

MINUTES
Senior Staff Meeting
July 6, 1995

New Orleans follow-up:

Everard contacted us thru Kermit and had some suggestions where Garrison's records might have been.

Tom will ask Anne to follow up with daughter of Garrison's secretary.

Jeremy has a memo on tape re BriLab. This material contains very little that would be of any use to us. There are only two possible references to Kennedy. The BriLab tapes were sent to California after the trial. There is no discussion of the New Orleans trial. The government says there is no transcript. Tapes were of a pre-trial motion, sealed, and not played. Content of sealed motions unknown. The Clerk of the Court said Judge Sears likes to keep BriLab material close to him because of his personal interest.

Tom reported that Blakey talked to FBI officials. Jeremy said the local FBI may have some records and we should follow up on that thru the Washington Headquarters.

The Metropolitan Crime Commission says there would be "limited access" to their records. What access did HSCA have? Jeremy will assign this to Joe, and David will call Steve. Blakey made reference to organized crime.

The boxes here are in the SCIF. Steve is to supply us with Hollinger boxes. Noelle is going thru the material; Jeremy will ask her to make a Folder List.

Jeremy gave drafts of the Deed of Gift to Connick and Wegmann. We will try to make these as general as we can.

Tom stated that personal items turned over to us in error (such as the card from Garrison's daughter) should be returned to her rather than given to the Archives.

Tom made a commitment to Lyon Garrison and hopes we can make copies for him of his father's papers. Also, is there anything we can do for Everard? The Archives will eventually microfilm. David said that

paper copies may be a problem due to the large volume of paper required. If we do arrange for copies for them, David suggested we could move a copier to the reception area so Christina could do it. Tracy believes this would interfere with being able to hear the phones and suggested that the AAs could do it to earn some comp hours. Jeremy suggests we check price with a commercial copier. David wants to check with Steve first; but Tom fears losing control of the situation. Tom will call Camille Buras today.

Tom stated that we have a request from Mr. Mather for video tapes of the New Orleans and Dallas hearings. Tracy will check on having two or three sets made commercially and we could charge for them. It was suggested that some of the panning was poor and we should ask for a price reduction due to this.

David will respond on the Internet to a letter received from Joe Backes.

Tracy voiced concern regarding the minutes in that people like Joe Backes tape the Board Meetings and we do not. David explained that a tape becomes a discoverable issue. Our minutes can be general, not too detailed, mainly recording the Board's votes.

Voting procedures - concern that only 3 people might show up for a meeting. Jeremy will call Kermit in advance to discuss inserting an option in the procedures where, if only 3 are present, and they vote unanimously, the vote carries. Jeremy will have the rules ready to go out Monday for notation voting.

David and Jerrie will send Federal Register notice tomorrow for open and closed meetings.

Jeremy stated that ACUS suggests we consider having briefings at non-meetings.

The agenda at the July 17, 9:00 a.m. open meeting will be to vote on the minutes of the New Orleans meeting, set agenda for next meeting, and vote to have a closed meeting in August. We will adjourn at 9:30 to go to the 10:00 a.m. meeting at the Archives. Documents will be reviewed at the July 17, 11:00 a.m. closed meeting, which will continue on July 18.

Jerrie will prepare forms.

It would be quite costly (approximately \$200) to do a mailing of the meeting notification, so David will put it on the Internet.

There are approximately 135 documents to be reviewed. The mailing to the Board prior to the meeting will include the Open Meeting Agenda, Closed Meeting Agenda, and Minutes. We will fax the Procedures and the notation voting form.

Jeremy reported that the Lopez Report has been analyzed and is ready for presentation. We will recommend about 98% of it be released. David suggested the Board should wait to hear from the Hill.

The Giancana issue is a closed meeting item.

The Board needs to tell the agencies what kind of information they want.

The agenda will include FBI records, Giancana, and guidance from the Board. If we have to drop one, it should be the Giancana issue. On Giancana, they can look at the entire file or time periods. The FBI has already agreed on 1963 and there is nothing for the Board to decide, but they will need to look at before 1963 and after 1963.

The Public Reading Room notice (out there within 24 hours) is to list the names of those reasonably expected to be in attendance.

A closed meeting will be needed for the August 2-3 Board Meeting to review documents. Jeremy will check to see if the NSA documents will be ready to review. He will be going to NSA on July 7. He has been told that a NSA person is ALWAYS with the President and that NSA is always in communication with Air Force One.

There will be a meeting with Treasury next week. Justice correspondence was mailed last week, and Defense is to be sent.

David said that we may get thru with FY95 funding intact. Should we ask the Senate for more? If we get only 2.15, we can get thru '96, but there will be pressure in '97 because there won't be overage from '96. We can weather \$8000 cut in Admin and travel.

Tracy brought up the problem that the AAs are frustrated by overreaction and excessive secrecy of some of the analysts when they walk into a room. AAs have Top Secret clearance and the same "need to know," regardless of which team. Jeremy will speak to the analysts about this behavior.

Congressional Affairs: David will call Jack re his role in lobbying. Tom and David met with John Constance this morning.

Priorities Committee will need today at 3:00.

Tracy is concerned that new people coming on board realize (and be informed in writing) the risk they are taking and that they may be let go if we have to remove some staff. With Chet and the Board counting as 1, we now have 25, and the maximum is 31 FTEs.