

# MEMORANDUM

April 21, 1998 (Final Revision: 2 of 2)

TO: Michelle Combs

FROM: Doug Horne

CC: Eileen Sullivan

SUBJECT: Input Data for List of Chapter 6 Topics (Final Report) for Staff

1. Jeremy's tasking outline, dated April 13, 1998, indicates that you and Eileen and I am to coordinate on developing a *list of topics* for Chapter 6 to be presented to the staff on April 22, 1998. My inputs for this master list are provided below in paragraph 2, so that you can incorporate them into subject list for promulgation to the rest of the staff on April 22nd. I have also sent this electronically in the event you want to cut and paste.

2. My suggestions follow:

A. Pursuit of Federal Records and Information:

(1) Cuba and Vietnam military and foreign policy records from JCS, OSD, Army, and Presidential Library collections;

(2) U.S. Army's Investigative Records Repository (IRR) files on certain individuals of interest to the HSCA;

(3) ONI's extant files on defectors to-and-from the communist bloc;

(4) Additional USMC records on Lee Harvey Oswald:

(a) paper USMC Headquarters copy of Enlisted Personnel File;

(b) paper USMC Headquarters copy of Medical File;

(c) additional relevant USMC Unit Diaries, supplementing the work of the

HSCA.

(5) ARRB staff attempted, without success, to locate the *unedited* Air Force One voice transmission audiotapes from the flight of Air Force One (SAM 26000) from Love Field to Andrews AFB on 11/22/63 (knowing that the LBJ Library had been in possession, for many years, of an edited

version of these audiotapes) by pursuing this issue with both the Air Force and the White House Communications Agency (WHCA).

B. Pursuit of State and Local Records and Information:

(1) "Weitzman" or "Burros" bone fragment (found in Dealey Plaza 11/22/63 and delivered to RADM Burkley on or about 11/27/63 by the USSS). ARRB made formal requests of Dallas Municipal Archives and Dallas County Records Management Officer for any records relating to this fragment (such as photographs or x-rays that may have been taken prior to its transfer to Washington), with negative results.

C. Pursuit of Private Records and Information:

(1) Mr. Robert Groden was deposed by ARRB staff in our attempt to find additional photographic evidence, and to clarify the provenance of the photographic evidence he does hold. This two-part deposition was held on July 2, 1996 in Claymont, Delaware, and on August 20, 1996 in Dallas, Texas.

(2) Follow-up on photographic lead provided by Mr. Stephan Barber re: autopsy photography.

(3) The surviving children of Dr. George Burkley, White House Military Physician to Presidents Kennedy and Johnson, were interviewed for two reasons: in an attempt to determine whether VADM Burkley left behind any professional papers that would constitute assassination records, or enhance the historical understanding of the Kennedy administration, or the Kennedy-Johnson transition period; and in an attempt to obtain waiver of attorney-client privilege to enable the ARRB to examine the papers of VADM Burkley's attorney at the time of the HSCA's investigation, Mr. Illig. Both attempts failed to bear fruit.

(4) ARRB staff contacted Dr. Janet Travell, former White House Personal Physician to President Kennedy, as part of the ARRB's search for autopsy-related records. This approach did not bear fruit.

(5) ARRB staff contacted Ms. Marion Ebersole, widow of Dr. John H. Ebersole, who served as consulting radiologist at President Kennedy's autopsy, in a routine inquiry to search for professional papers or assassination records. She said she had none.

D. Medical Evidence: Doug will draft, and Jeremy will chop, a staff medical memo (intended for eventual release to the public, coincident with deposition transcripts) that will explain

which medical, photographic, and law enforcement witnesses to President Kennedy's autopsy were deposited, and for what reasons. Similarly, explanations will be given for unsworn interviews of Parkland Hospital Trauma Room One witnesses, Gawler's Funeral Home witnesses, and additional witnesses to President Kennedy's autopsy. This memo will include an explanation of the *pro bono* digital preservation and enhancement work performed on President Kennedy's autopsy images by Kodak, at Rochester, in November, 1997. At a later date, the "staff medical issues memo" may (in some form) become a part of Chapter 6, or may become a separate chapter in the Final Report.

E. Other (by subject or unique category):

(1) Zapruder Film:

(a) staff examinations of films designated as "in-camera" original, and first-generation copies, by NARA;

(b) a Kodak consultant will publish two reports--one an "edge print analysis" of what is believed to be the original and two first-generation copy films at NARA; and another that will attempt to explain (1) how the Zapruder Bell and Howell camera worked(s), and (2) causation (to the extent it can be explained) for the various "apparent visual anomalies" noticed in the film by many researchers;

(c) An explanation of ARRB staff interviews conducted of former CIA "NPIC" personnel who examined the/a "Zapruder film" in the autumn of 1963, shortly after the assassination [this was follow-up of a Paul Hoch FOIA lead, generated by the mid-1970s CIA FOIA release of "CIA document 450"];

(d) Fate of the Zapruder film: final resolution of the "takings issue," when known; *i.e.*, status of the film's ownership as of time of publication of the Final Report. [Suggest General Counsel write up this section.]