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Subject: My recent letters; availability of ARRB material

Ms. Sullivan - I would appreciate your help on a few matters. In a message to Jeremy Gunn on June 25, 1998, I asked: "Might the final report, or a draft of it, be available for publiccomment before the Board goes out of existence?" "If memory serves, one of the Warren Commission's staff attorneyslater regretted that no mechanism had been put in place to deal with thequestions that inevitably followed the release of their report." I would like to ensure that the members of the Board see thissuggestion, but I do not have their e-mail addresses. Please forward this e-mail message (not the June one) in full to eachof them. Also, I have written to urge that the Board's final report includerecommendations relating to future additions to the JFK collection. In my letters of July 14, 1998 (to Jeremy Gunn) and August 10, 1998(to Laura Denk), I commented in general on various categories of recordswhich (in my opinion) should be added to the collection when the Board nolonger exists. I included two specific examples. One matter I discussed is potentially significant substantively, notjust as an illustration of the abstract issues. I provided some documentsin connection with that example, the circumstances of the FBI's initialreaction to reports that an anti-Castro Cuban exile, Silvia Odio, hadencountered Oswald. I would like to provide those letters to each member of the Board.Perhaps some of them will agree that, even at this late date, it is worthensuring that all records relevant to the Odio matter have been adequatelypursued. Please send copies of those two letters (and the attached documents)to each Board member. If that is not possible, please give me theirmailing addresses and I will send the material myself. If either of those two letters has not reached you, please let me know. In earlier correspondence, I touched on various other aspects ofOswald's alleged contacts with anti-Castro Cubans. I believe that Jeremytook my comments seriously, but I have no way of knowing to what degreethey were followed up. That brings me to my last question: I understand that most of the testimony taken by the ARRB will not bereleased until after the Board has gone out of business. However, it is possible at this time to get a list of witnesses theBoard has deposed or otherwise taken testimony from? Thank you for your assistance.Sincerely,Paul L. Hoch

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