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Tom Samoluk of the ARRB---one of the good guys rolling to one of the good guys. The ARRB---one of the good guyst, writing to one of the good guys. The floor-tooso-tooso is interesting: it is Tom Samoluk's 4/1/77 letterto HSCA Chairman Louis Stokes! Samoluk, then a 19-year-old collegestudent, wrote, among other things:"there are millions of concerned Americans who want to know who reallyis responsible for the deaths of President John Fitzgerald Kenedy and Reverend Martin Luther King";"the American public has not been told the truth";"this investigation [the HSCA's] is our last chance to lift the darkcloud that hangs over our country, it must be a whole-hearted effort[ironic, in light of the ARRB!]";"the knowledge that the truth has not been told disturbs me greatly";Louis Stokes' letter in response to Samoluk, dated 4/13/77, isrevealing---for example:"I can only say I am in full agreement with the thoughts you express";"I, along with you, hope that this major effort by the Committee andwith a professional staff, the "mysteries" can be solved to thesatisfaction of all reasonable Americans";2) Samoluk appeared at COPA 1995 and admitted attending a JFKassassination conference in the mid-1970's [the famous Boston/ AlBconference with Groden?]. He gave a nice presentation on the status of the ARRB, inc. a recent coup: the Powers film.SAMOLUK SENT ME A LETTER, STATING THAT, ALTHOUGH HE MISSED MY COPA 1995PRESENTATION, HE HEARD FROM OTHER STAFF MEMBERS HOW WELL IT WASRECEIVED. THIS WOULD LEAD TO MORE COMMUNICATIONS...3) Samoluk appeared on CBS News on 5/28/96 re: the Cooper/ Sturgesfilm---he was responsible for delivering it to the Archives.LESS THAN A MONTH LATER, SAMOLUK CALLED ME, INQUIRING ABOUT OBTAININGALL OF MY AUDIO TAPED SECRET SERVICE INTERVIEWS AND CORRESPONDENCE FORINCLUSION IN THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES. MUCH CORRESPONDENCE AND CONVERSATIONCOMMENCED THROUGHTOUT THE SUMMER OF 1996, AND, BY SEPTEMBER, EVERYTHINGWAS DONATED AND IN THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES VIA ARCHIVIST JOHN CARLIN, THEARRB/ SAMOLUK, AND A DEED OF GIFT.4) David Marwell of the ARRB gave a talk at COPA 1996 and mentioned that Tom Samoluk had left the board to get married and attend to a new job.THE POWERS FILM IS THE BIG NEWS OF 11/22/96: CNN, OPRAH, ETC., INC. ANINTERVIEW WITH POWERS HIMSELF.\*\*\*5) Samoluk returned to the ARRB and gave a talk at Lancer 1997. Notlong afterward, he left the board once again.\*\*\*Presidential aide Kenneth O'Donnell (rode in the Secret Servicefollow-up car behind JFK's car) - "...if the driver had stepped on thegas before instead of after the fatal third shot was fired, wouldPresident Kennedy be alive today?"(as quoted in Marrs, "Crossfire", page248; Dave Powers expressed the very same thoughts on CBS during the 25thAnniversary of the assasination. If that werenï¾€t enough, ARRB DirectorTom Samoluk told me in 1996 that Powers agrees with my take on theSecret Service, based off a lengthy interview he had with the gentlemanduring the process of obtaining his film from

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