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JUNE 23/20 meeting we will not have a board meeting on these dates. NEW ORLEANS. MEMBERS OF OUR FBI Team (Phil, Laura, Kevin) are currently in New Orleans reviewing organized crime-related records maintained by the Metropolitan Crime Commission as well as records related to the Brilab investigation. 2. The following article from yesterday's Time Picayune indicates that our victory in New Orleans on Wednesday may only mean the end of round one. Our next step is to draft a proposed order (Art Goldberg is doing this) which will be reviewed by Wessel and submitted to the Judge. New Orleans Times Picayune (NO) - THURSDAY, June 13, 1996 By: DAVID SNYDER Staff writer Edition: THIRD Section: METRO Page: B1 Word Count: 276 TEXT: A federal judge Wednesday ordered Orleans Parish District Attorney Harry Connick to surrender records developed by the late Jim Garrison on President Kennedy's assassination. Connick, who has fended off attempts by the federal Assassination Records Review Board to get the tapes and documents for its collection, said he would appeal the decision by federal District Judge Marcel Livaudais Jr. "It's not over by any means," he said. The board was set up by Congress to collect records on the assassination of John F. Kennedy that previously hadn't been made public. What began as a cordial relationship between Connick and the board deteriorated after members refused to return grand jury records on the assassination acquired from New Orleans television reporter Richard Angelico. Connick argued that grand jury records are forever sealed. Connick's attorney, Bill Wessel, argued Wednesday that Congress never intended to include records held by state agencies when it spelled out the assassination board's rights of acquisition. But Arthur Goldberg, a lawyer representing the Department of Justice, cited a section of the law setting up the assassination review board that says the board's authority supersedes other agencies - "state, federal or otherwise." Livaudais ordered Connick to hand over the records after the federal government has made copies for him. The 30-year-old records provide no new insight into the assassination of Kennedy, but they shed light on Garrison's discredited investigation and the workings of his mind. The records show Garrison making enormous assumptions in an effort to connect New Orleans businessman Clay Shaw to a CIA conspiracy to kill Kennedy. A jury rejected Garrison's sometimes bizarre witnesses and found Shaw innocent in less than an hour. FBI Appeal We sent you our reply to the FBI's response to our response to their 2nd appeal (whew!). Today, we filed our response to the FBI's third appeal. As I indicated in an earlier message, Mark Lane has left no doubt about his wish to prevent the release of the privacy-related material that is the subject of part of the FBI appeal and that the Board agreed to suspend. JFK Library Expedition Next week, our CIA team will be at the Kennedy Library in Boston to review the Library's assassination-related holdings. For their review of the RFK files related to Cuba, they will be joined by

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