

DRAFT MEMORANDUM

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cc: Jeremy Gunn
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From: Irene Marr

Subject: State Department Records at NARA

I conducted on January 12 and 13 a broad (not very deep) survey of additional State Records at NARA as outlined in your December 29, 1997 memo. These requests yielded well over 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 note in the chart below.

Of the files that were available at NARA, 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
Thomas Mann's 1964 Country Files Lot No. 66, D 65	Declassified in part . No files covering 1963 tenure in Mexico City 1964 Mexico file covered transition between Mann and Freeman.
Files Reviewed	Status
Mann's Mexico City Post File Lot No. 69 F 197	Not at NARA. Marvin Russell checking into status
Llewellyn Thompson Lot No. 67 D2	Declassified (26 boxes) . Some files contained records referencing the Warren Commission, reactions to the assassination, letter from Krushchev 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 SF 258 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. Marvin Russell checking into status.
Secretary Dean Rusk Files Lot No. 65 D 330 (Memoranda of Conversation for 1961-64)	Declassified (11 boxes) .
Undersecretary 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)	