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Subject: Re: Sources for Cuba Documents--Answers to Your Questions

Doug:Thank you. Can you detail a little more the "criteria set by ARRB staff?"I am anxious to sit down and talk about Kodak, but you're in the middle of these records, so we'll do business now and chat later.

Congratulations on Kodak. It truly is history.Tom To:Tom Samoluk/ARRBcc:Eileen Sullivan/ARRB

From:Douglas Horne/ARRB Date:11/10/97 09:20:05 PMSubject:Sources for Cuba Documents--Answers to Your Questions
Califano Papers: Physically stored at NARA but officially still Army documents, these were located by Steve Tilley in 1996 following discussions with ARRB staff re: what we were looking for (namely, contingency plans to invade Cuba, Cuban coup plotting, etc.).JCS Papers: In response to criteria set by ARRB staff (in a letter to DOD which I drafted for Jeremy, and which he signed out, in October 1995, which was then resurrected by ARRB staff in late 1996 during discussions with the Joint Staff Secretariat), the Joint Staff Secretariat conducted a thorough search (employing 4 people, spending 210 man-hours looking through records) of records already accessioned to NARA, and amidst 40 boxes of records, flagged for our review the approximately 146 JCS documents originally subjected to joint review at ARRB. Two people at the Joint Staff Secretariat deserve special praise: Mr. Ed McBride, and Will Kammer. The Joint Staff has been the most professional and most responsive activity, by far, within DOD when it comes to searching for and locating records. (They have also located a lot of Mongoose material--which I examined and declared responsive--and are about to RIF it, conduct declassification review, and get it over to us.)Steve Tilley allowed us to move all 40 JCS boxes, and all 6 Califano boxes, to ARRB office spaces to facilitate the declassification review process.High quality photocopies are going to the JFK collection, since we have been told that the original collections have to remain intact. We must hold onto the original collections until our review process is completed--probably until the middle or end of next summer. Tim Wray came up with the concept of the joint declassification sessions; Chris Barger conducted initial review of the collections and verified that they were "responsive," and the present Military Records Team (me and Jim Goslee) are responsible for executing the OPLAN for Joint Declassification Review--for "proving the concept." END

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