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Commandant of the Marine Corps
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Dear Mr. Harrison:

I am writing you on behalf of the Assassination Records Review Board, an independent Federal Agency established pursuant to the President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act, 44 U.S.C. § 2107 (Supp. V 1994). The Review Board, whose members are appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate, is charged with the responsibility of collecting records and information related to the assassination of President Kennedy. The Review Board is not seeking to reach any conclusions regarding the assassination, but is primarily concerned with identifying, clarifying, locating, and making available assassination records. I am enclosing some explanatory material about the Review Board and its mandate.

We have been referred to you by Mr. Fred Graboske, the Archivist of the Marine Corps. The Review Board is searching for historical information related to the Marine Corps service of Lee Harvey Oswald, President Kennedy's accused assassin, namely the unit diaries of those commands he served with while on active duty in the Marine Corps. (While the Review Board has already obtained the original copy of Lee Harvey Oswald's Enlisted Personnel File, the historical record of his Marine Corps service will not be complete until the ARRB has acquired the pertinent unit diary information, reviewed it, and placed it in the JFK Collection at the National Archives.)

Enclosed with this letter is a data chart summarizing the unit diary information requested of your activity, and the reference pages (Record of Service) from Oswald's Enlisted Personnel File from which this request was constructed.

High quality photocopies of the pertinent unit diary entries for the periods requested will be sufficient for this purpose; original documents are not being requested in this case. Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please call either me, or Mr. Douglas Horne, at (202) 724-0088.

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Sincerely,

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