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SUBJECT: Re: Ravnitzky Case: EO-2001-00583

I think this is a reasonable course. An ISCAP fight over CIBs will serve no purpose and we may be in a stronger posture to defend the PDBs if we have made a reasonable accommodation on the CIBs. If we are lucky the 25 year program may have already redacted the CIBs. Kurt

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(U//AIUO) I don't believe we can get away with an NRL on the subject case. Ravnitzky has filed a similar case in the past, which he ultimately took to ISCAP. In that case, EO-1995-00184, Ravnitzky asked for the PICLs and CIBs for the week before and after the JFK assassination. As you recall, we responded at ISCAP by redacting and releasing the CIBs. The PICLs are still pending at ISCAP pending the results of CIA's efforts to obtain a blanket exemption for all PDB/PICLs.

(U//AIUO) In this case, Ravnitzky is repeating his pattern of asking for the CIB/NIDs and PDB/PICLs for the week before and after a significant event, in this case the 1969 moon landing. He is not interested in the event -- he just wants the documents declassified. Ravnitzky is not a historian or academic, he is a FOIA activist who feels he is doing a public service by getting significant documents declassified and placed on the open shelf. If we don't comply, he will take the case to ISCAP (in the JFK case, Ravnitzky bypassed CIA and went directly to ISCAP because we didn't respond in the time period specified in the ISCAP bylaws.)

(U//AIUO) Therefore, in this case, I suggest we consider redacting and releasing the specified NID/CIBs -- just as we did in his JFK case -- and deny the PDBs in accordance with our current policy. Agree?

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