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Body: CALL REPORT: PUBLICDocument's Author: Ron Haron/ARRB Date Created: 01/07/97 The Players Who initiated the call? Review Board's representative in the call: Ron HaronPublic's representative in the call: Frank RaganoDescription of the Call Date: 01/07/97Subject: Ragano Deposition--ImmunitySummary of the Call:In connection with finalizing travel arrangements for Ragano's deposition in Washington, D.C. Ragano raised the issue of his obtaining immunity if he is to testify under oath. He said he is "concerned" that, if he testifies under oath, some "zealous prosecutor" may try to prosecute him for conspiracy to kill the President. Accordingly, he said he would not testify under oath without immunity, and he asked whether the Review Board would grant him immunity. Alternatively, he would be willing to speak with us NOT under oath without formal immunity. He noted that he was not part of any [alleged] conspiracy because he did not learn about potential complicity of organized crime in the Kennedy assassination until after March 1987, but he also said that there is no statute of limitations on murder. I told him that I would look into this obviously important issue with our General Counsel and get back to him today.After consulting with Jeremy, we tentatively decided that we should have his testimony under oath and, thus, grant him immunity. I am looking into the procedures for granting a witness immunity, which involves coordination with the Department of Justice. There is a possibility that this might delay his deposition (now scheduled for Jan 22-23), and I will keep Tracy informed as soon as I have a better sense how this might affect the timing of Ragano's deposition. Don't forget to compose individual Action Item documents for any action items that resulted from the call!

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