

December 20, 1996

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Dear Ms. Houston:

Thank you for your prompt reply of December 9th to our Compliance Letter, and for forwarding the diskette copy of National Security File Directory for the LBJ Library collection.

In response to your request for written instructions for identifying additional materials from the National Security Files, we have compiled a list of files extracted from the finding aid which we would like to review during our visit to the LBJ Library, now tentatively scheduled for mid to late February 1997. We have a particular interest in looking at material, including tape recordings, on Vietnam during the October 1963 to January 1965 timeframe which might enable the public to have a more complete historical record of the differences and/or similarities in Vietnam policy between the Kennedy and Johnson administrations. To this end, we are also interested in any of Johnson's Vice Presidential papers that discuss his participation in, or opinion of, any plans or policy decisions with regard to Vietnam. Please include in this search any accounts of, or references to, the Honolulu conference of November 20, 1963, which discussed OPLAN 34A and is strongly regarded as assassination-relevant. We would like to review any surviving records on the planning and preparation for this conference as well. In addition to Vietnam-related records, we are interested in any material from the period of November 1963 to roughly January 1, 1965 *not previously open to the public* that would provide insight into shifts or continuity in major foreign policy areas, e.g. Cuba and the Soviet Union. If you believe there are additional records that meet these criteria beyond what we have listed below, please include those in your gathering of records for our review.

At this point, the list does not include the oral histories we would like to review. We will forward those to you once we have made our selections. We may also have additions to our requests for country files.

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Once again we appreciate your efforts and willingness to cooperate. If you have any questions regarding the attached list, please contact Irene Marr at (202) 724-0088 x243. We will be in contact to finalize plans for our visit to the LBJ Library, which we anticipate will take place some time after February 14th.

Sincerely yours,

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Associate Director for Research and Analysis

Attachment

**Requests for Records from the National Security File**

*(Note: The directory and filename where files were listed in the NSF Directory are noted at the top of each new section.)*

<i>Dir: NSF Filename:other1.nsf</i>		
<b>Head of State Correspondence File</b>		
<i>Location</i>	<i>Subject/Filename</i>	<i>Dates</i>
Box #12	General Minh	12/13/63-8/16/67
<b>Special Head of State Correspondence File</b>		
Box #1	Kennedy Condolence Message Lists	
<b>International Meetings and Travel File</b>		
Box #1	Far East VP Johnson's Trip	5/61
	United Nations President Trip	12/63
<b>Speech File</b>		
Box #1	President's Speech to the Joint Session of Congress	11/27/63
Box #2	President's Statement on South Vietnam	8/4/64
<b>Agency File</b>		
Box #43	Dept. Of State (Vol. I) (Vol. II)	11/63-2/64 3/64-5/64
Box #51	Policy Planning, Vol. 1	12/3-5/64
<b>Pres. Committee on the Warren Report</b>		
Box #13	General Vols. I-III	9/64-5/65
Box # 14	Meetings vol. I&II	10/64-12/64

	Recommendations	10/64
	Pre-release and Distribution	7/64-3/65
Box #15	Hearings and Exhibits	9/64-7/65
	Public Disclosure of Reports. . .	3/65-9/65
	Television Control Room and Accomodations for Secret Service	12/64-1/65
	CIA Foreign Press Reaction	9/64-2/65
	Domestic and Foreign Reactions	9/64-2/65

<i>Dir: NSF    Filename other2.nsf</i>		
<b>National Intelligence Estimates</b>		
<i>Location</i>	<i>Subject/Filename</i>	<i>Dates</i>
Box 5	14.3 North Vietnam	11/63-12/64
Box 7	53, South Vietnam	11/63-12/64
	57, Cambodia	11/63-12/64
	58, Laos	11/63-12/64
Box 9	85, Cuba	11/63-12/64
<b>Situation Room File</b>		
Box 1	Situation Room Log, Vol. II	11/26/63-8/30/64
Box 1	Situation Room Log, Vol. III	9/1/64-4/30/65
Box 55	Messages Sent to President When Away from White House	1964
Box 58	Classified Log Book, Vol. VI	11/23/63-6/64
	Classified Log Book Vol. VII	7/64-12/64

National Security Action Memorandums (NSAMS)		
Box 1	NSAM #220 U.S. Government Shipments by Foreign Flag Vessels in the Cuban Trade	2/5/63
Box 2	NSAM # 252 Establishment of the National Communications System	7/11/63
	NSAM #270 Meeting with the President October 24, 10:30 a.m., in the Cabinet Room on European Matters	10/29/63
	NSAM #271 Cooperation with the USSR on Outer Space Matters	11/12/63
	NSAM #273 South Vietnam	11/26/63
	NSAM #277 Review of our Procedures for Anticipating Foreign Crises	1/30/64
	NSAM #280 South Vietnam	2/14/64
Box 3	NSAM #284 Official Visits to South Vietnam	2/11/64
	NSAM #285 Cooperation with the USSR on Outer Space Matters	3/13/64
	NSAM #288 Implementation of South Vietnam Programs	3/17/64
Box 5	NSAM #308 Designation of Robert J. Manning to Disseminate Facts of Southeast Asia	6/22/64
	NSAM #311 Review of the Problem of Assurance Against Any Missile Crisis in Cuba	7/10/64
	NSAM #314 Resumption of Operations in SEA	9/10/64
Box 6	NSAM #327 Discontinuance of Net Evaluation of National Security Council	3/18/65
	NSAM #328 Presidential Decisions with Respect to Vietnam	4/6/65

<b>National Security Council Meetings</b>		
Box 1	vol. 1, tab 1 Soviet Military Capabilities	12/5/63
	vol., 1 tab 4 Secretary McNamara's Mission to Vietnam	3/5/64
	vol. 1, tab 5 U.S. Policy toward Vietnam	3/17/64
	vol. 1, tab 9 Secretary Rusk's Report on Vietnam Asst. Secretary Bundy's Report on Laos	4/22/64
	vol. 2, tab 1, U.S. Policy toward Laos	4/29/64
	vol. 2, tab 2 Overflights of Cuba	5/2/64
	vol. 2, tab 3 Overflights of Cuba, Laos	5/5/64
	vol. 2, tab 4 Report by Sec. McNamara on his trip to Vietnam	5/15/64
	vol. 2, tab 5 Meeting with Cabinet, DNC, et. al. to commemorate Pres. Kennedy's birthday	5/28/64
	vol. 2, tab 6 Laos	6/6/64
	vol. 3, tab 19 Attack on Gulf of Tonkin	8/4/64
	vol. 3, tabs 26-35 All Vietnam Related	2/1/65- 7/27/65
Box 2	vol. 3, tab 36 Vietnam	8/5/65
Box 24	South Asia, 1962-66	
Box 38	Gulf of Tonkin Attacks, August 1964 Presidential Decisions	
<b>Intelligence Briefings</b>		
Boxes # 1-10	Pres. Intelligence Checklist <b>Vietnam related material only</b>	11/23/63-2/9/65
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<b>MEMOS TO THE PRESIDENT</b>		
<i>Location</i>	<i>Subject/Filename</i>	<i>Dates</i>
Box #1	McGeorge Bundy Memos Vol.1	Nov. 1963- Feb 1964
Box #1	Files of Gordan Chase President's Panel on Foreign Affairs	1963-64
Box #5	Files of Gordan Chase Cuba Coordinating Committee -Progress Reports (1963)	1963
<i>Dir: NSF Filename: vietnam.nsf</i>		
<b>Vietnam Country File</b>		
<i>Location</i>	<i>Subject/Filename</i>	<i>Dates</i>
Boxes 1-44	Cables, memos, reports, and other material	11/63-12/64
Boxes 48-51	Special Intelligence material	12/63-1/65
Box 52	Special Category messages	11/63-1/65
Boxes 53-54	Southeast Asia material	12/63-1/65
Boxes 58-65	Section 1 - Post-Inaugural Activity	1964?
Boxes 66-76	Section 2 - South Vietnam: Military Activity (2A-2E)	11/63-1/65
Boxes 76-89	Section 3 - North Vietnam: Gulf of Tonkin (3A)	1964
Boxes 97-103	Section 7 - Homefront Attitudes and Reporting: Past Presidential Statements ...	1960-1965
Boxes	E. Miscellaneous Files	1961-1964

227-229	(Will need to consult folder title list for relevant topics to compare Keenedy with Johnson policy in Vietnam)	
Box 199	South Vietnam: An Action Plan	1963
Box 263	Hilsman, Roger (Vietnam-Diem)	1963
<i>Dir: Search Filename: vietnam.dch</i>		
<b>VIETNAM</b>		
<i>Subject/Filename</i>		<i>Dates</i>
Meeting Notes File (Vietnam/Southeast Asia-related)		11/24/63-12/31/64
<i>White House Central Files - Confidential File</i> ND 19/CO 312 and CO 312 Vietnam/Southeast Asia-related only		11/24/63-12/31/64
<i>President's Apointment File (Diary Back-up)</i> All- Vietnam related only-		11/24/63-12/31/64 1/64-12/64
<i>White House Famous Names</i> Notes with meeting with RFK on April 3, 1968  during which Vietnam was discussed		4/3/68
<i>Vice Presidential Collections</i> Material on Vice President Johnson's trip to Vietnam and Southeast Asia, notes and other material on NSC meetings for 1961-63, and memos to Vice President Johnson on foreign policy issues from Col. Howard Burris		1961-63
Papers of Walter W. Rostow Papers and memoranda on Southeast Asia		1964
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<b>COUNTRY FILE</b>		
<i>Location</i>	<i>Subject/Filename</i>	<i>Dates</i>
<b>Latin America</b>		
Box # 16	Cuba: Cables, vol. 1	11/63-2/64
Box # 61	Mexico: Lopez Mateos Correspondence Lopez Mateos Visit Briefing Book - Mateos Visit	1964 2/20-22/64 2/20-22/64
<b>Europe and USSR</b>		
Box #176	Kennedy-DeGaulle Talks	5/61-6/61
Box #217	USSR Vol. I Vol. II Vol. III	11/63-12/63 1/64-3/64 4/64-5/64
Box #228	Mikoyan Conversations	11/63-12/63
	Kennedy Krushchev Talks at Vienna	6/3-4/61
	Kennedy Krushchev Talks	6/61
<b>Asia and the Pacific</b>		
Box #266	Laos vols. I-V	11/63-6/64
<i>Dir: Search    Filename: ussreer.jw</i>		
<b>USSR AND EASTERN EUROPE</b>		
<i>Location</i>	<i>Subject/Filename</i>	<i>Dates</i>
Box #50	<u>NSF Country File, Vietnam</u> "SE Asia, Special Intelligence Material, Vol. VIII (USSR)	1963-64
Box #5	14.3 North Vietnam (USSR)	1963-64

Box #1	NSF, Memos to the President Memoranda from McGeorge Bundy e.g. "December 1963"	11/63-2/64
<b>Cabinet Papers</b>		
Box #1	"Cabinet Meeting 12/11/63" (USSR)	
<b>Statements of Lydon B. Johnson</b>		
Box #35	"Press release on agreement between Soviet Union and Cuba 2/2/60"	
Box #310	"Statement re U-2 incident 5/23/60"	
<i>Filename: vpsecfil.nsf</i>		
<b>Vice Presidential Security File</b>		
Box #1	Vice Presidential Travel: Summaries of V.P. Johnson's Trips	1961-63
	Military Security Arrangements	1961-63
	President Kennedy's Travel (Briefing Book)	June 1963
Box #4	<b>National Security Council</b> Letter fr. Pres. Kennedy re: V.P. Johnson's participation January 28 National Security Council (I-III) NSC Cuba 9/15/61 Memo on Vice President's National Security Briefings LBJ Notes - NSC Meeting 19 Dec 1961	
Box #5	National Security Council Supporting Data on NSC Discussion of Military Aid Program	
	National Security Council Record of Actions	

	1962	
	NSC Discussions re Soviet Long Range Attack Capabilities..	7/9-10/62
Box #7	Colonel Burris: National Security Policy- Palm Beach Notes	Jan. 1, 1962
Box #8	Nations and Regions: Policy Papers and Background Studies on Cuba Affair	1961-63
Box #9	Cuba (Miscellaneous Papers) May 1961 and Nov.-Dec. 1962 President Kennedy's comments on Cuba	May 1961, Nov.-Dec. 1962 10/31/63
Box #11	South East Asia Proposed Statement of V.P. before House Foreign Affairs Committee	June 5, 1961
	Status Reports Pres. Task Force Vietnam	
Box #13	McNamara-Reduction in N.G. and Reserves Defense Program and 1963 Defense Budget, 1/19/62	Jan. 1962
Box #15	Cabinet Meetings at White House - 1963 (Handwritten Notes)	
Box #17	Secret (Contributions to the VP's Response to President's Memo of 4/9/63)	
<b>Intelligence File</b>		
Box #6	Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board, Vol. 1	11/63-4/64
	Navy Report "Tonkin Gulf Incident" of 9/18/64	10/64
Box #7	Codeword Material vol. 1-2	11/63-10/64
Box #9	Oswald, Lee Harvey	11/22/63-9/23/64
	Vietnam--Rusk, Lodge and William Bundy	4/64

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	The President and Foreign Affairs	11/22/63-4/10/64
	USSR -- Hidden Microphones in Moscow	4/64--10/64

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