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These records are of the type which researchers will want to see when working on the Desert Shield/Desert Storm era. Similar records relating to Germany, Japan, Italy, Korea, and Vietnam are heavily used.

Since the original records are contaminated (the presence of “U.S. origin mold” does not say much for their maintenance under U.S. Control), I have no objection to their destruction. This is particularly so since they have actually been scanned (according to a conversation this date with Ms. Hawkins) and the resulting CD-ROMS scheduled as permanent according to the appraiser. The CD-ROMS should serve the researcher community without the contamination.

I recommend approval of this job and look forward to seeing the job scheduling the CD-ROMS.

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