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**HSCA Public Hearings** 

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The HSCA public hearings are tentatively scheduled to begin the week of August 14-18, with sessions to be held on the King case. The JFK case will be heard beginning September 7th. (The tentative fall schedule is: September 7-29 (JFK) and November 9-December 1 (King), plus 4 days starting December 12 "to resolve the issues on each assassination". Hearings will be held each weekday during these time periods from 9AM-12noon.)

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In conjunction with these hearings, the AIB is planning a variety of activities, including: the issuance of position papers on key aspects of each case, background briefings on each witness, and providing an active liaison between the community of assassination critics and the HSCA members and staff.

Towards these ends we welcome whatever help you can offer, either assisting us by providing references to documents and testimony, drawing up lists of questions to be posed to each witness which we might circulate to the committee and/or media, recommendations of areas for the committee to pursue, formulation of criticism of the HSCA's work, and perhaps even drafting briefings or portions of briefings.

These briefings, we feel, are an especially important project in the attempt to influence the coverage of the hearings. We turn to you for assistance in this project. Enclosed is a preliminary list of areas we believe the case can be broken into. If you have any additions, subtractions, or comments on the sample list provided, we welcome your advice. These briefings will be typed on AIB stationary and edited by us. They will be generally five to ten pages in length, and similar in form to our Hall and Trafficante briefings of last year. The contributing researcher's name will appear on the briefing, unless you decide otherwise. We feel strongly that this effort be funneled through the AIB because of the extensive media contacts we have built up here and the added clout that can be achieved by acting in concert out of a Washington, DC locale.

The excellent work you have done over the years can have its most important effect in conjunction with these public hearings. Please respond by mail or phone if you will cooperate with us in this effort. We need to know by at least July 15 so we can begin work. As you know, we are tremendously underbudgeted and understaffed.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Simberely, Johnson

(The following is a list, by no means complete or comprehensive, of areas of the cases which should be concentrated on as we prepare for the public hearings.) ==

## JFK ASSASSINATION-

- I. Physical Evidence
  - Single bullet theory (arguments against it; WC origins of the theory).
  - Autopsy (chain of possession of photos, x-rays, other materials; unquestioned witnesses to the autopsy).
  - Sniper's nest (fingerprint evidence; search of TSBD).
  - Miscellaneous: Hidell draft card; fake Oswald photo; other photos and films.

# II. General Investigative Areas

- Oswald in New Orleans (FPCC activities; anti-Castro contacts).
- Oswald in Mexico City (surveillance of embassies; Oswald's movements & contacts)
- Oswald's discharge and defection.
- Oswald's return to the U.S.
- FBI's Oswald file.
- Oswald in Dallas (contact with Russian emigres; the Paines; the Walker incident)
- Ruby's background (Cuban connection; labor connection; involvement in rackets).
- Ruby's movements and contacts prior to the assassination.
- Marina
- Tippit shooting (unquestioned witnesses).
- The motorcade (planning and execution).

## III. Performance of Government Agencies

- White House and Justice Department role in early stages of the investigation.
- CIA and FBI withholding of evidence (Castro plots; Oswald note).
- Malfeasance of WC staff.

### KING ASSASSINATION-

- I. Physical Evidence
  - Ballistics.
- II. General Investigative Areas
  - Ray in Canada.
  - Finances of Ray.
  - Ray in Mexico.
  - Ray's movements prior to arrest.
- Eyewitness identification of Ray.
- J.B. Stoner.
- The car chase.
- III. Performance of Government Agencies
  - Police and FBI security and surveillance.
  - Guilty plea.

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