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Subject: Follow-up on Chairman Thomas's letter

A. The obvious initial steps are as follows: 1) Respond ASAP, briefly confirming receipt of letter and acceptance of terms, and informing the Chairman that we will be following up with NARA. 2) Share copy of letter w/Steve Tilley, solicit his counsel on what next step with NARA should be (I presume there will probably need to be a meeting to discuss procedures for transfer, receipt of same, etc.) and who at NARA we need to talk to (Mike Gillette?) besides Steve himself.B. Beyond that, the letter will require the ARRB to make some internal decisions on priorities. No doubt you and David already have some sense of where you want to go with HSCA stuff, but it would be advisable to have as clear an idea as possible before any potential meeting with NARA folks. Options include: 1) Move to the Board relatively quickly with high-profile items like the Lopez Report. 2) Similarly, the priorities list could be scoured for researcher-driven HSCA items that the Board could take up quickly or easily (that absurd 6 page Finck diary entry comes to mind as a completely innocuous document that multiple researchers have expressed interest in). 3) General high-priority categories of documents could be systematically reviewed: the 6 boxes of Security Classified documents come to mind, or the CIA-Segregated Collection. 4) High-volume consent releases could be put together (as Kevin and I started to do a while back for FBI documents) of HSCA versions of FBI or CIA documents that have already been released by the agencies themselves. 5) We may wish to consider more than one "track" for review of HSCA documents. The first track would be consideration of the high-profile, substantively important kinds of documents outlined above. Simultaneously, though, we could also begin the process of slogging through the HSCA numbered files -- maybe even by such a prosaic method as going in ascending numerical order through the boxes. Although there are more sophisticated ways of measuring our progress on HSCA materials, this second track would at least have the virtue of giving us a straightforward, common- sense measuring stick for calculating our progress against the ever-expiring shelf life of our agency.

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