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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Judge Starr  
Mark Tuohey

FROM: Brett Kavanaugh

RE: House Hearings on Travel Office

DATE: April 18, 1995

Barbara Comstock of Chairman Clinger's staff contacted me to find out whether we would have any problem if the House Government Reform Committee holds hearings on the Travel Office firings this summer. (They want to hold hearings in June; at this point they do not plan to await completion of the Billy Dale trial.) I told her that I would check with the two of you and get back to her before the end of the week.

I propose that we tell Ms. Comstock that hearings on the White House's firing of the Travel Office employees would not hinder or impede our investigation, but that we would like advance notice of their document and interview requests.

I suggest we talk about this in the next day or two.

# Barbara Comstock

## hearings

- Travel Office
- firings / Harry T's involvement / documents / FBI contacts
- talked to cong affairs office ⇒

early ⇒ June

waiting for criminal pros is not going to happen

- contacting staff at WH
- GAO docs
- Chris Carl ⇒ contact person at WH

\* GAO interview reports

McLarty  
Nussbaum  
Patsy  
Maggie

## MEMORANDUM

TO: File

FROM: Brett Kavanaugh

RE: House Hearings on Travel Office

DATE: April 19, 1995

I talked today to Barbara Comstock and told her that this Office had decided that House hearings on the White House firing of Travel Office employees would not hinder or impede our ongoing criminal investigation.

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Judge Starr

CC: Mark Tuohey  
Hickman Ewing  
John Bates  
Steve Kubiowski

FROM: Brett Kavanaugh

RE: DOJ OPR Report on Travel Office

DATE: May 31, 1995

### URGENT

Chairman Clinger plans to hold hearings on the Travel Office affair as soon as practicable. He has requested from the Department of Justice the Department's OPR Report on the Travel Office. The Department (Peggy Irving) has contacted me to determine whether we object to release of the OPR report. **THE DEPARTMENT NEEDS AN ANSWER IMMEDIATELY.**

I recommend that we not object to release of the Travel Office report. I see no danger that release of this report would hinder or impede our investigation of Mr. Foster's state of mind. Indeed, I think it possible that congressional inquiry may further illuminate the involvement of Mr. Foster and others, including the First Lady, in the Travel Office affair.

Mr. Fiske had objected to release of the OPR report while his investigation of the Foster death was proceeding. I do not believe that should alter our decision, however. Much of the information regarding Mr. Foster in the OPR Travel Office report is now public by means of the Fiske report and other news articles. Therefore, we are not in an identical situation to Mr. Fiske with respect to the OPR report. In addition, even were that not the case, I would still recommend that we adopt a position different from the one adopted by Mr. Fiske. It seems to me that we need to be cautious in dealing with Congress, and resist Congress only when it "really matters." This seems an especially tangential matter over which to incur the wrath of Congress. If we object to congressional inquiry into any matter in which Mr. Foster was involved, we would object to inquiry into the Travel Office, WACO, gays in the military, etc. In my opinion, that is not a posture that we should adopt.

**RECOMMENDATION:** I call Peggy Irving and tell her that we do not object to release of the OPR report on the Travel Office.

**Please give me an answer today if possible.**