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Dear Captain Woods,

Of the considerations you mention in your letter of February 22, 1984, there is one about which there is and can be no real question, "If an investigation was conducted by the U. S. Navy" after Lee Harvey Oswald told the Moscow embassy that he was defecting. This was testified to by a colonel from the Marine's Records Branch to the Warren Commission. It was also testified to by the officer under whom Oswald had worked at Santa Ana. And if you (or NIS) have any doubt about the need for such an investigation, the secrets Oswald possessed, as set forth in this testimony in Volume 8 beginning of page 297, should satisfy you.

You suggest three possibilities, that it was not a JAG Manual investigation, was never received at JAG or "has been filed under some obscure unit identifier." I have no doubt that you would have learned about the first two in your search; so this leaves the third possibility, how it was filed. The question I raise about this is does your referral back to NIS include a search "under some obscure unit identifier?"

While I do not know what an obscure unit identifier is I do know that among the components with great interest are intelligence and counterintelligence and the MACS units involved. In addition, because Oswald was assigned to Operation Strongback it is possible that a copy of the investigation may have been routed to the records relating to it. Records at Cubi Point also should be searched. There also is the possibility that these records were removed from wherever they were at the time of the Warren Commission, with a record left, and then returned elsewhere, along with other records collected for that investigation. Or the FBI's. There should have been some interest after he was accused of assassinating the President.

I hope that you and/or NIS will give some thought to other searches to be made and sources to be consulted, like the Records Branch of the Marine Corps.

Thanks you for your letter and the referral to NIS.

Sincerely,



* And Santa Ana.

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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

In response to your letter of February 7, 1984, I can only reiterate the contents of my letter to you of February 2nd. This Office is the custodian of reports of investigation conducted in accordance with the JAG Manual. If an investigation was conducted by the U.S. Navy "after [Lee Harvey] Oswald turned up at the Moscow embassy and said he was defecting," it either was not conducted as a JAG Manual investigation, it was never received in this Office, or it has been filed under some obscure unit identifier. At any rate, as you were previously advised, a thorough and diligent search of the system of records maintained by this Office has failed to locate any record concerning the incident.

In view of your "amended" request (paragraph seven of your February 7th letter), a copy of your letter has been forwarded to the Naval Investigative Service for appropriate action.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "T. K. Woods, Jr.", written over the word "Sincerely,".

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