

VIA FACSIMILE

October 9, 1997

Ms. Nina Noring
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Dear Ms. Noring:

As you know, the ARRB is today concluding another group declassification session involving selected JCS documents and selected papers of Joseph Califano from the period 1961-1964. This 3-day October session, announced by us on August 5, 1997, was not attended by a representative from State because, as you had you had recently informed me, you preferred to send your most qualified person (namely, Mr. Hugh Woodward) to review documents from these collections sometime the week of November 10, 1997, when he is available to do so. We look forward to working with Mr. Woodward and have many documents with State equities sequestered, awaiting his review.

However, we do have one document slated for Board Review on Tuesday, October 14, 1997 which may merit your attention. It is a rather lengthy memorandum, with numerous attachments and related papers, from the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff to the Secretary of Defense, dated 8 August 1962; the subject of the document package is proposed conventional U.S. military operations against Cuba, and the proposed justifications for those potential actions. The document is clearly an internal Department of Defense product; the NSC and OSD representatives who reviewed it have posed no objections to its release, and the Joint Staff reviewer has agreed to its release with minor redactions. While there are not any perceived State Department equities in the document, there may possibly be foreign policy implications to some of options being considered within DOD in 1962 if and when the document is released by the Board.

Accordingly, we wanted to offer you the opportunity to come to our offices today or tomorrow to review the document, if you so desire, before it is presented to the Review Board on Tuesday, October 14, 1997 for their consideration.

Should you desire to visit us and review the document prior to the end of this week, or should you

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have questions about the document, please call either me or Mr. Douglas Horne, our Military Records Team Leader, at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Tom Samoluk
Deputy Director