

We have been busy preparing for the Board meeting. This short update includes a tentative schedule for next week's meeting.

You should have received a package on the Zapruder issue. If you have any questions please call.

Tom and Tracy have been busy with the LA Hearing: President Ford, although interested will be out of the country. David Belin, Robert Tannenbaum, Oliver Stone, David Lifton, and James DiEugenio have accepted our invitation. Wesley Liebler and J. Lee Rankin's son are considering. We have two possible venues in mind.

We are hosting our second group of high school interns from Indiana this summer. The first group which was here two weeks ago performed excellent work, and we have high hope for the current crew.

In addition to the brief reports from the teams included below, there are two items worthy of note: (1) The staff conducted a very productive interview with Moses Weitzman who clarified many issues that have arisen through the Groden deposition. (2) Joe Freeman spent two days at the University of Tennessee at Martin to review the rich files of former Life Magazine Dallas correspondent Holland McComb. Details on Monday.

Report from Military/Medical Team:

1. Telephone interview with Colonel (ret.) Rudolph Reich, July 24. Reich commanded the 316th INTC Detachment in San Antonio, Texas, at the time of the assassination. Fletcher Prouty names Reich as the individual who allegedly offered his unit's assistance to the Secret Service and was turned down; this same incident is dramatized in Stone's JFK movie. Reich denied on tape that this ever happened. Reich says he has in his personal papers (currently in the custody of his son in Colorado) a copy of a letter he sent to Army intelligence officials denying the Prouty story, and their reply to him. He promised to locate these and provide them to the Board when his son returns in two weeks from a research trip to Europe. We are preparing a transcript of Reich's interview for him to correct/edit.
2. Telephone interview with Edward J. Coyle, formerly a warrant officer with the 112th INTC Group in Dallas at the time of the assassination. Coyle, who has never been interviewed before, basically confirmed Hosty's account of events that morning, with added details about Coyle and Lt. Steve Weiss going later to the TSBD to obtain release of a 112th agent who was "trapped" inside building sealed off by police [possibly James Powell]. A transcript of this interview is also being prepared for Coyle to edit. Coyle also seemed eager to talk to someone from ARRB in person, especially to review NARA documents to refresh his memory. He thought that he might be able to

work out a "wiring diagram" of the Dallas office showing who did what if we could provide him with rosters, etc.

3. In an arrangement with the Army, management intern Laura Bell is in our office for the next two weeks to prepare RIF's on microfilm documents.

4. We have continued discussions with NSA, representatives of which are coming to our offices on Friday to brief the staff on progress.

Report from the FBI Team:

Since the last update, the FBI team has been reviewing microfilmed DOJ records from the Kennedy Library to determine whether and to what extent they contain assassination records; identifying FBI records that are potential consent releases or appropriate for Board review; and preparing on the Reviewtrack FBI records to be acted on at the next Board meeting.

Report from the CIA Team:

The CIA team spent this past week preparing for the upcoming Board meeting (reviewing documents, etc.) and preparing for the upcoming public hearing (reviewing CIA's "nonrelevant" records at HRG).

Tentative Schedule for August 5/6 Board Meeting

Monday

9:00 - 12:00: Individual Review

12:00 Lunch

1:00-3:00 Executive Director's Briefing

3:00-5:00 Closed Meeting (Mark Lane Issue, Zapruder)

Tuesday

8:30 - 10:00 Secret Service Issues (Including Jane Vezeris Briefing)

10:00-11:30 Closed Meeting (Determinations on Assassination Records)

11:30-12:15 Working Lunch: Preview of Open Meeting

12:15 - 1:00 Classified Staff Briefing on CIA Sequestered Collection

1:00 Open Meeting

Report by Steve Tilley

CIA Presentation

Staff Presentation

Public Comment

2:30-5:00 Continuation of Closed Meeting