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Subject: Lemnitzer papers
Kevin, here is my initial call report on the whole Bill Burr matter. As you will note (I have added emphasis in the report to highlight my point), he did not ask for Box 5 the first time he called. He asked for Box 4... which, after I got to trying to address his problem, it became clear that we neither have nor ever did have. We have boxes 5 and 8. We do have Box 5, but I just spent 15 minutes perusing it and conducting a skim review of it. It mostly consists of documents relating to military matters in Europe, some Third World military matters, and some negotiations with the Soviets. However, to the best of my ability to see it, at no point does ANYTHING relating to or mentioning China appear in Box 5. Hope this helps.
CALL REPORT: PUBLIC
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The Players Description of the Call Date: 04/22/97
Subject: Lemnitzer papers
Summary of the Call: Mr. Burr, who is apparently a contact of Anna Nelson's, called the Review Board on April 22, 1997, and asked to speak with Jeremy Gunn. As Jeremy was out of the office today, the call was referred to me after we discerned that it related to military issues. Mr. Burr is an historian with the National Security Archive who is a specialist in China policy. He is writing an article with an early summer deadline, and for that article, he tried to access some of Lemnitzer's papers at NARA II to do research. The box he needs to see is one of the ones checked out to us for the Joint Staff declassification project. Burr is unsure if the box is declassified and/or available to the public; if it is unclassified, at least in part, he would like to arrange to review the material in Lemnitzer Box 4, folder 091 China. I explained to him first that we do not control the records nor access to them; we merely have physical custody of them for the time being. Understanding that, permission would have to be granted by Steve Tilley or another NARA official for us to grant Burr access in any case. I next explained that we are intending to return these documents to NARA II by the late summer at the very latest, and gave him a quick overview of the declass process we are trying to effect. As he indicated that his deadline was before then, he asked if we could arrange access for him earlier than this. I told him that I would personally check the folder to see if there was declassified material in it. If not, I will simply call him back and tell him so, and the issue is solved. If there is declassified material in the folder which he could access, I will call Steve Tilley and ask him how he thinks we should handle this. It seems to me that there are three options: a) send that one folder back up to NARA II and let him read it there... and Steve Tilley would be responsible for making sure it finds its way back to the proper folder; b) let Burr come to ARRB offices and review that one folder here, then we return it to its proper box; c) tell Burr that while the material isn't relevant to our work, we have custody of the boxes for the moment for our purposes, and he will just have to wait until we are finished with them. [I did not tell him of any of these three options-- there are

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