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Subject: NSA update

FYI: An update of NSA records for the upcoming meeting follows:1. Of 28 3rd agency originated documents found in NSA files delivered to the ARRB on 16 DEC 97, 26 have been approved for release, IN FULL, by the originating agencies (CIA, State, and NSC). (This process was held up largely because NSA and ARRB were awaiting CIA approval for the release of their documents.)In this shipment, the Department of State has indicated that two documents require postponements. However, I am of the opinion that we can get these released in full if we negotiate with State. As such, I think it is best if we present the 26 documents with no postponements to the Board as consent releases, and place them in the Federal Register notice for this meeting. We can take the two docs over to State at a future date.2. We have been awaiting the loading of RIF information for four (4) documents that were part of a shipment of 49 docs delivered on 13 March 97. 32 of these are consent releases, i.e. released IN FULL. The remaining 17 documents contain name postponements that the Board can consider as "green" issues. Once the RIF information is entered on the computer, I will enter these four on Review Track and get them ready for the meeting. (Note: Chris Barger has already entered the other 13 on to RT.)3. I do not have an actual count but approximately 50-53 documents from an August shipment of 61 are eligible for review by the Board at this meeting. (Approximately eight require referral to other agencies). I think that I can summarize the majority of them so that the Board does not have to review each and every last one of them, but there are a few which will definitely require individual attention. I am still waiting for Chet to load RIF information for about 6-8 of the remaining docs which have not been entered on RT yet. 4. As a result, I think this can be our best "numbers" meeting for NSA documents. 26+49+approx 50= 125 docs, however, be advised that a large chunk of these documents are not that interesting and some of them have already been released in one form or another. The last shipment did contain some new, substantive information which may be of great public interest.END

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