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Subject: Suggested Talking Points Regarding Hersh and Allegations Regarding Documents

To: David Marwell/ARRBcc: From: Tom Samoluk/ARRBDate: 09/23/97 02:04:25 PMSubject: Suggested Talking Points Regarding Hersh and Allegations Regarding DocumentsI am forwarding this message from Tom. As I suggested might happen, several members of the Board have been contacted by Lloyd Grove of the Washington Post concerning the Cusack story. As you know, I declined to help Grove. Apparently he was more successful in getting information from members of the Board. It is my strong recommendation that any future calls from Grove, or any other member of the press, be forwarded to Tom or Eileen. David:Per our conversation and your edits to the first draft of the talking points, the following are the suggested talking points if we get more specific inquiries regarding the documents:1. After receiving some credible information, the Board made a preliminary review of records that had been brought to our attention as potentially relevant to our work.2. At nearly the same time as the preliminary review, the Board received information casting doubt on the authenticity of the records. 3. No determination had been made by the Board relative to the documents.4. At this time, no additional steps are planned by the Board relative to these records.Should the caller question what the Board was doing reviewing these records, the following statement with some background can be used: This review is consistent with the Board's mandate from the Congress to pursue records in private hands that may enrich the historical record surrounding the assassination and consistent with previous efforts we had made in the pursuit of private records. Examples of some of these efforts relate to the Garrison records, Clay Shaw's personal papers, and J. Lee Rankin's files.As I mentioned, I believe that the Board should speak with one voice on this matter. There will probably be more calls. The calls should be directed to me, or Eileen, at the Board, for a discussion and determination on how and who will respond. Tom

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