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To: Gscmurphy@aol.com

Greg,

At 05:34 PM 7/20/00 EDT, you wrote:

>We are only interested in things related to the U.S. capture, control, and
>eventual disposition of these diamonds. Is there anything related to that?
>

There's brief to the OAP on behalf of the JRSO, legally arguing for the JRSO claims for the Diamonds. There's also correspondence between Saul Cagan and the JRSO lawyers, W.L. Loewental and S.J. Rubin, describing the court proceedings, the final decision and exceptions is there as well. Also the original claim, referring to the arrival and vesting of the diamond in the USA, and former proceedings (charges of smuggling). Also ref to other claims for German Diamonds. Also transcripts of former proceedings. There's also reference to the sale of the stones by the OAP, their worth, etc.

which of the above is worth copying?

Thanks, Uri

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From: Gene Sofer and Kenneth L. Klothen

Re: Review of Complete Draft of Report

Date: July 20, 2000

By noon on Friday, July 21, we will have a first complete draft of the historical report. This is a major achievement about which we are very excited, but we have a great deal of work to do to produce a final integrated report.

Meeting on July 27

Copies of the first complete draft will be available in the 15th Street office and at Fort McNair on Friday at 3:00. We are asking each of you to read the draft report and then to participate in an all day meeting on Thursday, July 27. The meeting on Thursday will be from 9:30 to 4:30 in Room 5A (Fifth Floor) here in the McPherson Building.

Please come to the meeting on the 27th prepared to provide specific comments and suggestions on the following four questions:

1. Is the report internally consistent? Is the interpretation consistent? Are there points or passages that are contradictory?
2. The Introduction (Chapter 1) is incomplete. What points should be made in the introduction?
3. What additional research gaps should be filled? Additional material on financial assets will be integrated into the report during the week of August 7-10.
4. The last chapter of the report will identify "work to be done." What should be included in this chapter? Suggestions for this chapter should focus on additional historical research.

Each reader should come to the meeting with written comments so that the authors of the respective chapters can have them for reference.

The Revision and Review Process

After the all-day session on July 27, a second complete draft report will be produced and be available for review on Friday afternoon, August 4. Revisions will continue on this

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draft to produce a third complete draft on August 11. Copies of the August 11 draft report will be sent to those members of the advisory panels who are participating in the September 11 review of the manuscript.

During the period August 11 to September 11 editing and re-writing will continue. After the September 11 meeting the comments and suggestions of the Advisory Panel will be presented to the Commission.

E-MAIL PAPER ON STRUCTURE OF PAPER
TO JOE BY 12/24

The Last Question: The United States and the Assets of Holocaust Victims

I. Introduction

① mandate and mission

② the statute and policy question it raised

1. definition of US control to include Europe and US

2. definition of victim =

3. ~~definition of assets~~; RESTITUTION

③ Memorandum,
Sources,
ETC

II. Background and context

① Germany through war's end through 1952

1. life on the ground

2. post war chaotic situation

3. dp camps

② commitment to economic rehabilitation of Germany

③ Austria and its special circumstance

④ the coming Cold War → Sol. on TRAIW

III. Assets Under U.S. Control

① universe of assets — Secs. 4081, 4082, Gold, AIT

② what % was victims assets of total

1. orders of magnitude

2. transparency of methodology → see ^{Denisy} Premium Herless NY

③ what % of victim wealth ended up in US hands

~~asset~~
TRAIW

IV. How did these assets come into US control?

A) Europe

1. Armed Forces

2. Civilians - LC Mission, etc. → 1937/38 Grosser Pfl

B) United States

1. Foreign Funds Control ✓

2. Alien Property ✓

3. Post Office

4. Customs Service

5. Navy and Coast Guard blockades

6. War Relocation Commission, et al

7) FEDERAL RESERVE

8) OSS 16-2

9) T-FORCES

→ NEW WAR THAT NEEDS TO BE DONE

V. Organizing the Assets

a) setting up the collecting points

b) inventory and property control

c) theft and misappropriation by service personnel

d) TFC

e) FED

VI. Restitution: Heirs and survivors

a) Europe

1. Germany: internal restitution

2. external restitution

3. Austria and other countries

TFC
[ITALY, AUSTRIA + AFRICA]

b) United States

1. defuncting assets →

FIN ASSETS

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VII. Restitution: Heirless

- a. role of successor organizations (Military Law 59) → Cons: ASSIST FROM
OP JP KK MA
- b. the international organizations (IRO)
- c. US legislation regarding heirless assets → AB34 Feb. 2000
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VIII. Deviations and Diversions from Policy

- a. Baltic states
- b. other case studies - Silver TRAIN? ; Gold TRAIN?

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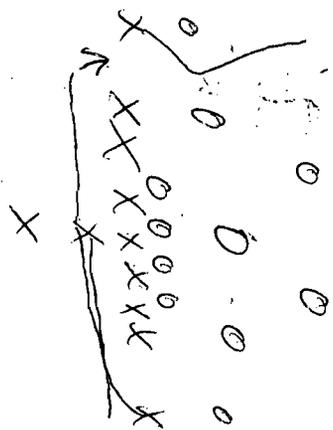
IX. What remains to be done?

- a. additional historical research
 1. unanswered questions
 2. gaps in documentation

SENATE CHAPTER on Policy?

SENATE PLANS on Securities,
Currency, etc. in Appendix?

Officer/Assembly



*Information Research
Notes*

Subj: PCHA work
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To: gscmurphy@aol.com (Greg Murphy)
CC: gsofer@pcha.gov (Gene Sofer)

Dear Greg,

Helene Sugarman called twice today after I left the PCHA offices downtown and while I was away from this phone on other business. When I reached her this evening she indicated that you had asked her to meet you at CMH today so that you could give her documents on silver and other precious metals. When she arrived there she reports that you gave her a small number of pages, whereas you had estimated to me that you had gathered about 250 pages. She told me that you said that you had left the rest for her in her folder at Archives II. She returned there and did not find the documents in her folder. She did find some relevant documents upon searching other folders. She is not sure that she has them all.

Why was it necessary for her to travel to CMH at all, since the documents came from Archives II? Why did you not give her the documents on Thursday, when we agreed that she would write up the material? You had ample time after our conversation, which ended before noon, since you were both still then at Archives II.

Helene indicated that you have a meeting scheduled with her for 11:00 a.m. tomorrow, Saturday, December 4, at Archives II. Call me by noon tomorrow to assure me that you have turned over to Helene all the documentation that you have gathered on these two topics.

I have not yet received the three short documents that I asked you to deliver to me today. They are:

- 1.. your best recollection of the meeting in October at which Helen had given assignments to members of the financial assets team
- 2.. your "information paper" on securities reduced from two to one page
- 3.. and your description/definition of the mandate of the financial assets team.

They are neither optional nor inconsequential. If you have sent them to any destination other than my home office, please fax them now to P6/(b)(6) In addition to this e-mail, I have left a telephone message for you on your voice mail. I expect a response after 9:00 a.m. and no later than noon tomorrow.

Bob Grathwol

Cc: Gene Sofer

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Bob:

I never asked Helene to go to McNair. I told her, as I told you, that I would bring the documents to her on Saturday, a day she said she'd be working. *Helene insisted* on going to McNair. I wrote her clear directions; she got lost; was in a foul mood; and blamed it on me.

I had found only a couple of relevant documents at her point of arrival [I was delayed by giving instructions to our intern]. I told her to wait a little while so I could go through the pile in the bookcase or wait until Sarah came back into the office [since she may have sent them to Kinko's for reproduction]. Helene decided to leave and I found the documents in folders the bookcase a short while later.

There was no scheduled meeting at 11 a.m. on Saturday with Helene and I. We both just said we'd be there. I turned over the balance of the documents to her that day.

I tried faxing you the documents, but you gave me the wrong fax #. You gave me your telephone #. I faxed them to you when you came up with the correct #.

Greg Murphy

MANDATE: Financial Assets Team

The mandate of the Financial Assets Team is to research and analyze documents at the National Archives and other repositories in the search for the disposition of non-monetary gold financial assets that came under U.S. control, either during World War II or in the postwar period. Non-monetary gold financial assets include currency; securities; diamonds; jewelry; silver; silverware; precious metals [i.e., radium, platinum]; life insurance policies; mortgages; real estate; pensions; etc.

Greg Murphy
Senior Historian
Financial Assets Team



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Dec.99		<p>1. Gold hoards in Italy, Germany, Austria that did not reach Foreign Exchange Depository in Fkft (Jennifer – Austria; Laura – Italy; Robert – Germany; Marc – intelligence records) DUE: 12/3 prelim. scope of research; 6/1 final deadline Records: mil., intel., Army Staff, War Dept. OMGUS, OSS, SSU, classified</p> <p>2. Fate of monetary gold in US zone of Austria (Jennifer) DUE: 12/3 – prelim. sketch of topics to create timeline Records: _____</p> <p>3. Behavior of BIS & McKittrick, 1939-45; Relations btw FRBNY, central banks of Euro. & BIS, 1938-45 (Laura, Marc, Robert, Jennifer) DUE: 12/3, scope of research; 4/1 final deadline Records: FRBNY, State, Treasury, NSA intercepts</p>	<p>6. Restitution to Italy (12/15; Konstantin, Allison)***</p>	<p>II. Holocaust victims' assets w/in U.S.</p> <p>6. Foreign Funds Control: Paper can be ready by next meeting of commiss. Time: 2 pers. 6 wks. + 1 wk Helen + legal review</p> <p>7. Alien Property Custodian & Ofc of Alien Property – work begun at Suitland – need agreement from Justice Time: 6 pers-wks + Helen 2 wks</p> <p>8. Heirless assets present in U.S., e.g. bank accounts Contact Brown Bros. abt. archives Contact state banks & pick sample state Time: 8 wks. accountant 4 wks. sen. researcher 4 wks jun. researcher</p>
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Jan 00		<p>4. U.S. policy vs. looted monetary gold (Robert S. – TGC; Laura – FRBNY/Mint /Treasury; Jennifer – Austria/FED) DUE: 1/31; Records: as indicated by person</p>	<p>6. Returns to Austria (I/15; Konstantin, Allison, Erin)*** 7. OSS/For. Funds Control (1/30; Lucille)*** 8. Website Docs. (Jonathan, Konstantin)</p>	
Feb.00		<p>5. Misappropriations or deviations of monetary gold in Euro. (Laura – Polish coal trade; Marc – Spain, Argentina, Romanian gold) DUE: 2/10 Records: State, Treasury, For. Econ. Admin, ETO, JCS; Slany rept.</p> <p>6. Ustashi gold (Jennifer, Marc) DUE: 2/15 Records: _____</p> <p>7. Role of U.S. in settlement of monetary gold claims at TGC (Robert S.) DUE: 2/20 Records: State, Treasury, OMGUS, HICOG</p>	<p>7. Transfer of “heirless” property to Bavaria (1/30-2/15; Allison, Konstantin, Erin)*****</p>	<p>9. Includes: evasions of Trading w. Enemy Act - tracking behavior & accountability of refugee & successor orgs & nations to whom restitution was made e.g. - JRSO’s legislative hist. (involves work outside D.C. and by researchers not on team, WJC and Zionist Archives) - Track Alien Prop. Custodian and Alien Prop. Ofc. “background work . . . virtually complete” Time: 6 pers. wks + 2 wks sen. researcher</p>
Mar.00			<p>8. Germ. & Cent Euro “heirless” Cult. Prop.(3/15; Konstantin, Allison, Erin)***** 9. Austria: USFA vs. OMGUS (3/30; Konstantin, Allison, Erin)*****</p>	<p>10. Intellectual property Time: 6 wks. sen. researcher 6 wks. assistant</p>

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Apr 00		<p>8. Behavior of BIS & Relations btw FRBNY, central banks of Euro. & BIS, 1938-45 (Laura, Marc, Robert, Jennifer) DUE: 4/1 (see #3 for Dec.) Records: FRBNY, State, Treasury, NSA intercepts</p> <p>9. Merkers mine and transfer of money to Frankfurt (Marc; 2nd priority) DUE: 4/15 Records: secondary, OSS, T-forces, NSA intercepts</p>	<p>11. Violations of interzonal agreements—Merkers (4/15; Konstantin, Allison, Erin)***</p> <p>12. Misapprop. by U.S. mil. personnel (4/30; Erin)****</p>	<p>11. Behavior of U.S. Corps. & individuals and poss. benefits to them from aryанизation</p>
May 00			<p>13. Looting by U.S. mil. personnel (5/30-6/30; Erin)****</p> <p>14. Latin Am. Traffickers (5/30; Lucille)***</p>	<p>12. Behavior of U.S. financial institu. considering London Declaration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Assessment of 1943 Census of Assets Abroad underway (time consuming) - Sample of 600 forms pulled
Jun 00		<p>10. Gold hoards in Italy, Germany, Austria (see #2 for Dec. 99) DUE: 12/3 prelim. outline; 6/1 final (see #1 for Dec.)</p> <p>11. Gold shipments to neutrals that were ignored or not sent to the gold pool (Marc, Laura, Jennifer, Robert) DUE: 6/1, (see #1, 12/3) Records: _____</p>	<p>15. Provenance of Museum Collections (5/30-6/30; Jonathan, Konstantin)</p> <p>16. Database of lingering claims (Lucille, Sarah)</p>	<p>Other Early Deliverables</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Paper on non-gold econ and finan assets under OMGUS and USACA control, confisca., valua., disposi., and ques. re restitution policies, accountability of nations and organizations 2. Paper on Alien Property Custodian, War repara., & JRSO (inter alia, how did \$3 million become \$500,000)

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Jul 00		<p>12. U.S. knowledge of Croatian State Bank gold transferred to Austria & Italy by Ustashi DUE: _____ Records: OSS & SSU, Army Staff (RG 319), classified docs)</p> <p>13. Law 53 gold included in the gold pool DUE: 7/1 Records: FED, TGC, OMGUS, HICOG, FRBNY</p> <p>14. Gold to Argentina (Marc, Laura, Jennifer, Robert) DUE: 7/1 Records: _____</p> <p>15. Fate of monetary gold from NB of Romania which included substantial victim gold (Marc, Laura, Robert) DUE: 7/1 Records: State, Treasury, OMGUS, War Dept.</p>		<p>3. Part I of a paper on Foreign Funds Control</p> <p>4. Paper on Alien Property Custodian, War Reparations, JRSO, that can address where fig. of \$3 million for U.S. restitution came from and how it dwindled to \$500,000</p> <p>5. Part I of a paper on Foreign Funds Control to focus on blocking, handling, unblocking assets, interaction with Alien Prop Custodian, etc. Insurance left out because it is less likely to yield useful results.</p>
Aug 00		<p>16. Evidence of knowledge by U.S. agencies of looted gold shipments to Turkey, Spain, and Portugal which did not become part of postwar settlement (low priority) Records: State, Treasury, MIS, NSA intercepts Timeline: 1 person, 2 months</p>		
Sep 00				



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Thomas H. McKittrick Papers, 1928-1955

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Subj: Philadelphia Inquirer article
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Greg—
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Nuremberg lawyer's lost papers recovered
Holocaust experts are studying records left by the Lansdowne man. They had
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by Rachel Scheier

The detailed records of a Nuremberg trials prosecutor, quietly removed from
his Delaware County home after his death and found languishing, all but
forgotten, in upstate New York, have been recovered and are being studied by

Holocaust experts in Washington.

The documents are the life's work of Robert M.W. Kempner, who fled the Nazi
regime and later returned to seek justice for its architects. One archivist
said the materials offer valuable insight into legal strategies employed at
the trials.

When he died six years ago at the age of 93, Kempner left behind a
collection

of about 150,000 pages of notes and letters in his white stucco house in
Lansdowne - and a hastily written will.

That his work was not lost is thanks to chance and the quick work of a
handful of local investigators and a retired mailman, who chased an odd
trail

that involved a former legal secretary and a Canadian professor with an
interest in historical documents.

For Kempner's work to have vanished would have been devastating, say
experts.

"That kind of information will never appear anywhere in the official
record,"

said Henry Mayer, chief archivist at the U.S. Holocaust Museum in
Washington.

"If it were lost, you really wouldn't know what happened."

Kempner is also credited with discovering in German archives in 1947 what is

now known as the Wannsee Protocol, the record of a 1942 conference at which
high-level Nazis approved "the final solution," a blueprint for the murder
of
six million Jews.

He continued his work in his private legal practice from his residences in
both Delaware County and Frankfurt, and specialized in restitution claims
filed by victims of the Nazi era.

He also collaborated long after the war with others to chase down Nazis who

remained unpunished.

Mail was often of vital importance to Kempner's work, explained O'Donnell, now 72, who later became the caretaker of the Lansdowne house and a trusted family friend. Even after Kempner's death in 1993 - and after the home's last

resident, Kempner's former legal secretary, Margot Lipton, left for a nursing

home last year - he continued to look after the property.

So it was O'Donnell who first became concerned when Kempner's carefully stored papers and books were hauled off in boxes in late 1998.

O'Donnell said he watched as the papers were removed. "I was concerned - but

what could I do?" he said.

An unrelated property dispute between Lipton and Kempner's son, Lucian, brought the missing documents to light.

In his will, written on a sheet of paper, Kempner left his possessions to his

two sons - Lucian, who resides in Germany, and Andre, who has died. Kempner made one exception in his will for his trusted secretary, Lipton, who he stated would be allowed to live in his house with all its possessions until her death.

Lipton, who is in her 80s, was called to testify in a deposition this summer,

and at that time agreed that the contents of the Lansdowne house should be transferred to the U.S. Holocaust Museum, to which his sons had donated his estate, according to Kevin Gibson, a Media lawyer representing Lucian Kempner.

But when Gibson and museum officials arrived at the Lansdowne house, they found it empty.

"It was obvious that someone had taken Dr. Kempner's things - there were packing crates and bubble wrap strewn all about the house," said Gibson, who

promptly called the police.

With the help of O'Donnell, investigators followed the trail of the missing documents, and the mystery began to unravel: Lipton had become acquainted with a former religious-studies professor named Herbert Richardson, who persuaded Lipton to sign over legal decision-making power to him and move to

an assisted-living facility in Lewiston, N.Y., near where he lived, detectives said. He then persuaded her to move Kempner's estate in November 1998, detectives said.

Lipton is no longer of sound mind, according to Delaware County District Attorney Patrick L. Meehan.

Lewiston is the home of the Edwin Mellen Press, an academic publishing company in which Richardson has a business interest. In 1994, he was fired from his post at the University of Toronto for, among other things, failing to disclose that involvement.

"We find out this Richardson fellow had inserted himself into Margot's life and within a few months she's moved to upstate New York and all these items are taken with them," said Sgt. Joseph Ryan, a detective in Delaware County.

"It was pretty suspicious."

Authorities recently tracked the documents to a white clapboard two-story house in Lewiston, which bore a neat wooden sign on its front lawn that advertised "The Robert Kempner Collegium." But the building apparently was not open to the public.

When detectives met with Richardson in New York, the former professor agreed

to relinquish the documents to the Holocaust Museum, Meehan said.
Ryan said Richardson told the detectives that "he was trying to help them .

. and make sure the Kempner collection was preserved," said Ryan.
No charges were filed, but Ryan said Richardson's dealings with Lipton are
still being investigated. Over the last week, Richardson has not responded
to

several messages. He was out of the country and unavailable for comment
yesterday, a receptionist at the Edwin Mellen Press said.

Earlier this month, the materials were moved to the Washington museum.
Officials there will spend some time sifting through the collection, which
consists of about 500 cubic feet of material.

In it are items such as letters between Kempner and clients from Holocaust
reparations cases and his personal notes from the Nuremberg trials.

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Any and all records pertaining to the activities of the Foreign Research Division, FRBNY, with specific emphasis on the buying and selling of monetary gold, 1939-1945.



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1.0 General Administration

1.0.1 Vendors

1.0.1.1 Chris Craun & Chet Rhodes

1.0.1.2 Oval Office Supply

1.0.1.3 Lucent Technology

1.0.1.4 John Iwaniec

1.0.1.5 Cannon

1.0.1.6 Bell Atlantic

1.0.1.7 Lexis-Nexis

1.0.2 Inventory

1.0.3 Contacts

1.0.4 Notes

1.0.5 Filing System

1.0.8 General Correspondence

1.1 Personnel

1.1.1 Policies

1.1.2 Staff

Akinsha, Konstantin

Breslow, Aimee

Cooper, Jill

Deutsch, Robert

Eastman, Andrew

Edelheit, Abraham

Franklin, Darren

Glenn, Wendy

Junz, Helen

Katz, Josh

Klothen, Kenneth

Loeser, Stu

Malek, Rana

Masurovsky, Marc

Mounts, Lynda

Murphy, Greg

Neilsen, Catherine

O'Connor, Ellen

Offen, Laura

Page, Katherine

Petropoulos, Jonathan

Pienknagura, Karen

Robbins, Nathaniel

Robinson, Sarah

Rodgers, Jennifer

Rodgers, Margaret

Roussin, Lucille

Saviano, Sebastian

- Shannon, Allison
- Shaw, Steven
- Shycoff, Tracy
- Skwirot, Robert
- Sofer, Gene
- Spells, Janice
- Sugarman, Helen
- Tamir, Irit
- 1.1.3 Donated Services
 - Eastman, Andrew
 - Gilbert, Abby
 - Ramasastry, Anita
- 1.1.4 Potentials
 - 1.1.4.1 General Resumes
 - 1.1.4.2 Offers of Services
- 1.1.5 Position Descriptions
- 1.1.6 Time and Attendance Report
- 1.1.8 General Correspondence
- 1.2 Travel
 - 1.2.1 Policies
 - 1.2.2 Staff
 - Helen Junz
 - Kenneth Klothen
 - Stuart Loeser
 - Katherine Page
 - Gene Sofer
 - 1.2.3 Commissioners
 - Roman Kent
 - William Singer
 - 1.2.4 Reimbursements
 - 1.2.4.99 FY 1999
 - 1.2.4.00 FY 2000
 - 1.2.4.01 FY 2001
 - 1.2.8 General Correspondence
- 1.3 Budget
 - 1.3.1 Authorizing Legislation
 - 1.3.2 Start-Up
 - 1.3.3 Budget Proposals/Estimates
 - 1.3.4 Accounting Reports
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 - 1.3.6 Budget Reports
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 - 1.3.99 Budget FY 1999
 - 1.3.99.1 Shortfall Problem
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 - 1.3.01 Budget FY 2001

- 1.4 Extension
 - 1.4.1 Legislation
 - 1.4.8 General Correspondence
- 1.5 Facilities
 - 1.5.1 Space
 - 1.5.1.1 Ft. McNair
 - 1.5.2 Lease
 - 1.5.3 Telephone
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- 1.6 Computers
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 - 1.7.8 General Correspondence
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 - 1.8.1 Policies
 - 1.8.2 Personnel
 - 1.8.2.1 Clearances
 - 1.8.8 General Correspondence

2. COMMISSIONERS

2.0 Commissioners

Boxer, Barbara
Bronfman, Edgar
Dodd, Christopher
Eizenstat, Stuart
Gilman, Ben
Henry, Patrick
Kent, Roman
Lazio, Rick
Leesfield, Ira
Lerman, Miles
Maloney, James
Reinharz, Jehuda
Richardson, Peggy

Robinson, James
Schroeder, Patricia
Sherman, Brad
Singer, William
Smith, Gordon
Specter, Arlen
Williams, Cecil
Wolin, Neal

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8. Congressional

8.0 House Bill (as introduced)

8.1 Senate Bill (as introduced)



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From: junz@hbj.sonnet.co.uk (Helen B. Junz)
To: Gscmurphy@aol.com

Dear Greg:

I get your sense of frustration. I just wish you had contacted me before circulating your decision. Anyhow, could you possibly defer your decision two weeks until we can talk about it in Washington? I am due back on the 22 or 23rd of february and perhaps we could review the matter then? Unfortunately, ken and gene are travelling as you know, but I likely will see them toward the end of next week and can talk with them about this whole matter then. I would hate to lose you, especially if it rests on something that we can solve. I will be in later in the afternoon to-day so if you want to call me we could discuss the whole matter. Around 10.30 your time should be safe.

Regards, Helen

At 22:14 27/01/00 EST, you wrote:

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Hi Greg: I just heard from Gene - while all is not yet well, I think in the circumstances it is as well as may be.

Did you finally send the Ruth Klein document? I do not seem to have received anything. Also, did you receive the draft of the paper that I sent out Wednesday 20 pages? Marc said he got it from Gene although I cc-d him. If none of the ccs got it, that would be unpleasant. Could you please let me know soonest whether you got it and if not, please check with Abby and Sebastian whether they did. If not please ask Katherine - I had sent her a copy to e-mail to Lucille, Jonathan and Jill as I did not know where they were.

thanks, Helen

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