

Memorandum

To: David Marwell

From: Tom Samoluk

Date: May 12, 1995

Re: Items for Possible Inclusion in Weekly Update for Review Board

New Orleans Public Hearing Planning

1. Site: As Tracy probably indicated in her update, with some assistance from Kermit, we have a likely site for the public hearing. A large conference room at the old U.S. Mint Building is available to us. Representatives from the Louisiana State Museum which oversees the facility said that they have had U.S. Senate committee field hearings in this particular room. The hearing will likely be scheduled for Wednesday, June 28, 1995, at 10:00 a.m.

2. Witnesses: District Attorney Harry Connick responded positively to your letter the regarding Garrison investigation files. **[Note: Do you want to attach the letter to the memo?]** I have followed-up with a telephone conversation with First Assistant District Attorney Camille G. Buras regarding our interest in the Garrison records, the possibility of Connick testifying at our public hearing, and locating former Garrison prosecutors and investigators regarding records. The response to date has been positive and our discussions are scheduled to continue.

Dr. Michael Kurtz from Southeastern Louisiana State University has agreed to testify at the public hearing on June 28th. In addition, other potential witnesses are being sought. Kermit is attempting to reach historian Steven Ambroise and Anna had called Lindy Boggs.

3. Records Search: As you know, Anne is pursuing various other witnesses to possibly find additional assassination records. These witnesses will be interviewed on an advance trip to New Orleans and some could possibly be included in the public hearing.

Congressional Relations

I provided updated information on the Board's activities and met with Brian Dettlebach of

the minority staff for the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee and Don Goldberg of the minority staff for the House Government Reform and Oversight Committee. **[Note: Do you want to mention additional meetings which Jack has planned with congressional staffers or reference the House and Senate Budget resolutions?]**

HSCA 1978 Public Hearing Videotapes

WETA has agreed to inventory their library to determine what they kept from their televised coverage of the HSCA 1978 public hearings. It is likely that I will meet with station representatives and view what they have in early June.

Media Update

Jack was interviewed on Arkansas radio station KWHN on Friday, May 5th to discuss the Board activities.

Jack and Bill were on Chicago's National Public Radio WBEZ together for a live telephone interview on Thursday, May 11th.

Book Notes

Veteran assassination historian Harold Weisberg's newest book "Never Again!" (Carroll and Graf) is now out in bookstores.