

VIA FACSIMILE

October 9, 1997

Ms. Nina Noring  
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Dear Ms. Noring:

As you are aware from prior communication with Mr. Douglas Horne, our Military Records Team Leader, the ARRB is today concluding another group declassification session involving selected JCS documents and selected papers of Joseph Califano from the period 1961-1964. This 3-day October session, announced by Mr. Horne's faxed memorandum on August 5, 1997, was not attended by a representative from the State Department because, as you had recently informed Mr. Horne, you preferred to send your most qualified person (namely, Mr. Hugh Woodward) to review documents from these collections sometime during the week of November 10, 1997, when he is available to do so. We look forward to working with Mr. Woodward and have many documents with State equities sequestered, awaiting his review.

However, we do have one document scheduled for Board review on Tuesday, October 14, 1997 which may merit your attention. It is a rather lengthy memorandum, with numerous attachments and related papers, from the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff to the Secretary of Defense, dated 8 August 1962. The subject of the document package is proposed conventional U.S. military operations against Cuba, and the proposed justifications for those potential actions. The document is clearly an internal Department of Defense product; the NSC and OSD representatives who reviewed it have posed no objections to its release, and the Joint Staff reviewer has agreed to its release with minor redactions. While there are no State Department equities in the document that we have been able to identify, there may possibly be foreign policy implications relative to some of the options being considered within DOD in 1962.

Accordingly, we wanted to offer you, or your designee, the opportunity to come to our offices today or tomorrow to review the document, if you so desire, before it is presented to the Review Board on Tuesday, October 14, 1997 for its consideration.

Should you desire to visit us and review the document prior to the end of this week, or should you have questions about the document, please call either Mr. Horne or me, at your earliest convenience.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Thomas E. Samoluk  
Deputy Director