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I, David Vance Vanek, hereby make the following statement under oath:

1. I was formerly an active duty officer in the United States Army, initially serving in that capacity from September, 1959, until June, 1965. I presently hold a Reserve commission with the rank of Colonel (Army Medical Corps).
2. I volunteered for Special Forces training and attended the Counterinsurgency Staff Officer Course and the Special Forces Officer Course at Fort Bragg, North Carolina during the period January-April 1964. I also attended amphibious warfare training at Little Creek and Norfolk, Virginia in April, 1964, and participated there in a brief exercise called FTX Cherokee Trail. Throughout this training and follow-on duty at Fort Bragg I was assigned to the 6th Special Forces Group.
3. I departed Fort Bragg and the 6th Special Forces Group in May, 1964, for duty in the Republic of Vietnam. I returned to the United States from Vietnam in May, 1965, and resigned from active duty effective June 30, 1965.
4. I have been made aware of allegations by Lieutenant Colonel (US Army, ret.) Daniel Marvin concerning his experiences at Fort Bragg. I have personally viewed a videotape of *The Men Who Killed Kennedy (Part 6)* in which Marvin recounts his allegations, to wit: that I attended with him a "counter-assassination" course conducted in a special secure facility at Fort Bragg; that CIA instructors at this course used the assassination of President Kennedy as an example or object lesson on how a head of state could be murdered and the act blamed on an innocent "lone wolf"; that, during a class break, one of the instructors made statements conveying the impression that he knew that the Central Intelligence Agency or the US military was somehow involved in the assassination; and that I was present when, in August 1965, a CIA employee solicited him to murder a U.S. citizen named William Bruce Pitzer.

With respect to these allegations, I hereby state that:

- a. I am the person whose name is shown on the training orders in Marvin's possession as "David H. Vanek," though my correct middle initial is V. (Vance) rather than H. My old Army Service Number (086886), rank (Captain) and branch (Artillery) are correctly shown. I have confirmed my Service Number by checking it on an old set of dogtags.

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b. I do not recognize Daniel Marvin from the videotape, and have no recollection of him from my Special Forces duty at Fort Bragg.

c. I have no recollection of attending a "counter-assassination" course at Fort Bragg during my Special Forces training. I am reasonably confident that had I attended such a course under the circumstances Marvin described that I would remember it.

d. I do not recall attending any course in which material concerning the assassination of President Kennedy was presented as an "object lesson" of how to plan and carry out the assassination of a head of state, and am reasonably confident that I would remember such an "object lesson" had it been presented.

e. I do not recall any instructors during my Special Forces training (or any time thereafter) making comments which suggested special knowledge or complicity by either the Central Intelligence Agency or the United States armed forces in the assassination of President Kennedy.

f. I have no recollection of any incident similar to that described by Daniel Marvin in which he alleges that an agent of the Central Intelligence Agency solicited him to kill a U.S. citizen.

g. No such solicitation was ever made to me.

h. I was not at Fort Bragg in August, 1965, when this solicitation is alleged to have taken place. I departed Fort Bragg in May, 1964, for duty in Vietnam and did not return to Fort Bragg thereafter. Since I left active duty effective June 30, 1965, I was not even on active duty at the time this incident is alleged to have occurred.

i. Attached to this affidavit are true photocopies of portions of my military records (DA Form 2-1) confirming my dates of active duty service during the period in question, my attendance at Special Forces training at Fort Bragg, and the dates of my tour in the Republic of Vietnam from May, 1964, to May, 1965.

5. I have conducted two telephone interviews (November 4 and November 25, 1996) with Timothy A. Wray of the Assassination Records Review Board staff concerning the events described above.

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6. I am under no oath or other obligation that would prevent me from making truthful statements about the events described above.

7. The foregoing statements are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and recollection.

David V. Vanek, M.D.

Subscribed and sworn to me this ____ day of _____, 1997.

Notary Public
My commission expires on _____.