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You may be aware of all below, but, for the record, I recount it here: Jennifer Rouse, House Appropriations Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal called on Monday morning and left a voice mail message for me while I was at the JFK Library reviewing the Byrne papers. Rouse asked that we fax her the final Fiscal Year 1996 numbers on our expenditures (the so-called Object Classifications). I called Rouse back and she said that she was starting to work on us as they prepare for the mark-up for the Chairman's bill and this information would be helpful. Eileen consulted with Tracy, who pointed out that we had final expenditure numbers in the 1996 final report. Eileen faxed the one page with the numbers to Rouse, who later told Eileen that she would look at them and get back to us if she needed anything else. During my conversation with Rouse, I gave her the \$100,000 figure for close down costs. I noted that much of this total was severance pay (although I did not give her a specific figure). She noted the figure and then said she thought she had seen somewhere last year that we had estimated \$50,000 for severance. I told her that it was higher than that. Rouse did not ask me for a specific number. I asked her what kind of language would be in the bill regarding the close down costs. Although she had not worked it out, she speculated that it would be something like: \$1,600,000 is appropriated to the Board etc., etc., not more than \$100,000 of which is to be utilized for the cost of closing down. Other points made by Rouse: \* She foresees "no problem on the Board getting the full amount" (the appropriation of \$1.6 million for FY 1998). (She volunteered this information; I had not asked her). \* No date for the Subcommittee mark-up yet, but it is not going to be real soon (probably not in May).

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