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Subject: Remarks at the SHAFR Meeting

Bill:As promised, here is the pertinent paragraph from Warren Kimble's remarks delivered at the luncheon talk at the SHAFR Annual Meeting on June 22, 1996: "I offer the Kennedy Assassination Commission as a prime example [of the dangers of "targeting" as opposed to systematic delassification]. The running joke in Washington is that it costs ten dollars a page for every document opened. That may be exaggerated, but it makes the point that special cross-agency declassification efforts are grotesquely expensive. Even worse, documents are being removed permanently from their original files threatening the integrity of the the archival record and insuring they will be read out of context. To be quite honest, I think every historian on that Commission should resign, and that the historical societies should condemn that and similar Congressional mandates, like the "abuse of power" collection from the Nixon Project...."Tom has informed me that Anna told him that she responded to Kimball in some forum. I have asked her for a copy of her response. I think that the Board should be prepared for this to come up in San Diego...By the way, I have changed my schedule to arrive in San Diego on Thursday Morning so that I will be able to attend your session. See you there.Best , David

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