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Dear Dr. Vanek:

As we discussed during our telephone conversation on November 5, I am sending you our research copy of *The Men Who Killed Kennedy, Part 6*. I've cued it to the portion where it presents the allegations made by Daniel Marvin, a former U.S. Army Special Forces officer. (There are actually a couple of these segments -- the tape is cued to the first substantive one. Marvin reappears to add to the story a couple of times as the narrative proceeds.)

As you will see, he contends that the two of you were friends who attended Special Forces training together at Fort Bragg in early 1964. More specifically, he cites you as a witness to the fact that CIA instructors at a "Counterassassination" course held in a separate, secured compound, presented the murder of President Kennedy as an example of how a nation's leader could be assassinated and the blame assigned to an innocent lone wolf. Moreover, he indicates that together you overheard one of the instructors make remarks during a coffee break that suggested the CIA had some complicity in the assassination of JFK. (Unfortunately, we have no further information about this alleged course. Marvin's military records and the training documents he has provided us contain no entries documenting such a course.)

Marvin also contends that, while he was assigned to the 6th Special Forces Group in August 1965, you were nearby when a CIA agent solicited him to murder one William Bruce Pitzer, and that the same CIA agent may have made the same solicitation to you when Marvin turned him down. (Marvin was a Quartermaster officer, and his military records indicate that he was at that time the Group S4.) Marvin also details his unsuccessful efforts to contact you through the U.S. Army Reserve Personnel Center in St. Louis. His incorrect citation of your middle initial appears to be based on an erroneous entry in a copy of TDY orders that he has from that era.

I am providing you this videotape in case seeing Marvin's face and hearing his account "firsthand" helps to jog your memory. (By the way, during the segment in which a copy of some TDY orders is shown, I noticed the name "Drinkwarder" just above Marvin's. If I am not mistaken, that may have been one of the names you mentioned to me on the phone as one of the people you remembered from

that training.)

I will call you again in a week or so to hear your reaction. As an additional matter, during our earlier conversation you were unable to recollect exactly when you departed Ft. Bragg for Vietnam in 1964 and when you left the Army in 1965. As you will see, these details would be useful to us in evaluating Colonel Marvin's account. It would be helpful to us if you could consult your records to determine the precise timing of those events as nearly as possible.

This videotape is our research copy. Please return it to us in the enclosed mailer when you are finished with it. I look forward to hearing whatever comments you may have regarding its content. I will call Cheryl in your office to set up a time when we can talk on the telephone. Thanks again for your continuing assistance.

Sincerely yours,

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