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As touched on in my E-mail on the Abzug Committee, a CRS analyst authored an autopsy materials/chain of custody memo for her subcommittee in preparation for their hearing. In the course of preparing the memo, the analyst interviewed Evelyn Lincoln and Burke Marshall. Although it's a bit of a long shot, I recommend we write a letter to CRS asking (first of all) them to check for any records associated with the preparation of this memo. Thinking about this specific instance, however, leads me to wonder whether we ought not to ask CRS to do a wider and more general search of their own records under the JFK Act. CRS is an incredible institution which has no doubt gathered a lot of secondary and derivative information on the assassination over the years (if only to answer repeated inquiries from Congressional offices seeking assistance in answering constituent mail). In addition, CRS also functions -- as in the case of the Abzug Committee memo -- as a supplementary investigative resource for Congressional committees. There's no telling what they've dug up over the years. From a historical perspective, it would even be interesting to see what CRS was telling Congressional offices over time in response to informational requests. CRS correspondence w/congressional Committees might also provide new leads as to other Congressional records. The more I think about it, the more important I think it might be to engage with CRS. Steve Tilley tells me that the Library of Congress (of which CRS is a part) never responded to NARA's standard JFK Act letter (the Library has Earl Warren's papers, Steve tells me as a for instance). I suppose we need to do something about that, too, but I think a letter (maybe even a request for a meeting) with the Director of CRS (a Daniel Muhollan) might very well be in order, and more immediately productive. Any thoughts?

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