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Subject: Update

I wanted to get this to you by the end of the week. I will prepare and send a draft meeting agenda on Monday after the staff's pre-meeting meeting.

1. Appeals

A. CIA The CIA would like to meet with the Board on Tuesday at 11:00 AM to provide information on two issues that were involved in documents from the last meeting.

B. FBI The FBI informed us earlier in the week that they intend to proceed with their appeal (an earlier draft of which you have read). We met with FBI representatives today to give them some examples of where information that they are seeking to postpone has already been released. I believe that they were surprised by some of it. They will meet with Shapiro who will make the final decision about whether to proceed with the appeal.

White House Counsel

Jeremy and I met with Marvin Krislovič's replacement, Steve Neuwirth and got the familiar message that it would be terrific if the Board and the FBI could "work things out." Although Neuwirth was somewhat distracted, I got the impression that he would be good person to work with.

C. Secret Service

The Secret Service announced that they are inclined to appeal several records from the last meeting on two grounds. We have sent them some already released Secret Service materials that should discourage them from appealing some of the records, but it is possible that they will appeal some documents, primarily on privacy grounds. Joan has been active in preparing materials for a possible response to an appeal.

2. Teams

A. CIA Team

Mary has been involved in lengthy and detailed discussions with CIA's Historical Review Group on specific Board decisions from the last meeting. CIA team as a whole has been rereviewing records from the last meeting, as well as those prepared for the last meeting but not yet voted on by the Board, to bring all of these records into conformity with the most recent Board guidelines. CIA team has now begun to review the last part of the Oswald file for consideration at the next Board meeting.

B. FBI Team

In addition to the routine preparation of notifications resulting from the last meeting and review of records for the upcoming meeting, Phil and his colleagues are collecting material and preparing for our response to the FBI appeal.

C. Military Team

The most important recent development occurred on March 26 when members of the military team procured from Suitland the microfilm records of the Pentagon Telecommunications Center for the years 1963-4. These records (nine cartons containing approximately 800 rolls of 16mm film) contain the messages sent or received by Pentagon agencies during that period. Since these records go up to the Top Secret level, we are pleased to have gotten the cooperation of the Army's Center of Military History, which has is storing them in its secure vault and providing ARRB staff free access to them in a classified research area. Other recent developments include the initiation of a Research Project on the 112th MI Group (Dennis Quinn is in charge of this), which will include not only records searches on its activities (including any liaison with USSS) but

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