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Summary:

Title: James R. Shephard Papers
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Extent: 0.25 feet
Donor: James R. Shephard

Search Terms:

Cuban Missile Crisis
Aerial photographs

Biographical Notes:

James "Jim" R. Shephard was in the intelligence division contained within the U.S. Army Engineers, Geodesy, Intelligence, and Mapping Research and Development Agency, Intelligence Division in Fort Belvoir, Virginia. He was a Huntington, West Virginia resident.

Scope and Content:

This collection is primarily composed of aerial reconnaissance photographs of ballistic missile bases taken during and immediately after the Cuban Missile Crisis in October and November, 1962. These photographs feature extensive captions and labels that became part of the report, "Cuba Know, Yankee See! A Picture Story with an Object Lesson: Castro had his 10,000 words, but we got the picture." and was used as part of a Department of Defense Special Cuba Briefing by Robert S. McNamara in February 1963. Other less significant portions of the collection include construction reports on the Thule Air Base in Thule, Greenland (the United States Armed Forces' northernmost installation) and a World War II era handbook on China, including language lessons focusing on military vocabulary and culture, and a press photo from NASA in 1965.

Processing Notes:

This collection was already processed at the time the finding aid was created. No changes to folder titles, order, or content were made.

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| Box 1 | |
| Volume | “Handbook on China – United States Army Forces in China, Burma, and India, 1942” |
| Volume | Engineer Aviation Battalion Report No. 1, Airfield Construction, Engineer Operations, and Engineer Equipment Report in Thule Greenland by Ray D. Besing and Lee B. Starr (Book says restricted, but that is crossed out) |
| Volume | Pavement Evaluation Report, Thule Air Base, Thule Greenland, 1956 (Draft) |
| Folder 1 | Album 1 – Deposition Forms, Cuban Missile Sites, 1963 |
| Folder 2 | Department of Defense Special Cuba Briefing by Robert S. McNamara, 1963 |
| Folder 3 | Album 1 – Caption Sheets for Photographs Titled: “Cuba Know, Yankee See! A Picture Story with an Object Lesson: Castro had his 10,000 words, but we got the picture.” |
| Folder 4 | Album 1 – Photos of Cuban Sites at the Mariel Naval Port and San Cristobal MRBM, with notes on missile equipment, featuring captions, 1962 |
| Folder 5 | Album 1 – SAGUA, Sagua La Grande Medium Range Ballistic Missile Base in Cuba Photos, 1962 |
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| Folder 8 | Album 1 – Caption Sheets for Photographs (Set Number 2) Titled: “Cuba Know, Yankee See! A Picture Story with an Object Lesson: Castro had his 10,000 words, but we got the picture.”, 1962 |

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NASA Press Photo of Edward H. White II space walk in June 1965