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MEMORANDUM FOR: CIA Classification Control Officer

SUBJECT : John F. Kennedy Library



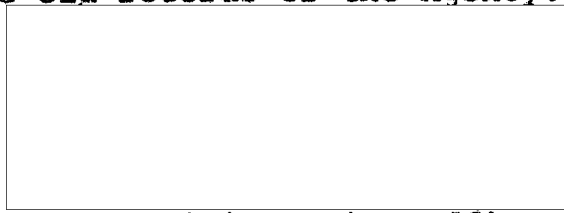
1. The Director of the JFK Library has again written asking whether it is possible to declassify the CIA Material he has.

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2. Attached is his latest letter as well as a copy of my 20 May reply to his first letter as you suggested on 14 May 1971.

3. May I have your current position on this subject in light of the President's recent interest in declassifying records and the Director's expressed concern for protecting the old records of the Agency.

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CIA Records Administration Officer

Attachments:

- JFK Letter 17 Aug. 71
- OGC Memo 20 July 71

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August 17, 1971

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Records Administration Officer
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, DC 20505

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Dear [Redacted]

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I am writing regarding your letter to me of May 20 (copy enclosed). In accordance with your authorization, we are now making our Cuba clippings and Foreign Broadcast Information Service press reports available to interested researchers.

In the third paragraph of your letter, you instructed us to downgrade to CONFIDENTIAL our SECRET list of classified CIA reports and documents and to make it available to reputable scholars on a "need-to-know" basis. I am afraid we will have to have additional instructions on this point. As long as the list remains CONFIDENTIAL, we will only be able to show it to researchers having current CIA security clearances.

Would it be possible to declassify the list at this time so that we could show it to all interested researchers?

Sincerely,

JOHN F. STEWART
Acting Director

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J.F. Kennedy

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20 May 1971

Mr. John F. Stewart
Acting Director,
John F. Kennedy Library
380 Trapelo Road
Waltham, Massachusetts 02154

Dear Mr. Stewart:

Please forgive the delay in responding to your letter about CIA material held by the John F. Kennedy Library. The nature of your request necessitated coordination among many offices.

We believe that there are actually two sets of clippings in your holdings. Both sets may be made available for academic research. Those concerning Soviet and Chinese press reaction to Kennedy speeches were collected by the Foreign Broadcast Information Service which can be identified as the government agency from which the clippings were received. Those concerning Cuba were collected elsewhere within the Agency

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None of the 46 classified documents is subject to automatic downgrading, and a survey of the originating offices indicates that none has been downgraded or declassified. However, if any scholar who reviews the list of these documents wishes to use one of them in his research we would be pleased to review the document for possible declassification. The list itself may be downgraded to CONFIDENTIAL, citing this letter as authority, and shown to any reputable scholar who seems to have a reasonable "need-to-know." The list should continue to be filed in your classified collection and not be made available for copying, however.

Yours truly,

DDS/SSS/RAB/

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(20 May 1971

[Redacted Signature]

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