

Washington that those files had been classification-reviewed. There was a long list of all kinds of material, but no correlation between the lists and which box that material was in, which made it almost impossible to find anything. I went through the lists, selected a number of items that I wanted, and then went down with Mr. Reese into the vault. He would check particular boxes to see where we were on this long list of items. Otherwise, he would have to bring up the box talk to me, take the box back down, bring up another one, etc. This way we could proceed quickly to find at least some of the materials that I was looking for. I was of course in his sight all this time. The vaults are huge areas reminiscent of Raiders of the Lost Ark. That is, four or five shelves high, spacing just big enough to slide a closed box into, and as far as the eye can see, row after row of shelves of boxes. There are labels on the outside of the box that might say Box 47 in Collection 232, giving you no clue at all as to which folder is in which box. Even the finding aids frequently don't do that. Thus, one objection, for example, to the Cutler Twining memo and its method of discovery is that obviously Moore and Shandera planted it in the box and then "discovered" it. While there is a remote possibility that they could have brought such a piece into the Archive, certainly they couldn't have planted it in a box in its home grounds because that's totally inaccessible to them. People have acted as if the Archives were a library and visitors go to a shelf and pull out a book, stick something in it and then later discover it in the book. It doesn't work that way. And they're rather sticky about allowing you to bring in materials and certainly very sticky about taking out materials. Briefcases are checked, etc.

The Cutler Twining memo language, as read to me on the phone by Bill Moore, reminded me immediately (the last sentence of it) of the memo we had found in late 1981 in the papers of General Twining at the Library of Congress Manuscript Division. The only reason we had found it was that it was in a folder labelled EYES ONLY. That should be the most classified material. The materials in the box had been declassified. There were two memos that dealt with Project Solarium. Both were from Cutler. One went to the Secretary of Defence and then apparently to General Twining as the Chief of Staff of the Air Force. The other one went directly to Twining. It contained language similar to that of the last sentence of the Cutler-Twining memo dealing with July 13th, 1953, (See Appendix B) memo from Cutler. The Memorandum to General Twining includes this language in a Top Secret EYES ONLY document:

"In order to avoid communication on this subject, it is understood that in the absence of contrary word your concurrence in the above arrangements is assumed."

The last sentence in the July 14th, 1954 memo from Cutler to Twining:

"Your concurrence in the above change of arrangements is assumed."

Another clear cut comparison is that the July 13, 1953 memo even