

Memorandum

To: David Marwell

From: Tom Samoluk

Date: April 28, 1995

Re: Items for Possible Inclusion in Weekly Update for Board

1. New Orleans Public Hearing Preparation

Hearing Site: Tracy and I are pursuing possible locations for a public hearing in New Orleans. We have discussed potential federal, state and local government facilities with contacts in Louisiana.

Witnesses: I have been in contact with a range of researchers with knowledge about the New Orleans aspect of the case. In addition, Anne Buttimer and Laura Dank have been involved in the preparation of the list of potential witnesses.

Records Research: In connection with a possible New Orleans hearing, I have begun preliminary research into assassination records that potentially exist in New Orleans. For example, I have researched and been in contact with Jim Lesar on the status of FBI tapes made during the course of the BRILAB investigation conducted during the late 1970's and early 1980's. Carlos Marcello allegedly discussed the assassination on a few of these tapes. Lesar is providing me with some documents in connection with a FOIA suit over the tapes.

2. Media Notes

WBEZ Radio, Chicago: On Thursday, May 11th, Jack Tunheim and Bill Joyce will be interviewed on WBEZ, the National Public radio station in Chicago.

Jeff Morley, Washington Post: Jack Tunheim is tentatively scheduled to be interviewed by Morley on Friday, May 5th. He has asked for a general update on the Board's activities and what is planned for the near future.

New York Times Sunday Magazine: An interview with June Oswald is scheduled to be in

The New York Times Sunday Magazine on April 30th. According to the staff person with whom I spoke, Oswald briefly discussed Board. I provided additional information on the Board.

Radio Station Outreach: As part of our continuing effort to reach larger audiences, we have sent out letters introducing the Board to an additional 100 radio station across the country and offering to make Board members available for interviews.

3. HSCA Public Hearing Videotapes

I have been in contact with the director of operations at WETA-TV regarding what tapes they have in their library from 1978 HSCA public hearings. The station is conducting an inventory of their tapes and we will be back in contact with them next week. Once the inventory has been concluded, seeking access to the tapes for inclusion in the JFK Collection could be pursued by the Board.

4. May 3rd Public Meeting Notification

Notices on the May 3rd public meeting were sent to everyone on the Board mailing list and faxed to the media.

5. Correspondence Update

Eileen continues to assist me in responding to correspondence seeking information on the Review Board or providing us with information on assassination records.

(David: Could we put something in the memo to the Board about our ready willingness to respond to correspondence which they receive? And also note that if they do not give it to us for a response and want to respond themselves, we must immediately know that before they respond because we may have gotten the same letter and we all need to be consistent in what we write back.)