

The following update was prepared to go out last week but didn't make it. Since its preparation, I received the news from Mary that she has decided to resign her position with the Board:

**To:** ALL  
**cc:**  
**From:** Mary McAuliffe/ARRB  
**Date:** 08/19/96 10:09:16 AM  
**Subject:** Departure

I've talked with David this morning, and I want to let you know that for a variety of personal reasons I will be leaving ARRB in early October. It will be with great regret.

I've enjoyed working with you, and I'm proud of all we've accomplished together. I'll miss you very much.

I will discuss with you in Los Angeles how I plan to deal with Mary's departure.

## **Report on the Los Angeles Hearing.**

### **I. Witness Update**

#### 1. Oliver Stone

Scheduled to testify. Small chance he won't be able to testify because he is looking at movie locations. His assistant, Eric Hamburg said that they are already working on Stone's testimony. Hamburg is scheduled to call this week regarding a pre-interview with Stone when Tom is in LA from 8/25 to 8/28 and with more information about Stone's schedule for the day of the hearing.

#### 2. Robert Tannenbaum

Scheduled to testify. Very cooperative on the phone.

#### 3. Jim DiEugenio

Scheduled to testify. Has already provided an outline of his testimony.

#### 4. David Lifton

Scheduled to testify. Intends to donate to Collection. Tom will meet with him week of 8/25.

#### 5. David Belin

Scheduled to testify.

#### 6. Rankin's son

Scheduled to testify. He will announce donation of his father's papers including annotated (in hand) drafts of the Warren Commission Report.

#### 7. Wesley Liebler

He is scheduled to testify. He called me today and was enthusiastic about it. He will make donation of his manuscript part of his testimony. He is aware of the other witnesses and did not deter him.

8. Steve Tilley

He is scheduled to testify.

## II. Hearing Location

It looks like the location for the hearing will be:

Los Angeles Board of Education  
Hearing Room H-160  
1st floor Hill Street Building  
450 North Grande Avenue  
Los Angeles, CA

Tom will not issue an official advisory until he looks at the room, probably on Monday, August 26th.

We are confident that this room will work (we have seen a video tape of it) but want to have see it in person.

## III. Hotel Rooms

Tracy is working on accommodations in the area of the hearing room.

## IV. Advance Trip

Tom will go to LA on Sunday, August 25th and has appointments through Wednesday, August 28th (morning) and will then onto San Diego and the Board.

## Report from Military Team

- Army intern Laura Bell completed RIF's on more than 350 documents; of these, the Army has already designated more than half as "Release in Full," while the rest have release status pending.
- Doug Horne completed long research memo on LHO's military ID card.
- Continued to contact former members of 112th/316th INTC units.
- We are currently following up to determine whereabouts of ONI records (NARA has accessioned ONI files only thru 1956), extent of compliance to date with JFK Act, and ONI point-of-contact for future efforts to uncover information not only about Monier's allegation, but also about activities of ONI field offices in New Orleans and Dallas circa 1963.
- Developed tentative plan to inventory, RIF and (where necessary) refer to 3d agencies records from "Army Mongoose Files" at NARA. Chris Barger and Tim Wray will work with Randy Rakers from Army's MHI to carry this out.

### Report from CIA Team

CIA team has doubled its size with the addition on Monday of Irene Marr and Michelle Combs. As expected, they are proving to be perceptive and fast learners, and as soon as they receive their clearances, will begin to carry their weight in the review process.

Barry Harrelson was on vacation last week, but Ellie and Eileen carried on in his place. We got the determination forms for the August meeting documents over to them (the non-Scelso, non-Lopez report documents first, as they had requested), and have already received their reply. Everything, except for a couple of very minor technical details, looks clean, and the technical details can be cleared up quickly. The Lopez and Scelso determination forms went over last week. We have heard from HRG that they are concerned about several Board releases in these documents. We will no doubt hear more in the near future.

We have most of the June-meeting documents back from CIA, with the exception of the Mexico Chron, and will be preparing these for transfer to NARA.

### Report from FBI Team

Laura spent the week in New Orleans and returned on Thursday with all of the original Garrison tapes. We expect that the photocopies of the textual records from the Garrison files as well as the MCC will arrive by FEDEX this week. The trip was a decided success with great cooperation from the Archives (which supplied the archival bond copy paper, and acid-free folders for the copies), from the MCC, and (yes) even from Bill Wessel. Laura, burdened by a heavy and oversized box of tapes, received (thanks to Dave Montague) a police escort through the airport in New Orleans, special handling by USAir, and a first class seat so that she could keep her eye on the tapes.

Although shorthanded due to vacations and Laura's trip to New Orleans, we have continued to review the microfilmed DOJ records from the JFK library; worked to prioritize HSCA subject-matters for initial FBI review; identified FBI consent releases; and prepared FBI records for review by the Board.