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Subject: Third Joint Declassification Session

Per your request, here is a summary of what transpired, for you to relay to the Board:Our third session was conducted Wednesday-Friday, December 10-12, 1997. Invitees were: State, OSD, CIA, Army, and Joint Staff. (Problems: the OSD rep. could only stay for one half-day, instead of all 3 days, due to work conflicts--but he will come back next week; the NSC rep. was only here the first of the 3 days, because she was out sick on days 2 and 3--she has been invited to return any time that is convenient for her.)Bright spots: Mr. Hugh Woodward, States's Cuba expert (he assembled the 2 recent FRUS volumes on Cuba) has been very productive, and the CIA team of 3 people continued its usual sterling work under Chuck Briggs. (Mr. Woodward will return next week to work on backlog.)The following document sets were on the table for processing (and are in various stages of review): -about 300 LBJ Library records (obtained by Irene); -about 75 JFK Library records (obtained by Tom); -about 1200 pages of NSC records (previously flagged by ARRB staff at NSC); -about 200 pages of Warren Commission/Ford Library Records (provided by Sydney); -about 20 Eisenhower Library records (provided by Ben Rockwell); -one additional box of Army records (Califano Papers on Cuba)--this is the fourth of 6 boxes.I would estimate that only about 50% of the required actions are taken--there is a lot of backlog from this session, but following the next session (late January?) the results will be seen as a very large number of consent releases.At least 4 or 5 more sessions will be required. Jim Goslee's assistance in both preparing for these sessions, and in the somewhat chaotic aftermath to each session (in which considerable sorting and redirection of documents is required, many RIFs must be created, and review track must be accomplished) has been essential to our success, and should be mentioned to the Board.Irene Marr (LBJ records) was the other key player in this session, and should be mentioned to the Board also. Mr. Woodward (State's Cuba expert) commented favorably on her professionalism. END

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