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based upon two joint declassification sessions, held 21-24 July, and 7-9 October, I am able to report the following results:(a) All of the responsive JCS documents, and approximately one half (3 of 6 boxes) of the Califano papers are in various stages of review;(b) So far, there have been 329 consent releases as a result of these two declassification sessions. We are in the process of making RIFs and the required copies for the CIA, per their request; our goal is to transfer approximately 134 of them to NARA by the end of October. (None have gone to NARA yet, but we are all quite excited about making the first transfer.)(c) So far, there are 18 documents for which review has been completed which have desired postponements indicated. We will be RIFing these soon and hope to have input them into Review Track (for Board consideration) by the November Board meeting.(d) The next declassification session will be the second week in December; after that, my present intentions are to have sessions in January, February, March, April and May. Hopefully that will do the job.(e) The big logjam right now is State; they missed this session--however, they are assigning their Cuba "ace," Mr. Hugh Woodward to the JCS-Califano collections. He will be here November 19th for his first visit. We have quite a pile of backlog to show him, and will do so, so that he will get a concept of the enormity of the task ahead of State in this area.(f) Some of the documents are quite remarkable, or at least interesting, if one is interested in the making of foreign policy re: Cuba and Vietnam in 1962-63, and how foreign policy in these areas tracked immediately after the assassination in late 63 and 64.(g) Tom will be receiving from us, before the end of the month, about 50 or 60 of the most interesting documents for potential use in press releases. I will sit down with Tom and we will together probably select 10 or 15 of the "best" for dissemination to the media.(h) Tom signed out a letter we put together to Nina Noring, and I was successful in getting her to come over, review the fascinating Cuba policy document from 1962, and stamp "no objection" on it. I highly recommend we place it before the Board to get them to pass on the few "green" redactions in it, so we can release it this month at the same time as the consent releases on Cuba policy from 1963--they are all interrelated to each other and should be released at the same time. I am sure I can get the Joint Staff to waive the 30 day waiting period on this one document, so that we can release it in October. My preparation for the Board is prepared...5 copies of the "green" issues, as well as the "most noteworthy" of many noteworthy pages.(i) Jim Goslee's assistance has been invaluable, and this should be mentioned to the Board. This review project is organized now--we are rolling. There is a lot of work ahead, but we feel now like we have a methodology for getting it all done. (j) The offered assistance by Cathy, and Bob (to loan us CIA team members on a rotating basis) is quite welcome and will prove invaluable to staying the course with the JCS-Califano Record

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