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To: Tim Wray  
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Subj: Lansdale Papers at the Hoover Institution  
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I have completed my review of the index of the Lansdale papers. While the majority of the material does not fall within our purview, there is some material which might be construed as being within our interest. This memo will list the items I feel are of significance to our work.

The most intriguing aspect of this index, to me, is the relative lack of material on Cuba and Operation Mongoose. While Lansdale did spend the majority of his career dealing with the Phillipines and Vietnam, these subjects comprise a disproportionate percentage of the index. There are only about three references to Cuba and/or Mongoose in the entire index. Perhaps there are references to Cuba in the general "Department of Defense" files. In any event, it seems to me that there might be other material on Mongoose.

The following list is of the items I feel might be worth our attention. I am not going into specifics at this time as to which items appear in which folders or boxes; I have that information if it is requested or needed. There are subject files on:

material at the JFK Library  
the interview Lansdale did as part of the LBJ Library oral history project  
Cuba material, including Mongoose  
DoD Files: Arleigh Burke  
DoD Files: Allen Dulles  
DoD Files: Henry Cabot Lodge  
DoD Files: Walt Rostow  
DoD Files: Counterinsurgency

There are correspondence files on:

William Colby  
Edward Pierpont Morgan  
Madame Nhu  
Richard Nixon

There are listings in the index for:

Clarence Boonstra	Arleigh Burke	Charles Cabell
William Colby	Lucein Conein	Cuba
Allen Dulles	Bernard Fensterwald	Insurgency/counterinsurgency
Robert H. Jones, Jr.*	Henry Cabot Lodge	Robert McNamara
Edward P. Morgan	Richard Nixon	Operation Mongoose
US Dept. of Defense		

This memo is an indicator *only* of those files which *might possibly* include items of interest to the ARRB. None of these files is being designated an assassination record, nor are any of them currently being considered for such designation.

The next logical step, it seems to me, would be for a representative of the ARRB staff (probably Jeremy, since he has already been planning to be in the Bay area in the near future) to perform a cursory on-site review of the material. If, in the opinion of this representative, there is material of interest to the Board in these files, steps could then be taken to either receive this material at ARRB in Washington, or for an ARRB team to perform a more in-depth review at the Hoover Institution in Palo Alto.

Upon further instruction, I will call our contact at the Hoover Institution (Carol Leadenham) and arrange for a visit from Board staff.

\* It is unclear if this is the same Robert Jones who testified to the HSCA about the 112th INTC. I have included his name on the chance that it might be.

