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Note for: John Pereira

Subject: Meeting with Marwell 4/2/97

Topics discussed:

1. Extension

Marwell says the extension request is going well. The Board is fully funded in the President amended budget. He does not see the need for a letter from CIA at this time; may need one later for Congress.

2. Name issue

Marwell did not discuss the name issue with the Board; their time was dominated by the Zapruder Film issue (the open hearing was on CSPAN). He plans to include our proposal as part of his "new approach" package. His pitch to the board will be that the only way to complete the review of the sequestered collection is to change the current system. He will propose a comprehensive plan that includes not only procedural changes (how we handle the documents) but how substantive issues are addressed.

The "new approach" will be addressed at the April 23-24 meeting. We should have a final memo to him prior to that meeting. Marwell is re-reading the draft (copy attached) today and may provide additional comments.

3. New "review" procedures

We have agree on the specific of the new procedures including using number codes for substitute language. ARRB staff will prepare a "test package" for next Board meeting.

4. Completion of Sequestered and Core collections

Marwell is telling the Board that with the new approach they will be able to complete the review. He sees his staff greatly increasing the amount of time they will be spending on reviewing documents plus he plans hire additional people. He asked if it would be possible to have a statement/letter (MOA?) of commitment to completing the project by end of FY 1998. He was a little vague on what he had in mind, however, it is clear he is concerned about completing the review of the sequestered collection.

I told him that I believed the review of the sequestered collection could be completed by October 1998 if most of the "non-relevant" microfilm material is designated NBR (not believed relevant) and we do not have to index each document. However, I said we could not make the same commitment to completing the "additional information / records" requests and that these requests could slow down the review of the sequestered collection.

