March 4, 1996

Mr. Robert S. McNamara
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Dear Mr. McNamara:

I am writing to thank you for the telephone interview we conducted with you on February 23. You were very generous with your time, and I very much appreciate your thoughtful and candid recollections of events related to the assassination of President Kennedy.

As we discussed at the time of the interview, we did not tape or otherwise make a verbatim transcript of your remarks, though Colonel (Ret.) Timothy Wray of the Review Board staff made extensive notes while the interview was going on. We have rendered those notes into a draft narrative (copy enclosed). So that there will be no mistakes or misunderstandings in the historical record, we ask that you carefully review the enclosed draft and make any corrections, clarifications or amplifications you consider necessary before returning it to me in the enclosed envelope. (Please pay particular attention to the passages on pp. 7-8 dealing with Vietnam, as we are uncertain that we reconstructed those remarks accurately.) We will then add your changes to the manuscript and provide you with a final version for your personal records.

Thank you again for your assistance. Should you have any questions or require any assistance from us, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely yours,

T. Jeremy Gunn
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