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LHC went to Archives II again for me, and came back with a document which provides Harold A. Rydberg's military serial number: 519-04-10. To: Dave Montague/ARRBcc: Tim Wray/ARRB, Jeremy Gunn/ARRB, David Marwell/ARRB From: Douglas Horne/ARRB Date: 04/22/96 11:07:50 AM Subject: Military Service Records from St. Louis Dave, please add one additional name to the list of military service records which I have asked you to obtain: HM3 (?) Harold A. Rydberg, USN Neither an SSN nor a military service number is available for Mr. Rydberg. Here is what we have on him: On March 13, 1978 he was sent the standard letter from the Navy (Bureau of Medicine and Surgery) which read: "In November 1963, you were ordered to discuss with no one the events connected with...", and the letter went on to rescind the order, saying that it was O.K. for him to talk to the HSCA. Taken on its face value, the letter indicates that Rydberg was probably at the autopsy, because of its wording, "...in November 1963." The file of original "orders of silence" which the Navy (BMS) forwarded to the HSCA in September, 1977 does not include a letter to Rydberg, but that file (which supposedly contains 16 letters but actually forwards only 15) is missing one letter, so the matter remains unresolved. We do know that Mr. Rydberg made the 3 medical illustrations used by the Warren Commission between March 12-16, 1964. There is a possibility that his "letter of silence" might have been based on his medical illustration work from March 1964, and that the letter rescinding the oath incorrectly cited "November 1963" simply because it was a form letter used for all 16 people; therefore, we can not conclusively state that he was at the autopsy. Sorry, but because I do not have his original letter of silence, I cannot give you his military service number. Dave, please try to locate his present whereabouts now--address and phone number. Dr. Humes told us that he had abandoned his career as a medical illustrator, and was now an emergency medical technician (EMT). His address in 1978 was: Mr. Harold Alfred Rydberg 701 Howell Avenue Brooksville, Florida 33512 To: Dave Montague/ARRBcc: Tim Wray/ARRB, Jeremy Gunn/ARRB, David Marwell/ARRB From: Douglas Horne/ARRB Date: 04/19/96 05:43:26 PM Subject: Military Service Records from St. Louis Dave, in addition to Drs. Humes and Finck (and thank you for getting the Boswell and Stringer files), which I know are "working," please obtain the following files from St. Louis: CAPT Robert F. Karnei, MC, USN (former SN: 622774); HMCA Chester H. Boyers, USN (former SN: 339-65-16); HM2 Floyd A. Riebe, USN (former SN: 458-47-93); CAPT John H. Ebersole, MS, USN (former SN: 495535); HM3 Edward F. Reed, USN (former SN: 588 68 96); HM3 Jerrol F. Custer, USN (former SN: 545 40 77); HM3 James C. Jenkins, USN (former SN: 549-96-76); HM3 Paul K. O'Connor, USN (former SN: 531-75-34). SN for CAPT James J. Humes, MC, USN: 497831; SSN for Dr. Pierre A. Finck, USA: [Screened by: NARA RD-F on October 24, 2016 according to the John F. Kennedy Record  
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