

December 2, 1997

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Dear Paul:

Thank you for the Garrison materials that you sent to us. They will supplement the records that we have already acquired. Please know that your efforts are much appreciated.

I wanted to address some of the points that we discussed during our last telephone conversation.

First, I expect that during the course of the next ten months there will be occasions when we will seek your counsel, as we have done in the past. In addition, I hope that you will volunteer your thoughts on matters that emerge from our work, even if we have not specifically called on you. I suspect that the pace will get even more busy in the future and although we may not have had the time to call on you, your input is still valued.

Second, we are currently emphasizing to the federal agencies that their FOIA files are considered to be important to the JFK Collection. I anticipate that this will be more of a focus in the next few months.

Third, the next report submitted to the Congress and the President will be our final report. We determined that to do an annual report within the next couple of months and then our final report in September 1998 would not be the most effective or efficient use of our time.

Fourth, as you probably saw, we released a group of military records on Cuba policy from the early 60's. As you and I had discussed Cuba records on the phone, I thought that release would be of interest to you. There will be more Cuba records, in addition to Vietnam records, in the coming months. Please let me know if you have any follow-up thoughts on the records.

Again, thank you for sending the Garrison materials. I apologize for not acknowledging receipt of it

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sooner. Please do not hesitate to write, call or e-mail me if you have any comments or questions.

Sincerely,

Thomas E. Samoluk
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