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Subject: List of Potential Press Releases
Got your message. The Rankin papers are still here. I'll try to get them expedited after Wednesday's hearing. I briefly summarized below how things are going on the shopping list. I have one additional press release in the hopper acknowledging last September's Z-film copy donation by Lifton. David said last week that Lipton was upset because we hadn't acknowledged the donation. I thought Wednesday might be a good day to do so. It might even take some of the edge off the hearing. Jeremy agrees with the release, but David is reticent. The film is still here. We can expedite it to NARA if David agrees. But just acknowledging the donation is enough for a story. As far as the hearing itself, you should know that Debbie Conway and her husband are flying in from California today to be at the hearing. Howard Motyl, a Chicago film producer, also plans to attend, probably with cameras. In addition, a gentleman named Roy Schaffer of Dayton, Ohio called wanting to enter some information into the record concerning the validity of the Z-film. I informed him that this hearing would not deal with validity. I told him to send us his information and I would get it to the proper authority. Mr. Schaffer offered some audio tape interviews with Grodin. I didn't accept immediately, but David and Jeremy said he could send them if he wanted. I will be calling Schaffer to say it's okay to send the tapes. The press release on the hearing is going out as I write this. I look forward to seeing you Wednesday. Thom To: Thom Wilborn/ARRBcc: Eileen Sullivan/ARRB, David Marwell/ARRB, Jeremy Gunn/ARRB From: Tom Samoluk/ARRB Date: 03/10/97 04:37:13 PM Subject: List of Potential Press Releases Here is my "laundry list" of potential press releases (in no particular order) for the coming weeks and months: 1. Hosty (planned for this week)(DONE) 2. NSA documents (Tim indicated that these would be ready around March 17; he has asked Chris to help highlight press-worthy documents)(ON HOLD FOR NSA REVIEW) 3. Military records (Tim indicated that the RIFS were being checked on these documents: as I recall they were some type of military teletype communications from 11/22/63; hopefully, Tim could help flesh out what is interesting about them)(SHOULD BE READY SOON) 4. Annual Report (probably will want to hold this one until we need it)(DONE) 5. Rankin papers (I'm not sure what the status is on these, but I'm sure that this is a good story, with some records highlighted. If nothing ready yet, we should see what has to be done and if we can expedite it)(STILL HERE) 6. FBI Appeal (Thom indicates that Phil said we'll have to wait for State Dept.; but still worth a release whenever)(WAITING ON LETTER) 7. Richard Case Nagell (Joan says some movement on a lot of Nagell records; I think with proper background and citation of the 800 page Russell book, this is worth a release whenever it is ripe)(STILL GREEN) 8. Garrison tapes (My understanding is that Dave Montague is trying to move the Archives along on this project, with emphasis on Perry Raymond Russo and Gordon Novell. This should get some Record

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