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Subject: Joint Staff Reaction to AP Release on Cuba Documents

I notified all players this morning of public release of some of their earlier releases. Will Kammer of the Joint Staff called back this afternoon, and said that in spite of a "pre-emptive" point paper he and his boss (Ed McBride) wrote this morning, that a 2-star general got a little excited when he was apprised of the contents of the AP wire story. Will and Ed completely understand the JFK Act and do not believe they have made any mistakes in items they have stamped as declassified. They simply have an education problem, in that their bosses keep changing, and this one requires full education re: the nature and requirements of the JFK Act. That process is ongoing now. I faxed Will our pamphlet, Section 6 of the Act, and the dates and organizations/names of those who participated in the first two declassification sessions, per his request. My (and his) best estimates are that this "discomfort" will blow over in a day or two. Will is still a cooperative team player, still a "good guy," and still on our side. He is confident he did the right thing in regard to the decisions he made regarding releases. This is sent simply as information which should be of use to you in the event you receive a call from anyone later this week questioning our procedures or authority. (Note: Ed McBride, and Will Kammer, who works for him, are the people who selected the JCS documents by spending 210 man-hours searching for them in RG 218 at the Archives. They also came over together and pre-screened them the week prior to the first declassification session. Their behavior has been the most professional, and most pro-active, of any of the military participants in this process to date. They have a sound understanding of the JFK Act, and have conscientiously applied its provisions during document review, from the very beginning. I believe they are now simply in the process of educating a person in upper management about the difference between FOIA and the JFK Act, that's all.)

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