to me as soon as possible. I propose that our staff begin negotiations with CIA to see if there is a possible compromise that can protect CIA's principal interests and yet let as much information out as possible. THE BOARD WOULD, OF COURSE, BE THE FINAL DECISIONMAKER. I do not, however, want to attempt negotiations if the Board is not inclined to at least pursue the possibility of compromise. If such negotiations are to take place, it would be best for us to start them today with the hope that they will be concluded by the Board meeting on Tuesday. PLEASE GET BACK TO ME ASAP (E-MAIL OR PHONE) AND LET ME KNOW IF WE SHOULD ATTEMPT NEGOTIATIONS.

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