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Subject: April 30 Conference Call

The call included Jack, Bill, Anna, and Henry. The principal items were:1. Zapruder film. Jack reported on our meeting with AAG Hunger. DOJ is quite concerned about the potential costs of the Z film and would like to discuss the issue further. Hunger did not raise the issue of the Board's authority to "take" the film in our discussion, although I know from discussions with DOJ that they have grave doubts. Since the call I was able to schedule a meeting between Hunger and the Board for May 12 at 11:00 a.m.2. The next Board meeting. Our notice of the meeting needs to go out today. We have noticed a closed meeting for 2 days, except for an open meeting from 3:00 to 4:00 on the 12th. The tentative schedule is: May 12: 9:00-10:00 voting on yellow issues; 10:00 to 11:00 discussion about Z-film; 11:00 to 12:00 discussion with Hunger; 12:30-3:00 lunch with staff and Board questions to staff about the Final Report; discussion (if needed) on Z-film; 3:00-4:00 open meeting. Day 2 (if needed) discussion on closed-meeting issues.3. Open meetings and the Final Report. Ron, who is responsible for Sunshine Act matters, has researched the issue thoroughly and drafted an opinion that concludes that Board discussions about the Final Report should take place only at open meetings. I am aware that Board members do not like the Sunshine Act and I do not like playing the role of a nudge. However, it is the law. I believe that the Board members should be as willing to open up their own meetings (which the law requires them to open) as they are to open up the records of the CIA and FBI. The "openness Board" should apply the law as consistently to itself as it applies it to others. I must say that the arguments for not opening the meeting to the public sound just a tad like the arguments of Bill McNair: "Nothing good can come from opening the meeting." I strongly urge the Board to take this legal requirement seriously and not attempt to evade the letter or the spirit of the law.

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