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Subject: Lo and Behold!

I talked to the IRS TWICE today -- I called Bill Lovelace and then JOE Urban in the Counsel's Office called me. The Joe Urban call is slightly more interesting. CALL REPORTDocument's Author: Laura Denk/ARRB Date Created: 04/07/98Description of the Call Date: 04/07/98Subject: IRS ProgressSummary of the Call:Bill Lovelace reports that the IRS has an employee who will be coming from one of the field offices to HQ, starting April 27, 1998, to work full-time on JFK Act issues. IRS received our letter listing subjects and files that we would like the IRS to include in its search directive. Bill had a few questions about our letter that I was able to answer for him immediately. He specifically told me that he knew that some of our requests would only yield records that are tax return records and he wanted to know whether the Review Board even wanted the IRS to collect those records. I told him that we definitely DID want the IRS to collect the records, though we understand that the records may never be publicly available.I asked whether IRS intended to complete its work on the WC and HSCA files by April 13, as Linda Stiff promised Jeremy. Bill said that he believed that Michael Sincavage and Lynnette Platt had reviewed the WC records and had made recommendations about those records, but that they were still waiting for the Counsel's opinion before the decisions could be finalized. With regard to the HSCA files, Bill said that Michael Sincavage reviewed the records and made recommendations about the records and then gave the records to Bill. Bill promised to review both the WC records and the HSCA files and be finished with his work on the records by April 13. He could not promise that the Counsel's opinion would be complete by April 13.I asked Bill to prod the Counsel's office for their legal opinion. Bill promised to call me back this Thursday, April 9, to update me on his progress.*****CALL REPORTDocument's Author: Laura Denk/ARRB Date Created: 04/07/98Description of the Call Date: 04/07/98Subject: Status of Counsel's Opinion on IRS RecordsSummary of the Call:Joe Urban called today, presumably after Bill Lovelace called him at my behest to ask about the status of the Counsel's opinion on IRS records.Joe told me that the research on the Counsel's opinion is complete, that a draft memo has circulated throughout the office, and that the draft memo is now on his desk for his review. Once he approves the memo, he will pass it on to John Cummings, Chief of the Disclosure Litigation office for Cummings' approval and signature. Joe apologized extensively for the delay in getting the opinion to us, but promised that he would get it to us "soon." He said that his group is well aware that we have been waiting for this opinion for nearly three years and that it is almost ready.As for the substance of the draft opinion, Joe told me that he did not want to disclose too much, as he would hate to bind his boss into accepting an opinion with which he did not agree. Joe was willing to tell me that the Counsel's office would like to give some meaning to the IRS's 6103-Record

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