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MEMORANDUM

To: David Marwell
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From: Mary McAuliffe

Subject: Mexico Post Files

Yesterday, at Washington National Records Center in Suitland, I reviewed all 22 boxes of State Department's Mexico post files for Accession no. 70-A-4844. These included classified and unclassified Central Subject Files for the years 1959-1966, as well as classified and unclassified Special Category Files for 1910-1964.

Of all of these, only one file proved relevant, but worth the trip. This was the "Political Affairs and Relations" file, "Pol. 15-1, Head of State, Executive Branch, Kennedy," in Box 24. The 28 documents in this file, starting with November 22, 1963 and ending with September 2, 1964, focus on the Mexican Government's response to JFK's assassination and, especially, the visit of Warren Commission members to Mexico City in April 1964.

The latter group of documents is especially interesting because it includes the Mexican Government's response to the Warren Commission's request for a report on Mexico's own investigation into Oswald's activities while in Mexico City. The Mexican Government did provide such a report and supporting documentation (the beribboned originals, in Spanish, are in the file), but insisted that this not be made public without its approval. The Warren Commission, however, decided to publish the report and documentation on grounds of its importance to the public, and felt strongly enough about the issue that it was prepared to release this material over the Mexican Government's objections. Not only did it feel that the material was of high importance, but it had already corroborated much of this information from other sources.

The Mexicans were at first reluctant to release this material in its entirety, which contained portions (in the interrogation of Silvia Duran) potentially damaging to Mexican relations with Cuba, but then backed down and released everything in full.

Nina Noring is out of town through next week, but as soon as she returns I will find out what should be done to transfer this file to ARRB and the JFK Collection.

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