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Subject: Max Holland

Two points that came out of my coffee/talk with Max Holland today: 1. He recently interviewed Bobby Inman, who recalled a briefing from James Schlesinger shortly before Inman was to testify before the Church Committee. At that briefing, Schlesinger told Inman about memos from both Joe Califano and Al Haig specifically referring to Castro assassination plotting in RFK's office. Holland understood Inman to mean that Schlesinger was in possession of these memos. I recommended that Max talk to Schlesinger, who is in the area and who seems to have the time and the inclination to chat. We might also be interested in following up this story, but I'd rather wait and see what Max finds out first. Given the subject, I'm amazed that if there is something to this, it hasn't surfaced earlier. Which makes me think that there must have been some sort of miscommunication or mistake. Haig himself says nothing specific on this topic in his book. Instead, on p. 115 of Inner Circles, he writes: "In any case, the key fact that a secret group headed by the president's brother had been plotting to kill Castro was kept from the Warren Commission and from the American people." You'd think that if Haig had the goods on RFK, he wouldn't be shy about saying so. 2. Max also was interested in a reference in Manchester's book to a diary that McGeorge Bundy seems to have kept right after the assassination. Max has checked at the LBJ library for it, with no success, but has not checked out the Kennedy library for it. I haven't run into anything like that at the Kennedy library, and it's my impression that Jeremy didn't either, but it would be worth checking into on the team's June trip.

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