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Some questions and comments: To: Jeremy Gunn/ARRB, Phil Golrick/ARRB, Mary McAuliffe/ARRB, Bob Skwirot/ARRB, Michelle Mrdeza??, Manuel Legaspi/ARRB, Eric Scheinkopf/ARRBcc: David Marwell/ARRB
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Try and follow this as best you can! I couldn't think of a way to make it clearer! The examination of the first 26 boxes of the HSCA Numbered Files in our SCIF yielded a potential universe of 38 referred-to-CIA documents. This total included 17 documents for which we had a NARA referral sheet, plus 21 others whose RIF (in our boxes) indicated a referred status. (We were liberal in our reckoning of these latter documents, in that where a handwritten annotation in the status field indicated a status different from the original RIF-as-printed, we erred on the side of assuming a postponed/referred status.) Of these 38 documents, only 22 were actually withdrawn when we verified the list against the public boxes at NARA II [Is there anything that distinguishes the 16 that were listed as referred but were present at NARA?] . Significantly, though, the NARA referral sheets were pretty accurate: 16 of the 17 documents for which there were NARA referral sheets were actually withdrawn at NARA II. By the same token, there were five withdrawn documents for which there was no referral sheet. [How were these listed in the database?] (Interestingly, in the 6 instances where a NARA withdrawal sheet existed, but the computer RIF itself indicated an "open" status, the document turned out to be withdrawn at NARA II.) It seems to me that the laborious document-by-document review that was conducted in our own SCIF (Tuesday and Wednesday) and at NARA II (Wednesday) is redundant, and that we should restrict this kind of visual surveying to the public boxes at NARA II only. This latter survey could be done by interns (although my personal preference would be that they be closely supervised). At the same time, it seems to me that the survey of the public boxes is necessary. Would welcome any thoughts, and thanks to everyone who helped out. Lastly, for you FBI fans, you should know that Eric and I, in our efforts at NARA II, scanned the public boxes for any referred/withdrawn documents (not just CIA), so these first 26 boxes have been done as far as FBI-referred documents are concerned, as well.

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