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Body: The documents reviewed at the August meeting were, for the most part,the usual selection which range from Mexico City to Cuba, from the Warren Commission to the HSCA, from New Orleans to the USSR. Most of them were from the JFK Collection. Two HSCA documents, The Lopez Report and The Security Classified Testimony of John Scelso before the HSC,A are notable exceptions to the pattern of less than exciting releases at this meeting.The Lopez Report, written by an HSCA staffer, addressed issues concerning Oswald's trip to Mexico City, the extent of CIA's knowledge of his visit, and various surrounding issues. Part of this large (309 pp. of text and 84 pp. of footnotes) was reviewed by the Board on 10/24/95, when they released those pages which could be opened in full. With the exception of name issues, which are scheduled for review again in 12/96 and 5/97, this action completes the Board's review of this document. It is worth noting that, although a number of redactions remain, this action opens a large amount of material which had been heavily redacted in this document by the CIA in their 1993 review.The other important document from the August meeting is the transcript of the testimony to the HSCA given by the CIA officer who coordinated the CIA investigation in the months immediately after the assassination. Because of this central role, his name appears on a large number of CIA documents from the period. The Board has postponed his name on documents which it has reviewed and has substituted the alias which he used in this testimony, John Scelso. Significantly, this 193 page transcript has not been released to the public before this action by the Review Board.

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