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26 July 1984

Dr. Charles Sampson  
 Office of the Historian  
 Room 3100, State Annex 1  
 Department of State  
 2401 E Street, NW  
 Washington, D.C. 20520

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. Dr. Louis Smith visited our offices and screened documents that he had selected at the John F. Kennedy Library, to identify the specific documents he would like CIA to review and release for this project.

After review, the originating components here have given me a decision on the Kennedy Library documents that Dr. Smith screened. Of the 33 documents that Dr. Smith selected for review from this group at hand, I can forward 15 documents for release, while 17 documents have already been forwarded to you (in response to Dr. Keefer's earlier request) under our covering letter of 3 July 1984. We are still awaiting a decision on one more document in Dr. Smith's group.

I shall enclose copies of the Kennedy Library manifests that include these documents

You will note on these enclosed manifests that we have numbered each document received from the Kennedy Library. Dr. Smith used these numbers (indicated below in the "HS/JFK Document #" column) in screening these documents, and for his information the results of our review are summarized below:

<u>Requester</u>	<u>Rel./Denied</u>	<u>HS/JFK Document #</u>
Smith	released	44, 47, 48, 49, 50, 54, 55, 56, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 120
	previously released	517, 521, 523, 527, 529, 532, 533, 534, 535, 537, 531a, 532a, 622, 635, 655, 656, 657
	pending	625

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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,

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J. Kenneth McDonald  
Chief Historian

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Ms. Suzanne K. Forbes  
Classification Review Archivist  
John F. Kennedy Library  
Columbia Point, Morrissey Boulevard  
Boston, MA 02125

Dear Ms. Forbes:

This is to let you know the results of this Agency's review of the classified documents that Department of State historians selected from your records as part of their research for a Vietnam War Volume in the Foreign Relations of the United States series. I shall enclose a copy of our letter to Dr. Sampson, noting those CIA-originated documents that have been released (at their existing classification), and those that have been denied, for use in this project.

We appreciate your help.

Yours sincerely,

/s/

J. Kenneth McDonald  
Chief Historian

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24 July 1984

Dr. James E. O'Neill  
Assistant Archivist for  
Presidential Libraries  
National Archives and  
Records Service  
Washington, D.C. 20408

Dear Dr. O'Neill:

For your information, I shall attach a copy of my  
letter (with enclosure) to Ms. Suzanne K. Forbes,  
Classification Review Archivist, John F. Kennedy Library,  
concerning the disposition of documents requested by Dr.  
Charles Sampson, Department of State.

Yours sincerely,

*/s/*

J. Kenneth McDonald  
Chief Historian

Enclosure