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Subject: Chapter 1 Draft ready

I just decided to get it done, I don't know how badly the quality will have suffered, but you might throw it out anyway, so what the heck. I will forward it in a separate e-mail (I don't know how to put in the T-drive and all that stuff, especially from here; I might blow it up), but there are various things to worth noting or keeping in mind as you go through it. Not in order of importance:1) can't get my machine to do the squiggly lawyer symbol for "Section", despite advice from two lawyers on how it's done; I guess it must just be me2) still need the first Board meeting date for intro (Eileen and Tracy didn't know), as well as the the Board meeting date at which they unanimously (my text so assumes, anyway) extended their life and ours for a year (ditto on Eileen and Tracy, who have otherwise been great slueths for me -- maybe I'll ask Jerry to check the minutes?)3) didn't know how you wished to be referred to: Dr., Esq., Supreme If Reluctant Potentate, whatever, so you can edit whatever you like in; I feel strongly the names of the Executive Directors should be in the intro w/the Board members4) generally, I tried to keep the actual names of folks referenced out of the text proper, supplying them where appropriate in footnotes; that way I can quote authors (Mailer, or Lifton) or cite other dubious characters (Grodin) as desired and necessary w/out giving them undue prominence5) I use the phrase "at the time of legislative consideration of the JFK Act" or something like it, several times, when I am citing statistics/figures from Congressional reports contemporaneous w/consideration of the legislation relative to numbers of assassinaton records in various places; since I don't know, say, what the actual number of FBI documents previously withheld but released since the Act is/will be, I fall back on what folks estimated it was back in '92. You'll see what I mean when you read the draft. Church Committee is a good example. Hearings cite 5,000 pages figure, but if I don't make it clear where I'm getting the figure from, I'll risk inaccuracy and misleading of readers, since I'm sure (I sure hope, that is) the final number will be a lot bigger than that -- I presume the real/final figures will show up in some other part of the report6) waiting on Steve Tilley for some confirmation of my understanding of NARA's review history of WC stuff; I'll let you know or amend later any corrective data he sends back to me7) two of the '92 congressional reports reference that the HSCA's records were transferred/put in the custody of the House Intelligence Committee at the HSCA's termination. We all know that, at least from '92 on, they were in the custody of the House Administration (now House Oversight) Committee. I don't know whether the '92 reports are just inaccurate (wouldn't be the first error I've caught) or whether I have a missing link in the chain of custody of HSCA records; I asked Matt Fulgham at NARA to check it out; he asked Steve Tilley, neither of them know. My solution, barring more investigation by somebody, is simply to reference that the records were in the custody of House

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