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August meeting we have placed a notice in the Federal Register for the August 6 meeting. In addition, we will be sending a letter to our mailing list with some of the background to the issue and an invitation for public comment. We have decided to focus on the CIA's sequestered collection at the public meeting in August. We did not feel that we would be in a position to explain the FBI HSCA collection or to make confident recommendations about it within the next three weeks. Our goal is to reach conclusions about the CIA collection that can serve as models for the FBI records. Report for the Military-Medical Team The visit by Wray/Barger/Montague to National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis yielded substantial information regarding various individuals. Probably the most significant find was location of personnel file on Edward J. Coyle, a former special agent in the 112th INTC Group's Dallas office whose activities on November 22, 1963 have been the subject of intense speculation among researchers. Aside from general background data, information gained during the visit should allow us to locate surviving individuals and contact them regarding their personal recollections. The deposition of John Stringer (autopsy photographer) on Tuesday was among the most interesting yet. We'll give you a complete briefing in August. Report from the FBI Team Since last week's Board meeting, we have worked on post-meeting processing of the records voted on by the Board (preparing Federal Register notice, determination summary, and informal "advance" notice to the FBI), and have continued identifying and processing fbi records for upcoming Board review. Report from the CIA Team On Thursday, the CIA team spent the day at HRG learning more about the microfilm portion of the JFK papers. At that time we will begin to examine material identified by CIA as nonrelevant to the assassination, to determine whether it is indeed nonrelevant. For those groups of records that we agree are nonrelevant, we will write short summaries stating briefly and in unclassified terms what they are about as well as including a statement to the effect that we have determined that these records have no bearing upon or relationship to JFK's assassination. This will be done by folder, box, or some other grouping of records, not document by document. All this is in preparation for the August public hearing, for which we will provide the Board with samples of our work. In addition to above, we are concurrently beginning to review more records for the August meeting. These will be primarily from boxes 6-10 of the JFK collection. At the same time, we are making every effort, with HRG, to clean up remaining documents from the Oswald file. Most of these (about 60 documents) are ones that HRG has to account for. Of these, Barry reports that approximately 20 will be consent releases, approximately 20 more are document processing problems (missing pages, etc.) that are being cleared up, and a few require further 3rd Agency coordination. This leaves about 15-20 documents that Record

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