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Eileen -- Here is the FBI team update on our activities since March 30, 1998. "The FBI team has negotiated 15,544 pages of records from the HSCA subject files with the FBI. The HSCA subject files that have been through the negotiation stage include: Mollie Block, Frank Chavez, Santiago Alvarez Fernandez, Anatoli Mikmailovich Golitsyn, Salvatore Granello, Frank Matula, Evelio Diaz Miyar, Yuri Ivanovich Nosenko, Charles Lenton O'Brien, Leonard Patrick, Orest Pena, James Plumeri, Antonio Rodriguez, Santiago Alvarez Rodriguez, George Senator, Joseph Shimon, Socony Mobil Oil Co., Louis Triscaro, Jack Wasserman, Henry Winston, Dave Yaras, and Anthony Zerilli. The Review Board staff is nearly finished with its work on all of its outstanding Requests for Additional Information to the FBI. The Review Board has made approximately 60 formal requests to the FBI for additional information. For those requests that the Review Board has already made, the Review Board staff will have completed its review of the files and designated any relevant records as assassination records on or before June 1, 1998. As the Review Board predicted in its March 31, 1998, report to Congress, the FBI's pace of review is now behind our goal of 20,000 pages per month. On March 31, 1998, the Review Board received a letter from Director Freeh explaining that the FBI did not anticipate that it could complete its work on its assassination records before the Review Boards termination on September 30, 1998. Both the Review Board and the FBI met with members of Chairman Burtons staff to explain our differing views of how much additional time the FBI needs to complete its work. (The FBI estimated that it could not complete its work until February, 2000. The Review Board believes that the FBI can complete the vast majority of its work by September 30, 1998.) On April 3, 1998, and again on April 10, 1998, Review Board staff met with FBI staff and determined that the FBI would be able to complete the majority of its work by September 30, 1998. We continue to be pleased with the cooperation that we receive from the FBI and we hope that we will not encounter any additional delays in the completion of our work."If you have any questions or if you need additional information, let me know.Laura

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