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13 September 1976



Dear

This comes to your home address only because I find no office address on our records. I hope it causes no inconvenience. I also regret the long delay in notifying you of a shipping destination for the missile crisis exhibit material.

I think it would be best for you to have the material shipped directly to us at the address on the letter head, and in order to get it off your hands to ship it as soon as conveniently possible. Mr. Robert E. Stocking of our staff, or in his absence Mr. James Williamson, will be the person receiving the material here. Any particulars as to delivery time and date should be communicated directly to Bob Stocking.

I also want to raise the possibility of my dropping by your shop when I am in Washington, to talk over the prospects of our acquiring other historical material that might otherwise be destroyed by your organization. I will be in Washington during the week of September 27 through October 1, and will give you a call just before to see if there is a convenient time.

Again, sorry for the delay, but we do look forward to receiving the material in the near future.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM W. MOSS
Chief Archivist

38 panels crated
and shipped
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Mr. Daniel Fenn
Director
John F. Kennedy Library
380 Trapelo Road
Waltham, Massachusetts 02154

We are ready, given a two-week notice, to ship the 38 panels shown in the copy of "Tenth Anniversary - Cuban Missile Crisis Commemorative Display" which we left with you in March. We need specific information, however, as to when and where the panels should be delivered.

Regarding the U-2 camera and other artifacts, which are in custody of the National Air and Space Museum of the Smithsonian Institution, we understand that you will contact Mike Collins with respect to the loan of those items to the John F. Kennedy Library.

[redacted] stands ready to assist you to complete the transfer.

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John J. Hicks
Director

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May 4, 1976

Mr. John Hicks
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, DC 20505

Dear John,

Do you have any further thoughts on the matters we discussed recently? We are ready to pursue them any time it is convenient for you.

With best wishes,

DAN H. FENN, JR.
Director

DHF/jb

7 April 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Chief, Supply Division, CI

SUBJECT : Cuban Missile Display

REFERENCES : a. Letter to D/NPIC fm Dan H. Fenn, Jr., Director,
John F. Kennedy Library dated 19 March 1976,
same subject

b. Letter to DDS&T fm Michael Collins, Director,
National Air and Space Museum, Smithsonian
Institution dated 26 February 1976, same subject

1. As previously discussed, a visit was made by Messrs. Hicks and [redacted] to the John F. Kennedy Library concerning subject display and has resulted in a formal request for this material as outlined in reference a, a copy of which is attached. It should be noted that your request for a three week notice for shipment has been agreed to.

2. The ancillary equipment that is referred to in the Kennedy Museum letter are some light tables that were in use at the time of the Cuban Missile Crisis. We are attempting to locate two of these obsolete items and if successful, will want to include them as a part of this display.

3. You will be kept informed of all such matters pertaining to this request.

[redacted]
Chief, Logistics Branch
SS/NPIC

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12 March 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Chief, Supply Division, OL

SUBJECT : Cuban Missile Crisis Exhibit

REFERENCE : Letter from Director, National Air and Space Museum, Smithsonian Institution, to Mr. Carl E. Duckett, DDC&T dated 16 February 1976, same subject

1. This is to confirm the recent telecons between [redacted] and [redacted] relative to the packing and shipment of the exhibit panels to the John F. Kennedy Memorial Library. Mr. John Hicks, Director NPIC and [redacted] are leaving to go to Boston on Monday to meet with the Kennedy Library people for the turn over of this material. The fact that this material will be handled by the Agency all of the way and ensure its delivery in first class condition, is much appreciated by NPIC.

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2. Upon return, [redacted] will provide the name of a contact at the library to whom the material is to be turned over and a shipping date. Whatever the shipping arrival date, at least two full weeks notice is required by [redacted] to arrange and schedule necessary Agency transportation to move this material. [redacted] is aware of these time frames.

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3. Your efforts and especially that of [redacted] personnel in the support of this requirement is much appreciated on this best foot forward effort. If there are any further questions regarding this requirement, please don't hesitate to call me on extension [redacted]

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[redacted]
Chief, Logistics Branch
SS/NPIC

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March 19, 1976

Mr. John Hicks
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear John:


All of us enjoyed and appreciated your visit here the other day. We are unanimous in our enthusiasm for the exhibit and certainly want it. I have talked with Brad Washburn at the Museum of Science about displaying it there; if his plans for the summer and fall are firm, we'll try somewhere else.

I understand that you will ship the material, so long as we give you three weeks advance notice as to when and where.

On the matter of the hardware and the ancillary material other than the panels, we will review this further and I will talk directly with Mike Collins once our thinking is more clear.

Again, we are most grateful. It is an unusual exhibit and we will be happy to have it. In addition to the exhibit, we discussed the disposition of other materials which you may have. I would appreciate it if Bill Moss and Allan Goodrich of our staff could visit with you and pursue the topic. I'll ask Bill to give you a call and see if a mutually convenient date can be arranged.

With best wishes,


DAN H. FENN, JR.
Director

DHF/rgt

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505

18 FEB 1976

Mr. Michael Collins
Director
National Air and Space Museum
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C. 20560

Dear Mr. Collins:

Thank you for your letter of 20 January 1976 concerning the 1972 CIA exhibit on the 1962 Cuban missile crisis. I agree that artifacts from that exhibit should be available for public viewing. I have authorized the Director of the National Photographic Interpretation Center (NPIC) to transfer custody of the requested items from the CIA to the National Air and Space Museum of the Smithsonian Institution.

Concerning the request for an obsolete U-2 aircraft, the CIA has transferred their U-2's to the USAF Strategic Air Command. Suggest you contact the office of the Secretary of the Air Force regarding the availability of a surplus U-2 aircraft.

I also thank you for your suggestions on the disposition of the thirty-one Cuban missile crisis exhibit panels, and elicit your assistance in contacting the various museums, schools, or academies that may have an interest in owning the display. The Director, NPIC, Mr. John Hicks, will work with you in selecting a candidate and providing the transfer of those panels to a permanent home.

I recognize and applaud the significant role played by the National Air and Space Museum in reinforcing this nation's pride in its past and current accomplishments and wish you great success in your plans for this bicentennial year.

Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

Carl E. Duckett
Deputy Director
for

Science and Technology

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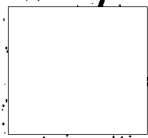


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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20560

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February 26, 1976



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Dear Mr. Duckett:

Thank you for your letter of 18 February transferring to the Smithsonian Institution title of the artifacts in the 1972 CIA "Cuban Missile Crisis" exhibit. We are indeed pleased to add this material to the National Collection. We shall arrange a physical transfer of these items to our Silver Hill facility in the next few months in coordination with Mr. John Hicks, NPIC.

We understand that the Agency has turned over all Agency U-2's to the USAF Strategic Air Command. We shall inquire of the Secretary of the Air Force the possible availability of a surplus U-2 aircraft for our collection and eventual exhibit in the Museum.

Concerning the disposition of the thirty-one exhibit panels we shall be pleased to assist in a search for an appropriate recipient. Because of the strong role of President Kennedy in this story we have approached first the John F. Kennedy Memorial Library. Our Assistant Director, Fred Durant, discussed the matter with the Director of the Library, Dr. Daniel Fenn on 25 February.

He was immediately interested. Both he and the Library Curator, David Powers, would welcome a discussion with or visit by a representative of NPIC. Dr. Fenn may be reached at Waltham, Massachusetts on (617) 223-7250.

We are most grateful to the CIA in making possible the further preservation and exhibit of the U-2 operational artifacts.

Sincerely,

M. Collins

Michael Collins
Director

Mr. Carl E. Duckett
Deputy Director
Science and Technology
Central Intelligence Agency

NATIONAL AIR AND SPACE MUSEUM

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

WASHINGTON D. C. 20560

January 20, 1976

Dear Mr. Colby:

Last week we were privileged to see photographs of the 1972 Central Intelligence Agency exhibit on the 1962 Cuban missile crisis. Authorization to show us these photographs was given to of NPIC, by your Mr. Carl Duckett, DD/S&T.

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It is our understanding that this exhibit has been in storage since 1972 and that it might be available for accession. We believe that elements of this exhibit are indeed important to preserve.

Our situation at the National Air and Space Museum at this time is that all exhibit areas in our new building are under construction on a tight schedule for our scheduled opening on 4 July.

Although we shall have 65 aircraft on exhibit it is our intention to rotate some of these each year. One aircraft we should like to add to the National Collection is a Lockheed U-2. If there is a possibility that title to an obsolete model of a U-2 aircraft might be transferred to the Smithsonian Institution we are most interested in acquiring such an aircraft.

If such were feasible we should then like very much to acquire from the Central Intelligence Agency the artifacts in the 1972 exhibit together with duplicate negatives of photographs used. These artifacts include the historic U-2 camera, pilot suits, ejection seat, survival gear, photo interpretation equipment, etc.

If a U-2 aircraft could be obtained it would be our intention to exhibit it with associated artifacts when we rotate our special exhibits after an initial period following our opening.

Honorable William E. Colby
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C. 20505

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With regard to the thirty-some exhibit panels used in the 1972 exhibit, we would prefer to develop our own exhibit concentrating more upon the significant advancements in technology rather than primarily the politico-military aspects.

Nevertheless, we recognize the very great skill and effort that produced the factual, chronological and truly exciting story displayed in the 1972 exhibit. If it has not already been done we would suggest bringing the existence of these exhibit panels to the attention of the John F. Kennedy Memorial Library (Boston) as well as the National War College, the Army, Navy and Air Force service academies, the service post-graduate schools, as well as to major U.S. museums such as the Museum of Science (Boston), Museum of Science and Industry (Chicago), etc.

May we hear from you at your early convenience as to the possibility of obtaining a U-2 aircraft and the artifacts displayed in the 1972 CIA exhibit? Full credit of source of such artifacts would be given while on exhibit.

With every good wish,

Sincerely,



Michael Collins
Director