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IN REPLY REFER TO  
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Mr. J. Lee Rankin  
General Counsel  
President's Commission on the  
Assassination of President Kennedy  
200 Maryland Avenue NE  
Washington, D. C. 20002

Dear Mr. Rankin:

This is in reply to your letter of 2 June 1964 relative to marksmanship capabilities of Lee Harvey OSWALD, former Private First Class, 1653230, U. S. Marine Corps. In view of the lapse of time since Mr. Oswald was separated from the Marine Corps, it would be impossible to ascertain precisely the number of hours in which he participated in weapons marksmanship practice or how many rounds of ammunition he fired. In addition, the service records of the Marine Corps are designed only to show what formalized marksmanship practice and marksmanship qualification courses a Marine has fired. As you will note from Mr. Oswald's service record book, a copy of which I believe the Commission has in its custody, the form marked NAVMC 118(6)-PD (Rev. 7-54) shows Mr. Oswald's weapons firing record.

During the time Oswald fired at the Weapons Training Battalion, Marine Corps Recruit Depot, he was attached to the Second Recruit Training Battalion, Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, California. At the time he completed familiarization firing at the range at the Naval Air Station, Atsugi, Japan, he was attached to Marine Air Control Squadron 1, Marine Aircraft Group 11, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing. At the times he fired the range at the Marine Corps Air Facility, Santa Ana, and Marine Corps Air Station, El Toro, California, he was attached to Marine Air Control Squadron 9, Marine Wing Headquarters Group, 3d Marine Aircraft Wing.

The information provided to the right of the final qualification column is not contained in his service records but is based upon regulations in effect at the time. In addition, under course "A" you will notice the entry of 212MM. This final qualification score being designated as MM (marksman) is in error and should have read SS (sharpshooter).

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RANGE	DATE	COURSE	WEAPON	FINAL QUAL	AUTHORIZED AMMO ALLOW	PERIOD
WpnsTrng Bn MCRD	21Dec56	#"A"	M-1	212MM	400 rds	2 wks
WpnsTrng Bn MCRD	17Dec56	FAM	BAR	None	75 Rds	
WpnsTrng Bn MCRD	11Dec56	FAM	Pistol	None	100 rds	
NAS Atsugi Jap	2May58	FAM	12Guage RIOT GUN	None	10 rds	
NAS Atsugi Jap	7May58	FAM	.45 Pistol	None	100 rds	
MCAF Santa Ana Calif	9Mar59	FAM	12 Guage RIOT GUN	None	10 rds	
MCAS El Toro Calif	6May59	*"B"	M-1	191MM	200 rds	

For Course "A", as shown above, qualification scores were as follows:

EXPERT -220; SHARPSHOOTER -210; MARKSMAN -190

For the Course marked "B", the qualification is:

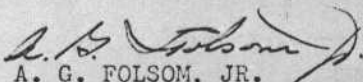
EXPERT -225; SHARPSHOOTER -215; MARKSMAN -190

Regarding a comparison of the Marine Corps' requirements with those of the other services, it is believed that the requirements of the other services can be best obtained by you directly from those services. Enclosed, however, are copies of Marine Corps regulations describing the several marksmanship courses. These were effective at the time Oswald was on active duty in the Marine Corps.

The Marine Corps considers that any reasonable application of the instructions given to Marines should permit them to become qualified at least as a marksman. To become qualified as a sharpshooter, the Marine Corps is of the opinion that

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most Marines with a reasonable amount of adaptability to weapons firing can become so qualified. Consequently, a low marksman qualification indicates a rather poor "shot" and a sharpshooter qualification indicates a fairly good "shot". I trust the foregoing will serve the purpose of your inquiry.



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By direction of the Commandant of the Marine Corps

Encl:

- (1) Copies of MARCOR Regs  
describing marksmanship courses