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# STAFF NOTES

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## **Staff Move Into New Offices Set For Friday, February 24th**

After working in temporary quarters for several months, the Board staff is finally scheduled to move into the permanent offices today, Friday, February 24th.

Please note that starting Monday, February 27th, the Board offices will use only the current main telephone number, (202) 724-0088. Individual direct telephone numbers are being eliminated. As previously noted, staff members may be reached at individual extensions through the main number.

## **Board's Next Public Meeting Scheduled For March 7th**

The Board's next public meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 7th at 1:30 p.m. in the Fifth Floor Theater at the National Archives.

The meeting has been posted in the Federal Register. Matters on the agenda are:

1. Update by a representative of the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) on the President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act at NARA.
2. Discussion of written public comments, received as of the date of this meeting, to the proposed interpretive regulations published for public comment by the Assassination Records Review

Board in the Federal Register on February 8, 1995.

3. Staff reports on upcoming Board activities.

## **Board Meetings with Federal Agencies Set for March Visit**

The Board is scheduled to meet with representatives from several federal agencies during the early March visit to Washington.

On Monday, March 6th, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., the Board is scheduled to meet with representatives from the CIA at the Board offices.

Representatives from the NSA will join the Board members for a briefing at the Board offices on Tuesday, March 7th, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Following the public meeting at the National Archives on Tuesday, March 7th, the Board will meet with Secret Service Director Eljay B. Bowron. The meeting will be held at the Director's office located at 1800 G Street, N.W.

Additional information about the meetings with other federal agencies, as well as staff briefings which are planned for the Board's March visit, will be provided in advance of the Board members' arrival.

## **Definition Guidance Comments**

The Board has received

several comments on the proposed Definition Guidance. Other individuals have indicated that they intend to submit written comments. As noted above, the Board is scheduled to discuss the public comments at the March 7th public meeting. The comment period is open until March 10th.

## **Apology for Internet Attack on Definition Guidance**

On a related matter, the JFK Library staffer who was the author of an inflammatory note about the proposed Definition Guidance on the Internet has apologized to David Marwell. He acknowledged the inappropriateness of the vitriolic tone and personal nature of his note. In addition, the Director of the Library addressed the matter with the staff person and pledged cooperation with the Board.

## **Plans for Boston Visit Progressing**

Tentative plans for the Board's visit to Boston in late March have been made.

The Board members will likely be asked to arrive in Boston on the evening of Wednesday, March 22nd in preparation for a full day of business on Thursday.

The tentative schedule for Thursday, March 23rd is for the Board to spend most of the day at the JFK Library, meeting with the Library staff and looking at a

sampling of documents. A tour of the Library museum, with the

A public meeting is likely to be scheduled for Friday morning at a downtown location, in either a state or federal building. The Board will probably deal with finalizing the definition guidance, conduct other business and hear from a limited number of experts who are from the greater Boston area.

On March 1st, Jack Tunheim and David Marwell are scheduled to travel to Boston to meet with Brad Gerratt, Director of the John F. Kennedy Library, to go over plans for the Library visit.

Details on the Boston trip will be provided as they become available.

### **Analysis and Review Staff Continues Background Work**

The Analysis and Review Staff has been actively engaged in preparing critical background material for the review process.

The staff has now reconstructed the following Oswald pre-assassination files: CIA 201, State, ONI, FBI/HQ, and FBI/Dallas. When these files are combined and analyzed, they present an interesting story in a way that shows some possibly important gaps in the record as analyzed by the Warren Commission and the House Select Committee on Assassinations. By engaging in this careful analysis, the staff has been able to identify some very likely leads for additional documents that have not yet been identified by the agencies.

Jeremy Gunn, the only Analysis and Review staff person who has received a security clearance, has begun a systematic

media invited, may also be included on Thursday's schedule. review of FBI and HSCA documents at the FBI and the National Archives. He will continue this review at the agencies until our facility is secure and documents can be transferred.

Individual analysts have been given assignments to have them build expertise in some of the important subject matter areas.

Eric Scheinkopf is responsible for matters involving the Soviet Union, the American Embassy in Moscow, KGB officials (including Kostikov and Nechiporenko) and Soviet defectors -- particularly Nosenko.

Michelle Seguin is responsible for Mexico City matters, including the CIA station, the Cuban Embassy and the Soviet Embassy.

Phil Golrick is the staff expert on the FBI's files on Oswald. Kevin Tiernan is becoming the expert on Jack Ruby. Gene Burpoe is continuing his work on military matters.

The analysts have reviewed several thousand pages of materials that have already been released to the Archives and are assembling subject files to assist in the review process once it is underway.

### **More Staff Updates**

In preparation for the review of documents to begin in earnest this spring, three new Board staffers have been hired.

Anne Buttimer, a former FBI special agent and private investigator, has accepted an offer to join the staff as chief investigator. She is a graduate of Vermont Law School, has a

masters in criminal justice from Anna Maria College, and a bachelor of science degree in law enforcement from Northeastern University. Anne will start work on April 3rd.

Mary McAuliffe, an historian for the CIA from 1986 to 1994, will join the Board staff as the supervisory analyst for the CIA team. She has a Ph.D. and a masters in history from the University of Maryland, and a bachelor of arts degree in history from Principia College.

Eileen Sullivan, who was profiled in the last edition of **Staff Notes**, begins working for the Board on Monday, February 27th as an administrative assistant.

### **President's FY '96 Budget for the Board: \$2.41 Million**

President Clinton's fiscal year 1996 budget proposal includes \$2.41 million for the Review Board.

### **Tunheim Staying on Airwaves**

Board Chair Jack Tunheim has continued to stay busy on the radio airwaves across the country.

Last week, he added interviews on the New England Public Radio Network and the Minnesota State Radio Network to his list. Excerpts from the New England Public Radio interview were also heard on NPR's Washington station.

On Monday, February 27th, Jack is scheduled to be a guest on WJR radio, the largest station in Detroit, Michigan, to discuss the Board's activities.

During the March visit to Boston, Jack is tentatively scheduled to be a guest on WBZ

radio's popular nighttime talk  
radio show hosted by David  
Brudnoy.

**Minutes of Board's January  
25th Meeting Finalized**

Minutes of the Board's  
January 25th meeting at the  
National Archives have been  
finalized. Copies of the meeting  
minutes have been distributed to  
members of the public upon  
request.