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Subject: Weekly Update

This past week, CIA team traveled to the JFK Library, along with representatives from CIA, State, and DOD, in a massive effort to declassify records there, especially in the National Security Files. The goal was to identify and declassify Cuba-related records from the Kennedy years as well as any assassination records that the Library staff had not already identified for the JFK collection. ARRB's team also identified records that, although not strictly speaking assassination records, could enhance researchers' understanding of the JFK assassination. All in all, the effort--and it was a huge one--was very successful. While we identified few bona fide assassination records (ARs) we identified many more EHUs, or records that stood to enhance the public's understanding of the assassination. Many of these EHUs and ARs were declassified on the spot. Even more important, though, were the vast numbers of Cuba-related records (including Bay of Pigs and Missile Crisis) that CIA, State and DOD reviewed and released--most of them in full. CIA is still several boxes shy of completing its 30-box review of NSF Cuba records, its minimum goal. State, which sent only one reviewer, also has more NSF Cuba boxes to look at.. DOD's representative did not have declassification authority, and so complete declassification of the majority of these records still awaits review by one or more of these agencies. ARRB team, which was at the end of the NSF review pipeline, also has several NSF boxes to look at. In addition, ARRB team reviewed a large number of records from the Robert F. Kennedy collection and other private collections, in addition to records from the President's Office Files, none of which any of the other reviewers had time to look at. ARRB will need to finish its review of NSF records, once CIA and the rest have seen them. We will also want to look at several more private collections at the JFK Library. In particular, we hope that CIA, State and DOD will devote the necessary time and resources to reviewing the large number of non- NSF records that ARRB reviewed. What we are hoping for here is a large release of Cuba-related documents, as in the NSF files. In addition to our JFK Library trip, and collating the results from our trip, CIA team members have since our return: - worked with CIA towards the release of April meeting documents to NARA - begun to review CIA-referred records in the HSCA collection, and - begun preparations for the July Board meeting

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