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Subject: Re: Draft letter, JFK library

Megan Desnoyers tells me that the whole idea of a "punch list" comes from an August 29 discussion that she had with David and, I believe, Bill Joyce in San Diego. At that time she offered to do everything she and JFK Library could to further ARRB's goals and suggested that ARRB follow-up on its spring 1995 Board meeting at the Kennedy Library. According to her files of that spring 1995 Board visit, the following items are outstanding. Some require JFK Library action, some require ARRB action, some require a bit of both, and some are in other courts--with donors or their lawyers, for example. This is the list that we put together: Evelyn Lincoln papers. JFK Library needs to finish processing these, but it plans to open them this autumn. Edward Kennedy papers. There are 2 "assassination" folders of possible Board interest here--the Edward Martin files. JFK Library needs to get permission for us to see them, but ARRB needs to make a formal request to the Library. Walter Sheridan material on NBC White Paper on Garrison investigation (13 folders), returned by JFK Library to Sheridan on his request. Apparently we have already gotten in touch with Mrs. Sheridan, who has contacted her lawyer. This seems like something we, not the Library, need to follow up on--at least, at this point. John Byrne papers and oral history. Byrne has turned down ARRB's request for access, and ARRB will have to re-request. Boston Globe, Ben Bradley, Parkland Hospital interview. Opened. JFK Library needs to send us a copy. We should request this. JFK medical records. Not opened, controlled by family. Manchester papers. Interviews with Mrs. Kennedy and RFK: closed until 2067; renegotiation necessary with heirs and Manchester. Background material: Manchester has refused ARRB access at the present time. Arthur M. Schlesinger diary. 4 pages of material following JFK's death. If ARRB wants a copy it should request the Library. The Library will then request permission on our behalf. Teddy White interview with Mrs. Kennedy ("Camelot papers."). Opened recently. I believe we already have a copy, but if we do not, we should request one. Burke Marshall oral history. Deeded, but a portion is closed. ARRB will have to ask JFK Library to request copy. Shriver files. Eunice Shriver kept a scrapbook on the assassination--clippings. Doesn't seem useful, but we could request. George Smathers oral history. There are closed portions that the JFK Library needs to resolve. Classified? Library needs to find out. Godfrey McHugh oral histories. ARRB has permission to see, but needs to ask Library for copies if we want them. Neither Megan nor I understand what you mean by "categories of documents reviewed by CIA, State, and DOD," beyond what I have already stated. As you know, CIA, State and DOD agreed in June to review Cuba records in the National Security Files. This process is now complete, or nearly complete. Are you interested in having these agencies now go on to review non-Cuba records in the NSF? Cuba and non-Cuba records in Presidential files and private collections?

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