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David: As I understand it from Eileen, Lardner is writing an article for tomorrow's Post on the Review Board. He has our budget amendment for the extension and is aware of the Zapruder film hearing tomorrow. A couple of thoughts: The Budget Amendment and the One Year Extension<sup>1</sup>. On the extension, the two page summary that was part of the budget justification and went with the annual report is Jack's guide. It gives: some overall numbers, what we will do with the extra year, what we have done to date, why more time is required, and why the cost is worth it versus the cost of terminating us prematurely.<sup>2</sup> As Lardner has not been interested in the Board to date, he may give Jack a cynical question about the Board not really having accomplished anything so why is there a need for more time. I think Jack can handle that one by saying that the Board's work has greatly supplemented the record of the assassination and with the additional time, the federal government will be able to say that all the records are public, or will be public at a set date. That is an important accomplishment for the Board and will go a long way towards restoring confidence in the government and that no records are being hidden on the assassination by the federal government. Zapruder Hearing<sup>1</sup>. I suggest that Jack say that the Board has carefully considered the difficult issue of the disposition of the Zapruder film through the public hearing earlier this month and public comment.<sup>2</sup> I hope that Jack can say that: the Zapruder film is perhaps the most important record of the assassination, it is anticipated that the original Zapruder film will remain at the National Archives, it is anticipated that Congress will be advised of the Board's action and will make the final decision on the acquisition of the film. Obviously, the Board extension and the Zapruder film make for a tricky combination for us. Again, I think that our audience for this Lardner article is the Congress and we need to make it clear, although there is no decision yet, it is anticipated (at a minimum) that Congress will be involved in the final disposition of the film. Please do not hesitate to call if you want to talk before Jack calls back Lardner.

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