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Telephone call with Kim Newman at OMB.

Kim returned my telephone call of last Friday. I told her about the report in the *Wall Street Journal*, and she indicated she would speak to Chuck Keefer, OMB's Legislative Affairs person, and find out what the story is. She promised to get back to me.

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Note on telephone call with Kim Newman.

Kim called me back after having checked with her Legislative person, Chuck Keefer. Kim indicated that the Review Board funding had been cut in the Subcommittee bill. The message from Keefer was that there was "no reason why the Board should not seek restitution." Kim suggested that we "burn up the phone lines," suggesting that our strongest argument was that there was a sunset provision in our legislation.

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Note on telephone conversation with John Constance, the Congressional Affairs person at the National Archives.

John returned my call at approximately 4:30 this afternoon. He had just learned of the Treasury/Postal Subcommittee's proposed elimination of the Assassination Records Review Board and the transfer of the Board's function to the National Archives. He wanted to confirm this information with me. John agreed that any transfer of the Review Board's function to the National Archives was at best ill conceived. He described a "monumental conflict of interest." Constance remembered that the National Archives had determined that there would be a conflict of interest last summer when the Board applied for interim funding from the National Archives. Constance agreed to "work with us" on this issue and will call me tomorrow morning when he gets into his office.