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Subject: Bruce Hitchcock and the Indiana students

Mr. Hitchcock called me at around 2:15 this afternoon to check in with us on the status of the intended internships this summer for his students. I explained that we are trying to find projects that are both of value to us and are good learning experiences for the students; and that while I thought that I could develop two such projects given a few months to observe how things develop, I did not have enough work for two groups at this point. He replied that they are able to wait as long as necessary to learn specifics of their projects, and that we should feel no time sensitivity to informing them of specific details. He also asked about last year's students who wish to return in late May; I told him that while I had no approval for it at this time, I believed that there would be more than an adequate number of projects that didn't require direct supervision for these students. I will be happy to discuss these with you at your convenience. He asked about books/films that the students could or should read to help familiarize them with the case. I recommended "Case Closed" in support of the Warren Commission, "Conspiracy" against the Warren Commission conclusions, and the Frontline program, "Who Was Lee Harvey Oswald?" If you have any other suggestions, I would be glad to forward them. Mr. Hitchcock suggested that if we are concerned about not having a sufficient workload for two groups, we might possibly shorten the internships by a day, (down to two full days of work and a half day of introduction); have the first group begin a project, and the second group finish it. This strikes me as a viable compromise, provided that we have a large enough project to validate such an effort. My belief, again, is that at the present time, we have enough work for only one group of kids. If time is not a factor in devising a second project, however, I would be willing to bet that a second project would present itself as workable within the next few months. Since the students are looking at coming in mid-to-late July, this gives us (me) plenty of time to develop this idea. I think we could give him a tentative "yes" to the second group, provided he accept the proviso that we might either need to shorten both groups' stay, or cancel the second groups' internships altogether. I await your direction.

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