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Interview of Don Vogel,  
3/29/78, by Dan Hardway  
and Ed Lopez

Mr. Vogel said that he had not been shown a copy of the release letter but that Roger Gabrielson had explained it to him and he understood it.

Vogel said that he was stationed in Mexico City from 1967 to 1970. He said that Min Scott retired in June of 1969 and was replaced by Jim Nolan.

Vogel said that Scott's filing system was extensive. Any piece of paper that came into the station was saved and multiple filed. There was a lot of duplication in the files which were "massive". Scott never threw anything away. Even though the files were massive they were easy to access and use. Vogel called them a "luxury".

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Scott resisted the pressure to cut down his files but after he retired the files were "reduced" due to excessive burn time. Duplications, inactive working files, and non-record material was destroyed.

Vogel said that, in 1970, there was a chronological file of Cuban and Soviet Embassy surveillance production. Vogel said that it was his belief that these files would have been destroyed. He said that a record of the files destroyed would have been kept. He said that if we had the name of the file and its number we should not have any problem finding out if that file was destroyed, retained, or sent to HQ as record material ~~to~~ through checks at HQ and in Mexico,

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Vogel remembered Boris Tarasoff as an outside translator/transcriber. He acknowledged that he had taken possession of Tarasoff's files when he retired in '69 or '70. He said that he was certain that Tarasoff's files would have been routinely destroyed although he does not remember whether he did it himself or turned it over to someone else for destruction. Mr Vogel pointed out that the transcripts were not considered record material and, in any case, the Tarasoff copies would have been duplicates. Therefore, no one would have thought twice about destroying them.

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