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Commissioner Williams - ... I would move that the President of the Commission appoint a subcommittee and that subcommittee be charged with two responsibilities, one, the immediate commencement, together with departmental personnel and with the City Attorney's office, to redact the ten volume summary, and at this point in time I think we have a standard that we can employ. It may be that as the broad standard is developed we can employ some of those things also, but I think that with the standard being removing those matters which we are prohibited legally from releasing, and to the extent that we are not prohibited legally from releasing, information given to us in confidence by other law enforcement agencies, that also should be redacted. To the extent that matters of national security and rights to privacy are not included in the scope of the materials that we are working with that we are not precluded by law from releasing, those should be included but that that activity should commence immediately.

Secondly, that the subcommittee be charged with the responsibility of developing in concert with the department, with experts in these matters - some of whom we've heard from today - to develop standards for the redaction not only of the ten volume set ultimately, but for the 50,000 more or less documents that are backup materials, with the clear intention that those documents be released once the redaction has occurred pursuant to the standards to be developed by the subcommittee and approved by the Commission.