

January 6, 1997

BY HAND

Ms. Carol Keeley
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Re: Priorities in Processing Remaining HSCA Subjects

Dear Carol:

As you know, the ARRB staff has been working to set relative priorities among HSCA subjects in the earlier stages of FBI review. The enclosed lists, identifying particular subjects as "highest priority" and others as "low priority," are the result of that effort. In arriving at these lists, we tried to take into account the centrality of a subject to the work of the HSCA, the level of interest in the subject expressed by researchers of the assassination of President Kennedy, and the relative amount of effort it will take to process the subject (as suggested by volume and other factors).

The identification of a subject as a "highest priority" does not necessarily preclude that particular records in that subject could, under Review Board guidelines, be treated as "NBR." For example, records that are dated a number of years before or after the assassination and do not address assassination-related issues might be regarded as "NBR," even if they were provided to the HSCA in connection with a "highest priority" subject.

As our work continues, we may add more subjects to either the "highest priority" or "low priority" category. For now, however, we request that you consider the priorities stated in the enclosed lists when allocating time and resources to processing the HSCA subjects.

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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. As always, thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

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Enclosures

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