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Subject: Military Team Progress with Records--Information for the Executive Director to Pass to the Review Board
FROM: JEREMY GUILLY/ARRB, TOM CALIFANO/ARRBCC, JIM GOSLEE/ARRB FROM: DOUGLAS HORNE/ARRB DATE:
10/10/97 07:05:31 PMSubject: Military Team Progress with Records--Information for the Executive Director to
Pass to the Review BoardBased 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
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