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From: AIB, Washington
To: AIB Directors and Consulting Researchers
RE: HSCA Public Hearings

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 under-budgeted and understaffed.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Jim Kostman
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