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Subject: Weekly Update

On Friday, May 24, I met with Barry Harrelson to discuss and work out problems and potential problem documents for the upcoming June meeting. Later that same day I met with two other members of the HRG staff (Ellie and Eileen), to discus and work out problems from the May meeting. Yesterday, May 28, I met with two other members of HRG (Eileen and Gary) to discuss problems that have arisen in a large set of name-trace documents due for consideration at the upcoming Board meeting. These contain redactions of well over 100 dispatch prefixes, with dates and locations unknown (although internal evidence suggests that most or all of these are from the early 1950s, and therefore outside the "window," no matter what the location is). In the past, CIA has been reluctant to tell us what these prefixes mean. This time, I told them I had to have some answers, or I would not be able to defend protecting any of this redacted material. I had prepared an alphabetical listing (cross-referenced to the documents) of each prefix, which they took back with them, and I hope this will make it possible to get some more definite information--on dates as well as on location-- either today or tomorrow, so CIA team can begin reviewing these records. By late last week we completed preparing our March meeting documents, including the IG report, for transfer to NARA. This was a very large and complex process, due to the computer-related problems we had had with this set of documents from the beginning, and we were very glad to see the last of them. We prepared the Federal Register notice from the last meeting, including Scelso documents. I should point out that since the May meeting, HRG has been so inundated with the work of preparing the March documents for transfer to NARA that it had very little time left to prepare new documents for us for review. We have enough to keep the Board busy for the next meeting, and possibly the next, but I anticipate a time in the not-far-off future when we start to outpace HRG's ability to keep up. Barry wants a time-out for CIA documents at the second June meeting, to give HRG a breather--especially in light of the fact that he and the heart of his team will be at the Kennedy Library with us for a week prior to that meeting. This would help, but won't solve the upcoming problem, which is a quality/manpower problem on HRG's part. As I told you a while back, HRG has lots of funding for reviewers, but no additional slots. This means that they can only hire additional annuitants, who are expensive and generally not very good.

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