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1. Sequence of events after we send letter

a. We get list of names and start to depose persons involved with destruction of records by week of August 21 (At a minimum we should depose Machado, Parker, Sampson, NARA person (archivist appraiser), and SS Operations person)

b. We go to SS Archives and list all materials we want and say we want photocopies or the originals (review Bonnie Curtin comments about secret materials in the Archives that I might not have seen when I went)

c. We request all SS materials at Suitland be brought to our office

d. We ask for all pertinent boxes of materials from Centre Pointe (this will be more complicated since the inventories do not necessarily reveal all that is there in an accurate fashion) We should go to Centre Pointe and get the boxes ourselves.

e. My feeling is that there is more--or at least there are possibly more places to look for Secret Service records. There may be more in the downtown offices. Ann Parker hinted at this once but would not elaborate.

The point is: we need as much **significance** coming out of Machado's destruction of these documents as possible. That implies surprising him with the HSCA point rather than giving it away in our letter. He has had two years to destroy or hide materials. If he has 10 more days after today, it will not serve to protect any more documents. I think we should move fast once we start. He may think at this point that he has placated his superiors and the matter is resolved.

We need to think about how we go about physically taking the records. Should we warn them that this is going to happen? How should we state that for the following reason i.e. Machado destroyed records and we have no assurance that the Secret Service can or is willing to preserve assassination records, we must take them.

Then we tell the Secret Service that they have 30 days in which to review records in our office before the Board reviews them and makes its recommendation.