

MEMORANDUM

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Subject: State Department Records at NARA

I completed a broad survey of additional State Records at NARA. Our requests yielded approximately 100 boxes of files which I had to sort through to pinpoint the relevant ones due to State's unique filing system. Unfortunately, I was not able to review all that we had on our list since some of the files had not yet been transferred to NARA, for reasons which I'll state in the chart below.

Of the files that were available I believe I reviewed the important ones. Most of the records we requested are declassified. Those that remain closed, namely the files on the Cuban Missile Crisis and Operation Mongoose, are being reviewed under systematic review. An additional group of Mongoose records has been reviewed by all appropriate parties except for DoD, and the vast majority of these are being released with no objection. Some of the partially declassified Mongoose records were designated as coming under the JFK act and banded as such. However, there were many files on subjects that could be considered assassination records such as files on Cuban exile groups, Track II, covert action plans, and various Kennedy policy statements on Cuba. We need to decide whether we need to intervene in this process, which as I stated above is nearly complete except for DoD.

The following is a summary of status of the files reviewed:

| Files Reviewed | Status |
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| Thomas Mann's 1964 Country Files Lot No. 66, D 65 | Declassified in part (1 FRC Box). No files covering 1963 tenure in Mexico City. Mexico 1964 file covered transition between Mann and Freeman. The only records of AR interest were a few letters of condolence and notices of memorial services. |
| Mann's Mexico City Post File Lot No. 69 F 197 | Not at NARA. Lot included in latest batch ready for "signature." Could be sent as part of next shipment. |
| Llewellyn Thompson Lot No. 67 D2 | Declassified (26 boxes). Some files contained records referencing the Warren Commission, reactions to the assassination, letter from Khrushchev to LBJ referencing Kennedy policy. |
| Secretary Dean Rusk Files Lot No. 72 D 192 (chron and telephone files from 1963-64) | Not at NARA. Has an approved shipping order, however, as of 5/17/97, State's legal office has a hold on it. |
| Secretary Dean Rusk Files Lot No. 66 D 147 | Not at NARA. Has an approved shipping order, but for some reason was not sent. Will be transferred with next shipment. |
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| Secretary Dean Rusk Files Lot No. 65 D 330 (Memoranda of Conversations for 1961-64) | Declassified (11 boxes). Reviewed files from Nov. 1963-March 1964. Records of AR interest included a 12/11/63 letter from Dobrynin explaining why USSR rejected Oswald's application for citizenship, but most were letters of condolence and foreign reactions to JFK assassination. |

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| Under secretary George Ball Files Lot No. 74 D 272 | Declassified (37 boxes). Reviewed files on Cuba, and Chron files for 1961-63 but no AR's identified. |
| Cuba Files Lot No. 66 D 501 (Files for the Coordinator of Cuban Affairs for 1964 and consists of Operation Mongoose records) | Declassification in progress. Awaiting DoD review. Valuable collection of Mongoose records. May contain AR's including, inter alia, Cuban exile groups, covert ops, TRACK II. |
| Cuba Files Lot No. 65 D 438 (Identified in <i>FRUS Volume X</i> as "master file on the Cuban Missile Crisis") | Closed (14 boxes). Files contain wealth of material on Cuban Missile Crisis and Operation Mongoose, including a lot of codeword material which I did not review. Records available on microfiche from State, will process original records only when requestor insists on review. (See attached letter.) |
| Cuba Files Lot. No. 65 D 256 (Files for Officer in Charge of Cuba Affairs for 1962) | Declassification in Progress (3 boxes). |

I plan to go back to NARA next week to review additional files. At some point during the next week we should discuss whether we want to become more involved in declassification of the Cuban files which are already under systematic review.

This memo will be updated as I continue reviewing the remaining files we have identified as being of potential interest.

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