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Thomas Samoluk, our Deputy Director, has answered your questions. You will find them below. I hope this is helpful to you.1. person interviewed: Thomas E. Samoluk Deputy Director Assassination Records Review Board2. Where were you when you learned of President Kennedy's assassination? Answer: I was six-years-old and in the first grade. I came home from school on the bus and was met by my younger brother who tried to explain to me what had happened. When I got to my house, my mother, in tears and with the television on, told me that President Kennedy had been assassinated.3. What were your immediate reactions to the news? Answer: As a six-year-old, I didn't completely understand what had happened. But, I knew it was very serious because my mother was crying and was aware that she did not know President Kennedy and had only seen him on television.4. What do you remember most clearly about the period of mourning and funeral? Answer: I remember that for those days, everything seemed to change; everything revolved around the death of President Kennedy. The television was on all of the time and regular programs were preempted.5. What words would you use to describe Kennedy as "president"? Answer: Leader. Inspirational. Provider of hope for the future. 6. What words would you use to describe Kennedy, the "man"? Answer: Charismatic.7. How would you rank Kennedy as president compared to D. Eisenhower, L.B. Johnson, Richard Nixon, Jimmy Carter, and Ronald Reagan? Answer: Although his term was obviously abbreviated at President, I would rank these presidents in the following order:KennedyJohnsonEisenhowerCarterReaganNixonNOTE: THESE ANSWERS REFLECT ONLY MY PERSONAL OPINION AND ARE NOT ANSWERED IN MY OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE ASSASSINATION RECORDS REVIEW BOARD. THANKS.

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