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Washington, D.C. 20505

24 October 1984

Dr. Charles Sampson
Office of the Historian
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Department of State
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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. 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 components here have given me a decision on the last two of the ten groups that Dr. Keefer, et al. screened and the one document pending from Dr. Smith's previous group of Kennedy Library documents. (We reported on the first eight groups in our letters to you of 17 February, 2 March, 3 July 1984 and 24 July 1984.) Of the 18 documents that were selected for review from these groups at hand, I can forward 8 documents for release, since the originating components have denied the other 10 documents.

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

Group D: JFK Manifest Nos. 7, 8, and 10

Group I: JFK Manifest Nos. 30-33

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:

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We understand that we need not arrange for review of any other documents in these groups, unless Drs. Baehler, Keefe or Landa (or some other historian working on this project) selects specific additional documents for review. According to our records, the forwarding of documents from these last groups completes your Kennedy Library request.

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,

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,

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J. Kenneth McDonald
Chief Historian

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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,

J. Kenneth McDonald
Chief Historian

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