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Re: Suggested Vietnam Document Talking Points

TOTH, THE AF CAREU TO LERFTHE THAT THEY HAD RELEASED IN THEOCOUNTERLS DUT THAT THEY WOULD FUR A DIFFE story. I suggested that while the documents were history ending they were important. In any case, theexchange was brief and pretty much beside the point. More later, should there be other calls. Best, KermitAt 06:38 PM 12/21/97 -0500, you wrote:>>Kermit:>>Thanks for your reply. We'll send any reporters looking for comments to>you, with as many specifics on what they are looking for as we can get from>them.>>Tom>>To: Tom Samoluk @ jfk-arrb.gov>cc: (bcc: Tom Samoluk/ARRB)>From: hall.409 @ osu.edu @ INTERNET @ INTERLIANT>Date: 12/21/97 02:58:56 PM>Subject: Re: Suggested Vietnam Document Talking Points>>>>Tom, thanks for your help. If I get any calls, I will let you know.>Best,>Kermit>>>At 03:32 PM 12/19/97 -0500, you wrote:>>>>>>In preparation for possible media interest in the Vietnam documents on>>Monday, December 22, I have prepared the following suggested talking>>points:>>>>1. The mandate of the Assassination Records Review Board is to make the >> history surrounding the assassination as complete as possible for the>>American public.>>>2. Our job is not to characterize the records we release, but to enrich>>the record of the assassination - - for others to interpret and analyze.>>>>3. Today, the Board is releasing approximately 800 pages of previously>>classified military records from 1963-64 that relate to U.S. policy on>>Vietnam.>>>4. The Board has aggressively sought to uncover records on U.S. foreign>>policy, as well as other relevant areas, that put the assassination into>>its historical context.>>>>5. Last month, the Review Board released previously classified military>>records related to U.S. policy toward Cuba in the early 1960's.>>>6. These military records on U.S. policy toward Vietnam add important>>depth to the historical record because they are from both before and after>>the assassination of President Kennedy.>>>>7. At the time of President Kennedy's death, Vietnam was increasingly>becoming a matter of foreign policy concern. Any records that add>>substance to our understanding of the impact that the assassination had on>>U.S. foreign policy in Vietnam are a welcomed addition to the JFK>>Collection at the National Archives.>>>8. Previously, we had some military documents that dealt with U.S.>>policy on Vietnam from this era. But, these records add much more to the>>record. For example, before this release, there were only short summaries>>on the Secretary of Defense's May 1963 Conference on Vietnam in Honolulu>>that were publicly available. Now, as a result of this release, we have>>more than 200 pages from that conference. These records will reveal much>>more detail about what went on at the conference.>>>[Note: To determine whether any of the documents that we are releasing on>>the May 1963 Conference had previously been made public, we checked the>JFK>>Library, the LBJ Library, the State Department's Foreign Relations,>>1961-

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