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Subject: April 2 Conference Call

There were only three participants in the call: Jack, Kermit, and myself. The principal points included:1. Discussion of FBI matters. My e-mails of 3/31/98 and 4/3/98 provide the current status. We expect to hear from Collingwood sometime this week. I am reasonably optimistic that the FBI will change its official position and will agree to complete its work on time.2. We have still heard nothing from Peggy Grafeld on either Belarus or Gore-Chernomyrdin. She promised to call me by the end of last week. I have left a message with her secretary this morning (Monday).3. The Department of Justice has not yet agreed to subpoena Schiller for the KGB Oswald records. They have argued that the records are neither "government records" nor "assassination records" as defined by the statute. I have responded that: (a) I believe the Board has the authority to define them as "assassination records" [it is probably correct that the JFK Act itself does not include such records within its Section 3(2) definition], and (b) that the Board's subpoena authority is not, in any case, limited to "assassination records," but includes the power to "subpoena private persons to compel testimony, records, and other information relevant to [the Board's] responsibilities." I hope to get an answer on this early this week.4. I met with Dagoberto Rodriguez again about Cuban records. He was more optimistic about the results, and promised to get back in touch soon.5. We discussed briefly the experts conference. The staff will be sending out the agenda and some supporting materials tomorrow. PLEASE CALL AND GIVE ME ANY ADDITIONAL SUGGESTIONS THAT YOU HAVE.6. C-Span asked whether it could broadcast the conference. In accordance with my understanding of the Board's preference on this matter, we said "no."

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