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Subject: Theoharis Letter

I've read the letter. In the event you all meet this week to discuss his suggestions I'll add my comments now on the FBI issues. His first comment is a good one and one which in a sense forces the agencies to say up-front "this is what we've identified." In a sense it forces the agencies to give their stance or position up front and gives the Board a clearer starting line. His second comment is one we've addressed internally already. We definitely need to look at the "collateral" files to determine what is and what is not an assassination record. This is probably the most efficient and possibly the only way for the Board to determine what constitutes an assassination record by taking that decision away from the exclusive purview of the agencies. Concerning the FBI, it should be a good way to get at informant files. His fourth point has been raised with me by Jim Lesar. I have no personal knowledge of these files existing but I still believe they do exist based on my experience and knowledge in the field offices of the "SAC's safe." We do need to ask for this material. There is no other way to determine if it constitutes an assassination record or not.

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