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Subject: Armed Forces Radio and Television Service interview

Responding to the article by Linda Kozaryn that we ran a month or so back, David Berrette of AFRTS called today, requesting to set up an interview for Monday. Since I am the point of contact listed for the military records project, he asked to interview me. What he expects to discuss is as follows: what kind of things we are looking for; what kind of things we have found so far; how a service member can tell if he/she is in possession of assassination related materials; how to go about both contacting us and getting material to us, etc. He will be calling between 1:30 and 2:00 on Monday afternoon; the interview will be taped from the phone conversation. I mentioned that I expected that our press and public affairs officer should be present at the interview. He said this was okay, but that he didn't usually work off a speaker phone. He suggested that Tom be there listening as there interview goes on, and that if he hears me say anything I should not, we can just start the tape over at that point. He went to lengths to try and convince me that this is a friendly piece. As I see it, we have two options. 1. I will do the interview, after consulting with Tim and Tom, and with Tom observing and listening to the proceedings. We can accomplish this using the "feature 8-0-2" function in the phone, whereby a caller's voice is placed on speaker phone, but the callee's speaks into the receiver. That way, Tom can hear both Berrette's questions and my answers, and change anything that needs changing; he could also scribble talking points to me. The advantages of this option is that it places the person who is most knowledgeable about this aspect of our work, and is listed as the point of contact, in the best position to answer questions. The disadvantage is that we do not have our established and experienced press officer speaking for the Board. 2. Tom will do the interview, in a similar fashion to what I described above, with Tim and I sitting ringside and scribbling talking points, etc. The advantage of this approach is that we have Tom's presence in the public eye, as per established procedure. The disadvantage is that Tim and I are in positions to have a little more knowledge about the subject, and would not be directly questioned. I will prepare to do the interview myself, so that if the decision is made to go with the first option, I will be ready. If the second option is selected, I will have as much material as possible ready for Tom in the way of briefing before the interview. I await your instruction. We can also call Berrette at (703) 428-0731 if we need to postpone or reschedule.

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