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Colonel William T. Vossler  
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Carlisle Barracks, PA 17013

Dear Colonel Vossler:

I'm writing to call your attention to the excellent support my agency has gotten from Mr. Randy Rakers, an employee at the Military History Institute. He has gone out of his way to assist us in our congressionally-mandated task to find and declassify all government records relating to the 1963 assassination of President Kennedy, and we are greatly indebted to him and MHI for his help.

For several months, Mr. Rakers has worked informally with members of my staff to help them locate little-known archival records that might contain relevant assassination documents. His most important contribution in this regard was the extensive microfilm holdings from the Pentagon Telecommunications Center stored at the Federal Records Repository in Suitland, Maryland -- a collection that has already yielded a large number of documents directly related to events surrounding JFK's death. More recently, Mr. Rakers has been designated by Army records management officials in the Pentagon as the single point of contact for us in reviewing and, where necessary, declassifying Army documents from that period. In this as in all other areas, his prompt and cheerful assistance has greatly eased our task.

I look forward to continuing this fine working relationship, and ask that you pass my thanks on to Mr. Rakers for his valuable advice and professional support.

Sincerely yours,

David G. Marwell  
Executive Director

cc: MG Richard Chilcoat, Commandant, U.S. Army War College

