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Subject: Public Reading Room

As you all know, we have published our proposed FOIA regulations in the Federal Register. In those regulations, we state that we will set up a public reading room here at the ARRB. I am collecting documents to put in the reading room. We are required to include at least the following: (a) Any comments on our proposed regulations. (b) Any formal rules and regulations -- or policy statements -- that the Board has issued. I don't know if we have anything like this, but if you think we might, let me know. (c) Public hearing transcripts. (d) Any reports to Congress. (e) Administrative staff manuals and instructions to staff that affect members of the public. I know that category (e) sounds extremely broad, but it is really rather limited. When agencies make final decisions that impact upon public rights, they should make such decisions public by issuing a formal policy statement, a rule, a regulation, or a public notice. However, decision-makers do not always issue formal written decisions. Instead, they often write an internal memo to staff members implementing the final decision and thereby creating agency "secret law." Category (e) is meant to cover the situation where the Board or a senior staff member makes a final decision concerning a formal procedure or "law" of the ARRB that will affect a member of the public and then implements that decision by issuing instructions to staff. I know this last category is fuzzy, but I do not expect it to encompass very many ARRB documents. If you have any documents that you think might reflect ARRB "secret law," please tell me about them. Thanks for your help.

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