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CALL REPORT Issue # 9Document's Author: Dave Montague/ARRB Date Created: 02/07/96The Players Who initiated the call? Review Board's representative: Dave MontagueDescription of the Call Date: 02/07/96Subject: Interview Of At Western New England College Re: Sprague PhotosSummary of the Call: I spoke with archivist Kathy Burns of Western New England College (WNEC) today and she confirmed that they have the approximately 300 photos and 25,000 film frames mentioned in Georgetown University's Sprague Collection Index. WNEC also has other JFK material some of which has been lost over the years due to a move of the WNEC Archives. WNEC has original photos of a 196? trip to Dealey Plaza by Sprague and negatives from Jim Murray of (Burns believes) Blackstar Media Company & everything else is copy. The film material was given to WNEC in very poor condition and some of it was spliced-up and they made a video of it for people to view. The Sprague Collection material were acquired through a former WNEC employee named James Gordon who brought Sprague to the College as a guest lecturer. Sprague later decided to donate some of his material to WNEC. I asked Burns about the possibility of donating their material to the JFK Collection based on the comments made by Shirley Timmerman of that office last week. Burns liked the idea but said it would have to be approved by the WNEC President. She doesn't know how the college would react to such a request. I informed her of the Deed of Gift process and said that I wanted a guide for understanding what WNEC has that the Review Board might want placed in the Collection. Burns agreed to send me a copy of a book which generally outlines all of the JFK related material there as well as a guide which specifically details the photographic and film material. She welcomes a visit from an ARRB representative to visit and review the material and asks that she be contacted so she can make herself available. Burns verified my correct mailing address and said I should have it next week. These materials should help the Dallas Project Team to decide whether to push for the donation of this material. Burns' information is: Kathy Burns, Collection Archivist Western New England College D'Amour Library 1215 Wilbraham Road Springfield, MA 01119 413-782-1495

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