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## MEMORANDUM

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On November 18, 1996, we reviewed Joint Staff documents regarding the Cuban Missile Crisis at the Pentagon. There are 6 Federal Records Center boxes full of material, much of it chronologically ordered. There are approximately 15,000 pages of material overall.

We did not review every document in every box. Upon initial review, it appeared to us that these boxes did not include any records which had an apparent relation to the assassination. Accordingly, we altered our review strategy and selected two folders each from the front, middle, and back of each box, comprising a total of approximately 700 pages per box (approx. 4000 overall) and scanned them for assassination related material.

The material is exclusively of an operational nature. Specifically, it regards military operational plans for air strikes and a possible invasion of Cuba during the Missile Crisis period of October 1962, as well as contingency planning for anticipated Soviet responses elsewhere in the world. Nuclear capability and strategy is discussed. Covert operations are not discussed, and excepting for a single, one line mention of an exile group, none of the anti-Castro aspects which have been designated as related to the assassination were included in these documents.

While the material is certainly interesting, it is the opinion of the analysts who reviewed the files that *no assassination related material is contained within them.* We do not anticipate a need to individually review each document, nor do we anticipate a need to spend any more time or resources on this material.