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E-I suggest the following response to Griffith regarding Officer Marrion Baker (share with Jeremy if you want): Dear Mr. Griffith: I have received your follow-up e-mail regarding your earlier suggestion regarding Officer Marrion Baker. Because we have received thousands of suggestions from individuals interested in our work and have a small staff, we do not have the capabilities to provide periodic status reports on individual suggestions that have been received by the Board. This would obviously take staff time away from the review of new records and the actual search for new records. The Board has had to make thousands of judgments on suggestions that we have received from the public. Many leads have been pursued, others have not. All suggestions have to be viewed within the parameters of the law that created the Board and the JFK Collection. As you are aware, the Board does not have the authority to re-investigate the assassination. Our mandate is to make the record of the assassination as complete as possible. As such, given the parameters of the law, a limited time frame in which we operate, a large volume of CIA and FBI records remaining to be processed and released, the Board has been very careful when it comes to re-interviewing witnesses previously interviewed by other investigations. I know you are aware that the Board made the decision to pursue the area of the medical evidence because so much of the controversy in the assassination emanates from this area and there was a desire to attempt to clarify the existing record and determine if there were other records not in the JFK Collection. However, the Board has had to be very careful in allotting resources for this type of project that "pushes the envelope" on our authority under the JFK Act. I did make a specific inquiry about your suggestion regarding Officer Baker. Your suggestion remains on an informal list with many similar suggestions, all presented to the Board as being important and worthy of our attention. This informal list is always being reviewed and reevaluated, but the focus during our last year will be on the completion of the review of existing records. Should the Board staff desire additional information regarding your suggestion on Officer Baker, you would be contacted on this matter. Thank you for your continuing interest in the work of the Review Board. Eileen Sullivan

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