

MEMORANDUM

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To: File

From: Michelle Combs
Associate Director for Research and Review

Re: Final Report Chapter Six

As originally envisioned by then Executive Director T. Jeremy Gunn, Chapter Six of the Review Board's Final Report to Congress would reflect the extensive research done by members of the Review Board staff to clarify longstanding issues, search for documents, resolve conflicts in the records, and answer queries by the research community. The fifth draft of Chapter Six, dated August 28, 1998, is the last draft to reflect these goals.

Following the departure of Gunn on July 26 and the appointment of Laura Denk as Executive Director, the intent of Chapter Six changed to deal "only with requests for additional records and information." The difficulty is that research done by the Review Board staff was an intricate part of the requests for additional records and information. To separate the two is, in many cases, impossible and leads to confusion as to why particular requests were made at all.

In early September, Denk chose to re-write Chapter Six to reflect this new perspective. My responsibility for Chapter Six ended with Denk's revision of the chapter. When possible, I attempted to correct various factual errors in succeeding drafts, which resulted from editing by individuals not familiar with the issues.

Chapter Six, in its final form is a hodge-podge combination of the results of requests for additional information and records, both formal and informal, and records or information located by the Review Board staff through research efforts or inquiries regarding information in specific records. Much of the research work completed by the Review Board staff over four years was edited out. Researchers interested in the work of the Review Board would need to examine the collection of Review Board files for additional information on areas of specific interest.

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