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Subject: NPRC Visit #2

Tim,Dave and I wanted to clear it with you before we go to David about a second trip to NPRC. We are anticipating going some time in the next 3-5 weeks.We believe that taking this research trip now can be justified for several reasons. Among them are the following:1) An NPRC imposed time-limit. NPRC has been holding the records we'd requested but did not see in July. They have informed us that if they do not hear from us by the end of the month with specific dates, they are going to re-file these records. For this reason, we need to move presently.2) We have several new names to follow up on. The most important of these is Steven Weiss; however, we do have a number of other names to look up, including those of the military personnel who had contact with Antonio Veciana during the early 1960's. Potentially, we could have a large number of new names; this potential is highlighted later in this memo.3) Potentially, these new names could lend clarity and closure to several aspects of the assassination story. The military handlers could, if we tracked them down, tell us the extent of their contact and dealings with Veciana/Alpha 66. In addition, they could speak as to the existence of a "Bishop", as well as elaborate on or corroborate statements Veciana may have made about CIA or any other government contacts. Weiss could confirm, or cast into doubt, statements made by Ed Coyle. Not only do we have names to track, but they are the names of some people who are in key positions to aid in our reasearch.I would also suggest the following course of research before any trip to NPRC is made: A) Review the ONI personnel file of Donald Monier at Suitland. The lead mentioned by Monier in his preliminary interview on August 12 may turn out to be incorrect or unrelated, or it may be explosive. The only way to establish the importance or lack thereof of his information is to glean as much info from his file as we can. Monier's file should be perused, to determine what to unit he was assigned and to see if any of his duties are elaborated on or any of his colleagues mentioned.B) Request of Suitland or ONI to get the unit records for said unit. It is possible that we could get both mission descriptions and/or operational details. Also, we could find unit rosters from this (these) unit(s), which could lead us to have more names to look up at NPRC. It will be important to track these people down, becuase they would be in ideal positions to either corroborate or dispute the existence of the program Monier alluded to in the 8.12 interview.

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