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NEWS UPDATE
(as distinguished from Weekend Update)

I. Miki Letter Response

On the slight chance you might be asked where the Miki reply stands we can continue to say that the letter has been drafted and that pending final Presidential review, a reply will be sent "soon."

- a.) We do not know whether it will be today or tomorrow *or when...!*
- b.) We do not know precisely what it says other than the fact it will be along the lines of Ingersoll's testimony and will not contain any names.
- c.) We do not yet have the precise means of transmittal for the reply.

II. Pike-CIA Spat Over Lost Documents.

On any questions on who lost what or what documents belong to whom or whether there have been any charges substantiated of deliberate leaks, refer to CIA spokesman as the proper person to address what is essentially a CIA-Congressional issue.

III. Sheehan's Story and Deliberate Leaks by the Executive Branch

State has addressed all angles of this issue at length in their last two days of briefings. They are investing how the classified documents were released and by whom and have indicated that appropriate disciplinary action will be taken. In contrast with leaks by the Congress, this current flap is being handled immediately and thoroughly, rather than being allowed to linger on without any examination or investigation.