

Extension of the Board's Mandate

Notes to the File

Meeting with Joyce Larkin:

I met with Joyce Larkin of Louis Stokes's office for about 40 minutes on Friday, January 24, 1997. I filled Joyce in on what the Board has accomplished as well as what still needs to be done. I told her that the Board was considering seeking an extension of its mandate so that it could complete the most important records that relate to the assassination. Joyce, who it turns out is a former HSCA staffer, was neither surprised or concerned about the notion of an extension. She asked, in fact, whether two years would not be more appropriate. She confidently represented that the Congressman would support such an undertaking and sketched out a legislative strategy. She thought that Stokes would speak to Hoyer and perhaps also Specter. She undertook to contact the staff of our appropriations sub-committee to determine the timeline and the current state of expectations. She promised to call me early next week with the Congressman's reaction. She suggested that we prepare a "one-pager" on what we have done and what remains.

Meeting with Battaglia:

I met with Charlie Battaglia on January 28 for about 20 minutes. Battaglia read through the draft letter to Specter. He returned it to me and said that he thought the Senator would want to sponsor the extension (with Glenn). He showed no hesitation, and accepted the rationale. He asked that we draft a bill (along with a floor statement) and get it to him so that he could present a package to Specter.

Call to Joyce Larkin: January 30, 1997

I called Joyce to ask her about the status of her attempt to speak with Stokes about the extension. She said that he had not yet responded to her fax, but that he was quite occupied with a project that would be completed by the end of January. She was hopeful that she would hear soon.