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I apologize for not getting this to you earlier. I see this as very fluid and I very much welcome your comments and suggestions. The bullet points below are designed merely to flag possible discussion points. [Working Tentative Agenda] Discussion on the Opening of Federal Government Records April 14, 1998 9:30 Coffee National Archives Room 105 10:00 Welcome National Archives Room 105 [Welcome; introduction of participants; purpose of this discussion is to assist the Board in formulating recommendations; points identified below are merely suggestive] Hon. John R. Tunheim Chairman, Assassination Records Review Board The Work of the Assassination Records Review Board [short summary of the Review Board's work and history] \_\_\_\_\_, Member, Assassination Records Review Board 10:30 Access to Government Information and Records: What are the Institutional Impediments? -- Lack of agency resources? -- Records management? -- Lack of institutional commitment? -- Sources and methods as catch-all? -- Lack of independent oversight? -- Third Agency Rule and the referral process -- Criteria for release of exempt information? -- balancing tests -- burden of proof -- informed decisionmakers 11:30 Access to Government Records: How Well Have the "Solutions" Worked and What Lessons Have Been Learned? National Archives Room 105 -- FOIA -- Mandatory Review -- Information Security Oversight Office (ISOO) -- Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel (ISCAP) -- E.O. 12958 -- Foreign Relations of the United States (FRUS) -- Judicial Review -- Advisory committees - - Assassination Records Review Board 12:15 Lunch for Experts and Review Board Members National Archives Room 410 1:15 Access to Government Records: How Have the Solutions Worked and What Lessons Have Been Learned? Continued discussion National Archives Room 105 2:15 Break 2:30 Improving Access to Government Records: What Should the Assassination Records Review Board Recommend? -- Legislation? -- Better guidelines for initial classification? -- New guidelines for exempt information? -- Stronger independent oversight of declassification? -- Nothing? 4:00 Conclusion Hon. John R. Tunheim