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Subject: Re: April 30 Conference Call

Forwarding message from Kermit.To: Jeremy Gunn @ jfk-arrb.govcc: (bcc: Jeremy Gunn/ARRB)From: hall.409 @ osu.edu @ INTERNET @ INTERLIANT Date: 05/01/98 07:55:08 AM ASTSubject: Re: April 30 Conference CallJeremy, thanks. I fully support the idea of public discussion about thereport, an activity that could turn out to be one of our most important. I'd also like to weigh-in on the side of a two-day meeting, especially since the schedule is already so full for Day 1. If we have Hunger come, it will consume a large amount of time, of that I am certain. So, I stronglyurge a two-day meeting. Please forward this message to my colleagues, since I am at a remotelocation without my full address list. Thanks!Best,KermitAt 04:26 PM 4/30/98 -0400, you wrote:>>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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