The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

This inquiry is addressed to you not only because of
your present position but also because of the former one you
held when you served as a member of the President's Commission
on the Assassination of President Kennedy. My question concerns
the transcript of the January 27, 1964 executive session and a
particular point of information contained in it. Allthough you
were not presnet, perhaps you could help to resolve the matter.

On January 12, 1970, I wrote to the Commandant of the
United States Marine Corps concerning an allegation that Oswald
had been given instruction in the Russian language while in the
military service. The reply from the Judge Advocate Division
stated that such was not the case. However, I recently read a
copy of the transcript for the January 27, 1964 session which
was released by the National Archives a year previously. On page
192 of that transcript, General Counsel J. Lee Rankin makes the
statement "....we are trying to run that down to find out what
he (Oswald) studied at the Monterey School of the Army. " This
would seem to be the Defense Language Institute, Presidio of
Monterey.

In an effort to resolve this conflicting information,
I again wrote to the Marine Corps, enclosing copies of the relevant
pages of that transcript. Once more, the Marine Corps denied that
Oswald received any language instruction while in the service.
Obviously, someone is in serious error. I feel certain that
Mr. Rankin did not conjure up such information and yet the published
military record does not contain any mention of Oswald having
attended any such school.

I appreciate the press of your official duties and
realize that such a matter will probably wind up in the hands
of aides for whatever reply maybe forth comming. However, I
would hope to have an answer less sterile than that received from
the Marine Corps.

Sincerely,

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