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Manuel and Bob have asked me to respond to you re: OPERATION MONGOOSE documents. What follows is my best, educated explanation for the situation; I hasten to add that there may be other explanations and without seeing the RIF #'s in question, I cannot give a fool-proof answer. However, this is my best guess as to what is being referred to...First of all, I should establish that the overwhelming majority of MONGOOSE documents are of military origin. The problem we face on most military documents, including MONGOOSE, is that each document has multiple equities. That is, if we find the document in an Army collection, it wasn't just sent to or prepared by the Army; there are almost always equities from, for example, OSD, JCS, NSC, Navy, Army, Air Force, and sometimes CIA or State. The process of getting them declassed is slow, because once we get Army's approval to release, we have to go to each of the other branches/agencies with equities. The way we are trying to alleviate that is to set up a week-long, mass declassification session, which Tim has coined, "slumber party;" one where each agency I listed above has a declassification rep in attendance, and we take all the documents we have identified and get them all declassed at once, and get a big release out of it. There are a large amount of MONGOOSE documents which we have identified at NARA, JCS, OSD and others which we hope will be a large part of the mass declassification. Because of the number of agencies involved and the fact that the documents we want to attack are stored in several different areas, it is a painstaking process to set the whole thing up. Hence the delay.I don't know which documents the person who called you is referring to; I'm not sure how they got into the NARA database. My expectation, though, is that the docs he talked about are on our radar scope and will be declassified before the end of the FY, whether we are extended or not. I hope that helps.

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