

17 February 1984

Dr. Charles Sampson
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Dear Dr. Sampson:

As you know, I have arranged for the historians working on the Vietnam War volumes of the Foreign Relations of the United States series to screen the documents they order from presidential libraries after we receive them here. Drs. Baehler, Keefer and Landa visited our offices in December and January and screened groups of documents that they had selected at the John F. Kennedy Library, to identify the specific documents they would like CIA to review and release for this project.

After review, the originating components here have given me decisions on the first three of ten separate groups of Kennedy Library documents that these three historians screened. Of the 35 documents that these historians selected for review, I am forwarding 18 classified documents that have been released, and must report that the originating components have denied the other 17 documents.

I shall enclose copies of the Kennedy Library manifests that include these documents, divided into three groups as follows:

Group A: JFK Manifest Nos. 2, 3, 4, 6

Group B: JFK Manifest Nos. 1, 5, 7a

Group C: JFK Manifest Nos. 7b, 8a, 9, and 17

You will note on these enclosed manifests that we have numbered each document received from the Kennedy Library. Drs. Baehler, Landa and Keefer

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used these numbers (indicated below in the "HS/JFK Document #" column) in screening these documents, and for their information the results of our review are summarized below:

<u>Requester</u>	<u>Rel./Denied</u>	<u>HS/JFK Document #</u>
Baehler	released	5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, & 14
Landa	released	98, 100, 1, 2, 3, & 4
	denied	95, 107, & 96
Keefer	released	66, 70, & 122
	denied	134, 135, 138, 139, 140, 141, 162, 163, 164, 165, 169, 170, 171, & 175

We understand that we need not arrange for review of any other documents in these three groups, unless Drs. Baehler, Keefer or Landa (or some other historian working on this project) selects specific additional documents for review.

As usual, the caveats noted in the enclosed "CIA Records Access Policy" apply concerning CIA review before any material from CIA-originated documents can be downgraded, declassified or published in any unclassified publication.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Ms. Suzanne K. Forbes, Classification Review Archivist at the Kennedy Library, and to Dr. James E. O'Neill, Assistant Archivist for Presidential Libraries at the National Archives and Records Service.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

/s/

J. Kenneth McDonald
Chief Historian

Enclosures

This letter is UNCLASSIFIED
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appended documents.

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