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Dear Professor Scott:

Tom Samoluk showed me your letter to him dated June 21, 1996. As the ARRB's Chief Analyst for Military Records, I offered to respond to you inasmuch as most of the issues you raised fall within my area of responsibility.

You will be pleased to know that we have for some time been treating Vietnam policy materials from the period immediately before and after JFK's assassination as assassination-relevant records. Our reason for doing this is essentially the same one you gave in your letter: these records enhance historical understanding of the context in which his death occurred. We are aware of Robert McNamara's statement about the tape from the October 2, 1963, NSC meeting.

We likewise are pursuing information related to military intelligence activities in Dallas and elsewhere. In addition to making public some documentary materials, we expect to conduct interviews with former members of various military intelligence units in order to supplement the documentary record with their firsthand accounts. We are familiar with what has been written by you, the LaFontaines, and other researchers, and think that our work will eventually extend the "known universe" in this realm.

Finally, I would appreciate any information you can provide relevant to the Marine Corps records you mentioned in your letter. If these include assassination-related files, our ability to track them down will be enhanced by whatever specific information you might have concerning date, originating office, and so forth.

Sincerely yours,

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Chief Analyst for Military Records