

MEMORANDUM

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Subject: JFK Library Visit

Work completed by end of week:

- ARRB completed its review of the RFK collection (26 boxes); the Komer papers (8 boxes); the Sorensen papers (5 boxes); the Hilsman papers (4 boxes); the Ball papers (5 boxes); the Schlesinger papers (4 boxes), and the Goodwin papers (1 box). It also reviewed 5 boxes of Presidential Office Files and 21 boxes of Cuba records in the National Security Files.
- CIA completed 25 boxes of the National Security Files' Cuba records.
- State completed 20 boxes of the National Security Files' Cuba records.
- DOD looked at, but did not review for declassification, all boxes (24) containing DOD equities in the National Security Files that CIA had reviewed.
- Because DOD did not have declassification authority, the approximate number of documents completely reviewed and ready for the JFK Library's screening committee is currently limited to one entire box plus the portions of 17 other Cuba-related NSF boxes that contained no DOD equities and that were reviewed by CIA, State, and ARRB. Two additional boxes of State cables that CIA did not review will be sent to State for review. These presumably contain few DOD equities and, barring any complications, should be finished in the near future.

What needs to be done next:

- ARRB needs to finish reviewing Cuba records (9 boxes) in the National Security Files. This includes four boxes that both CIA and State have reviewed, three boxes that CIA has not yet reviewed, and two boxes awaiting State review. There are also 9 boxes of Presidential Office Files and several private collections, including the Dillon and Salinger papers, that

ARRB might profitably look at. ARRB has not yet listened to the Presidential Recordings.

- CIA has to finish reviewing three boxes of Cuba records in the National Security Files. It has not looked at the RFK collection, the Presidential Office Files, or any of the private collections.
- State has to review nine more boxes of Cuba records in the National Security Files (one box of the thirty contained no State equities). CIA has yet to review three of these. In addition, Nina Noring has arranged to send back several documents from two of the boxes that she reviewed for further internal consideration. State has not looked at the RFK collection, the Presidential Office Files, or any of the private collections.
- DOD needs to review for declassification 27 boxes of Cuba records in the National Security Files, including the three that CIA has not yet reviewed. Stuart Aly has already arranged to send one of the 27 boxes, containing the Taylor Report, as well as several difficult documents from other boxes for DOD to review. Other than what he judges to be a small amount of unreleasable material, the rest remains for DIA and the JCS to review. DOD has not looked at the RFK collection, the Presidential Office Files, or any of the private collections.
- JFK Library will now retrieve the handful of Assassination Records that ARRB team identified in all of the collections that it reviewed and, where already released in full, will send these with RIF sheets to the JFK Collection. For those few Assassination Records the team identified that are still sanitized or denied-in-full, the Library will create RIF sheets and will send them to the Board. The Library strongly prefers to scan the EHUs and Cuba-related records when it conducts its massive scanning and review-for-declassification project for all of its classified records this coming October.

Where do we go from here?

It is not yet clear whether it would be useful to send up another, smaller, team to the JFK Library to finish up what is left. We need to talk with Stephanie Fawcett at the JFK Library before deciding whether all concerned should make a return visit, or whether it would be better if the Library could send all remaining unreviewed materials to the various agencies as well as to us here at ARRB.

Concurrently, we will have to decide what constitutes unreviewed materials. It is not yet certain that CIA, State, or DOD will be willing to review Cuba-related records or even EHUs, as distinct from Assassination Records, outside of the National Security Files. Judging from Stuart Aly's comments, DOD seems disinclined to do so. I do not know where State or CIA stand on this issue.