

Prouty is consistent with my concern in the Genesis piece on NSAMs 55 and 57 (do you have them?) Still not a word against the military and an entirely unjustified plug for his former air colleague, Lemnitzer. I'll feel better about his use of these NSAMs when I read their full texts. I have reason to believe that Lemnitzer was behind some ~~of~~ of the nastier "small" operations whose purposes were to lead to the big one Lemnitzer, not the CIA, had in mind....I see no reason for coded language in secret directives. These boys did not have to kind themselves and if the documents are subject to the interpretation Prouty gives then there was no purpose in the childishness of what he calls fairy-tale descriptions. I do gave some trouble with what his interpretation is based on. Moreover, there is not only no basis for the allegation that JFK could put more dependence in the JCS, witness the Bay of Pigs. It is unfactual. The military planning was under the JCS, not the CIA. This amount to a pretty substantial rewriting of history. I can't believe that any military people really expected the operation to succeed. This means that they were as culpable as the CIA. In a sense more so because they were the military planners/experts. Worse, they failed to call JFK off a certain military loser. HW 5/24/75