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HERE IS A SYNOPSIS OF HOW THINGS WENT ON FRIDAY AND MONDAY.1) Ellie and Barry were here on Friday. They had no further information on any of the redactions-- their evidence supports were little more than revised blue-line copies. There was a specific example when Ellie and I were looking at a document, and I suggested we could do one of those diagraph/crypt modified releases. She said no, because that crypt referred to something extremely sensitive. When I asked her if there was a list provided where I could get that information without talking to her, she said no. It was clear to all of us that while Barry may "get it", none of the rest of them do yet. We stressed that specific information was needed to justify redactions; Jeremy later had me draft a letter from David to John Pereira reemphasizing that point; a copy of that draft is in your in box.2) They provided no information on the one issue that's been holding us up. They said that they would try to get it soon, but it could come as late as Thursday. I explained that while we would hold out as long as possible, that because we had a Board meeting to prepare for, there would come a point, around mid-week, that we would have to just run with what we had and begin our rereview, whether they'd given us what we'd asked for or not. Barry seemed to understand; Ellie didn't say anything. We sorted the documents that were returned to us by issue; of the 175 or so that were returned, only 10 were reviewable at that point. Eric reviewed them.3) Monday morning, we realized that if we waited too long, we wouldn't be adequately prepared for the meeting. With David's approval, we decided to begin review, using categories of sensitivity based on what we heard in the briefing. If the CIA provides us with the needed information late in the week, David said it would be sufficient for us to just print up the review sheets as we'd written them, and to have you make a brief presentation relating the late breaking response from the Agency to the Board before they begin reading. That way, we will not have to wait for the response before we start review.4) After we had some ground rules laid out among the five of us to ensure consistency, we began the rereview. At 5:00 today, we completed about 85 documents, with around 86 remaining to be reviewed. We estimate that we can have that finished by Tuesday, close of business, at the latest. The documents that were reviewed Monday are sitting on "your" desk in the SCIF, marked "Monday's documents". We have each provided a numerical list of those that we reviewed, so that you know who to talk to if a problem exists. We decided to just make the corrections without taking control of the document (for the most part... there was a little confusion on this point early, and about a half dozen documents were sent to you. It won't matter, though, as you can still access/check them on your computer no matter what status they are.), so most of them should be listed as "Status 50" on the review track. I have asked everyone to make certain that they are categorizing each document as they

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