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Subject: Military Team Meeting with Joint Staff
MEETING REPORT DOCUMENTS AUTHOR: JOSEPH MASIH/ARRB Date Created: 04/03/97 Meeting Logistics Date: 04/03/97 Agency Name: Department of Defense Attendees: Edmund F. McBride Topic: Military Team Meeting with Joint Staff Summary of the Meeting Barger and Masih met with Ed McBride and two other members of the Information Management Division of the Joint Staff. The meeting's original intent was changed from compliance to an informational and status meeting. Issues discussed with Mr. McBride were the following: 1) Nature of the documents which ARRB wants processed. 2) Timeline for processing and final compliance. Documents for processing: Barger and Masih told McBride that the ARRB wants to process documents held in Site R, Joint Staff Documents which we currently have in our SCIF and have been tabbed by the Joint Staff, the papers of the Secretary of the Army Joseph Califano and the FOIA documents on Mongoose at the Joint Staff. Barger explained our plans for processing the documents prior to a declassification session. He told McBride that we would like to have Will Kammer from the Joint Staff come to our office and review the Joint Staff documents and the Califano papers (Randy Rakers the Army declassifier will take the lead on these documents while Kammer will handle JS equities.) for immediate declassification and to identify third party equities. Our time window for the Joint Staff Documents and FOIA documents as a group is the period of November 30, 1961 to January 1964. These documents are considered assassination records and carry the presumption of full release. Any documents pertaining to Vietnam and the overthrow of Diem in November 1963, will cover the period from June 1963 to January 1964. McBride agreed with these windows and said that he would have Will Kammer call our office to arrange a date within the next two weeks to have members of his staff review the JS documents. Regarding Site R, McBride wanted to know what were the results of the meeting between Tim Wray, Jeremy Gunn and Barry Harrelson. Barger informed him of the time window decided between ARRB and Barry. Documents from June 1963 to January 1964 are presumed to be a record. Documents containing operational details are not to be part of the review unless it can be demonstrated that they are an assassination record. McBride informed Barger and Masih that JS would most likely defer to State Department and CIA on these documents. The issue of documents which are assassination records that were not tabbed in the Joint Staff documents in our SCIF was raised and McBride's assistant Andy said that those documents were unclassified and were available to the public. McBride followed-up by saying that these documents are available on the open shelves at NARA. Finally, regarding DIA McBride added that he felt they should have large amounts of documents in the HUMINT and SIGINT arena because they worked "hand in glove with the CIA and NSA." Time line for processing and compliance: McBride initially expressed concern over Record

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