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TESTIMONY TO STENNIS COMMITTEE

Date: November 21, 2022

From: National Archives and Records Administration

Subject: Reconstructed Califano Papers RIF 198-10001-10012

To: The File

This memorandum briefly summarizes the status of missing records in the "Califano Papers" series in the President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection (JFK Collection) and documents the National Archives and Records Administration's (NARA) efforts to reconstruct or potentially identify duplicate copies of documents located in the Califano Papers.

According to the JFK Assassination Records Collection database, the Collection includes 16 documents that are part of the Office of the Secretary of the Army series titled "General Counsel's Files."

NARA cannot locate any documents in the Collection that were transferred as General Counsel's Files. After an exhaustive search, we have determined the following:

It appears that the Army began indexing these records under the series title "General Counsel's Files." At a later date, they determined that these records should be identified as "Califano Papers." Rather than changing the original metadata, they reentered the metadata for the documents under the "Califano Papers" series. Sixteen documents were entered twice into the system, but the hard copies of the documents were transferred to NARA as "Califano Papers."

In almost all instances, NARA successfully identified the original Record Information Form (RIF) number in the General Counsel's Files and the corresponding RIF number in the Califano Papers. According to the original General Counsel's Files metadata, RIF 198-10001-10012 consists of two pages of briefing papers or notes prepared by staff for Secretary McNamara's testimony to the Stennis Committee. After comparing the metadata and existing documents, we feel confident that RIF 198-10001-10012 corresponds to or is closely related to RIF 198-10004-10025 in the Califano Papers.

The documentation for RIF 198-10001-10012 consists of the original Record Information Form, an explanatory administrative memorandum, RIF 198-10004-10025 from the Califano Papers, an agency review sheet, and the two-page document. Although the agency review sheet shows a handwritten 198-10004-10026 identification number in the upper right corner, the sheet was numbered incorrectly. The subject description clearly matches RIF 198-10004-10025.

JFK ASSASSINATION SYSTEM  
IDENTIFICATION FORM

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APPARENT CONTRADICTIONS: MCCONE VS. MCNAMARA

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RESTRICTIONS : OPEN IN FULL  
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COMMENTS : Califano Papers, Box 6, Folder 3. Transcript of  
McNamara's notes regarding Cuba as a base for  
anti-democratic subversion. Notes requested for  
briefing Stennis Committee. Possibly prepared by J.  
Patchell.

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14 Feb 63  
Mr N Hammar's  
Notes - req'd for  
Briefing Stearns Committee  
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1. Cuba as a base for subversion

a. Arms shipment --

Conclusions

Basis for conclusions -- describe form and extent of surveillance of air and sea movements

b. Every Latin American Country has a Communist apparatus -- linked in an intimate way to Havana, and from Havana to Moscow. There is no question about the fact that this is the bridgehead of communism into all of Latin America.

Prepare country by country analysis in relation to this statement.

How have the channels of communication changed since Castro "declared for communism".

c. "Central and South America" will erode away quite rapidly, in my opinion if we don't get the Communists out of Cuba".

Prepare a sophisticated analysis of the strengths and weaknesses and future prospects of communism in Latin America and the extent to which the strengths and future prospects could be influenced by either continuation of a Communist government in Cuba or removal

d. "Our evidence is that there is activity going on in Cuba at an increasing tempo which is directed toward insurgency operations from Cuba toward Latin American countries, designed to disturb and overthrow the political regime in those countries."

1. 1000 to 1500 in training in Cuba at present time and we know type of training received -- cite evidence in sufficient support of number and nature of training -- activities after return.

2. Obtain NIE referred to by Gline on page 93.

3. Obtain any evidence pro or con referring to above.

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- e. Radio Havana
    - Content of programs
    - Comparison with USIA
  - f. Transfer of funds, if any, from Cuba to Communists in L. A.
  - g. Instances from Cuba to Latin American groups re sabotage, etc.
  - h. Definition of subversion
  - i. Shipments of propaganda from Cuba -- number, content,
2. Apparent contradictions: McCone vs. McNamara
- a. Pg. 93: Outbound movement of Frog missiles -- check range of estimates by date -- evidence and circumstances of movement out --
  - b. Pg 94: re "Static Situation" -- check dates of movement out of personnel and equipment
  - c. Pg 101: re Sub bases -- Check McCone's "position" in prior testimony. Obtain all available information re "Marine base" and its suitability for Sub base.
3. Review carefully "leads" and articles in major U. S. dailies since start of recent Cuban scare for examples of scare headlines tending to lead public to erroneous evaluation of Cuban threat vis-a-vis other threats.
4. Pg 115 -- McCone's reports (NIE etc) of last August -- "again and again" -- "powers that be" paid no attention.

Capt. Robinson  
(53381)  
Comdr. Castillo  
Dr. Smith

scratched in accordance  
with phone call to  
Adm Y. at 16<sup>40</sup> on  
13 Feb (had)

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