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(191MM) 200 rds

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

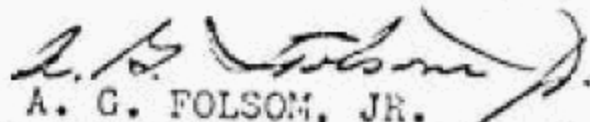
EXPERT -220; SHARPSHOOTER -210; MARKSMAN -190

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 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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Encl:

- (1) Copies of MARCOR Regs
describing marksmanship courses