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Subject: Dan Marvin's Pal David Vanek

While you were away, we finally got a lead on the whereabouts of David Vanek. You may recall that his is the name that Dangerous Dan always tosses out as someone who can verify his story about being approached by a CIA agent to kill William Bruce Pitzer. Marvin says Vanek, at that time another Special Forces officer, also was approached and so could verify his story. (In The Men Who Killed Kennedy, Marvin finds sinister evidence in the fact that the Military Personnel Records Center in St. Louis was unable to find Vanek's file when Marvin asked about it. In a melodramatic soundbite, Marvin says, "They said he never existed." Which, of course, is an untrue statement since all MPRC told Marvin was that they couldn't locate Vanek's records. But I digress. . .) I called a friend at the VA office here, and she ran a check of the VA's database. Marvin had always said Vanek's name was David H. Vanek (this is the name shown on the Army roster Marvin sent us as well); however, VA records indicate that the person with the correct Army service number is actually a David V. Vanek, now a (retired?) Army colonel and still alive. My VA source gave me his social security number, but they have no address or other contact information for him. (Interestingly, however, his VA file shows that he was/is in the reserves and recalled to active duty in 1991 during the Persian Gulf War. If he's still in the reserves, this would explain why St. Louis doesn't have his military records: they don't get them until somebody's service -- including reserve service -- is concluded.) I've provided the SSN and other bits of data to Dave Montague, so hopefully we'll soon have good contact data on Vanek. Like Ed Coyle, he's a guy whose name (apparently unbeknownst to him) has been bandied about by the research community for some time, and an interview with him might either confirm or deny at least part of Marvin's story.

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