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BY FACSIMILE

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Dear Dr. Vanek:

I am faxing you this letter as a brief introduction. I am a retired Army colonel currently on the staff of the Assassination Records Review Board, a small federal agency created by Congress to collect, declassify and place in the National Archives records relating to the assassination of President Kennedy. As you can see from the enclosed information sheet, our charter includes interviewing people who have (or may have) information relevant to the assassination.

My purpose in contacting you is to ascertain whether you have any recollections regarding certain events that may have occurred at Fort Bragg during the period 1964-5. With your indulgence, I would prefer not to disclose any additional details to you until we actually have an opportunity to talk on the telephone. (My reluctance to provide more information at this time arises solely from the fact that I don't want to "taint" whatever recollections you may have before the fact by suggesting to you details about people or events that you might not otherwise recall.)

In my telephone conversation with Cheryl, she suggested that you might be able to talk briefly with me if I called you in your office on Monday, November 4, between 2 PM and 4 PM. I will do that. I understand that you may be pressed for time, and so I do not anticipate at this point that our conversation will require more than five or ten minutes. Should it turn out that more time is required and you cannot continue, we could then arrange a more convenient time (possibly on an evening or weekend) during which we can talk at greater length.

I thank you in advance for your cooperation. I look forward to talking to you Monday.

Sincerely,

Timothy A. Wray
Chief Analyst for Military Records

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