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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 ten separate 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 component here has given me a decision on one more of the ten groups of Kennedy Library documents that these three historians screened. (We reported on the first five groups in our letters to you of 17 February and 2 March 1984, and four more groups are still under review.) Of the 148 documents that Dr. Keefer selected for review from this group at hand, I can forward 144 documents for release, since the originating component has denied the other 4 documents.

I shall enclose copies of the Kennedy Library manifests that include these documents from the following group:

Group J: JFK Manifest Nos. 31-38

You will note on these enclosed manifests that we have numbered each document received from the Kennedy Library. Drs. Baehler, Landa and Keefer used these numbers (indicated below in the "HS/JFK Document #" column) in

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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>
Keefer	denied	554, 565, 606, 610
	released	517-553, 555-564, 566-605, 607-609, 611-622, 630-632, 635, 637-639, 641-647, 650-660

We understand that we need not arrange for review of any other documents in this group, 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,

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J. Kenneth McDonald
Chief Historian

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20 March 1984

Dr. James E. O'Neill
Assistant Archivist for
Presidential Libraries
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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,

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Ms. Suzanne K. Forbes
Classification Review Archivist
John F. Kennedy Library
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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,

[Redacted Signature]

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