

Memo

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RE: Review of JCS files on Operation Mongoose at the Pentagon

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We reviewed the Operation Mongoose box at the JCS records office at the Pentagon. During the course of our review we found 148 documents containing approximately 1,185 pages worth of materials that would be pertinent to review as Assassination records.

While reviewing the documents, tentatively classified as assassination documents, we noticed the following:

1. Duplication.
2. Many documents regarding contingency planning contained large amounts of information describing operational aspects, which according to the analysts do not constitute assassination documents.
3. Since the documents were part of a previous FOIA request, the redactions which existed at the time of the original FOIA may no longer be redacted upon another JCS review.
4. Third party equity. The documents contain significant portions of information which are attributed to the CIA and hence would require their approval for release.
5. While the documents may be owned by JCS, many of them originate from other agencies within DOD and would have to be reviewed by the originating agency/branch of the armed forces.

There are still seven boxes covering the period of the Cuban Missile Crises which need to be reviewed.