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THE WEDSILE IS ADOLD HAIT-WAY LOWER THIS LOCALHIETT. CALL REPORT DOCUMENTS A AUTHOR. JOSEPH FLEEINAN/ARRD Date Created: 07/08/96 The Players Description of the Call Date: 07/08/96Subject: Holland McComb PapersSummary of the Call:Mr. Ullrich was basically cooperative; he thinks there are 10 boxes of assassinationrelated material at most, and that a day would be sufficient to peruse them. He'd be happy to have someone come down and take a look at the stuff. He is familiar with Wallace Milam and, when queried, allowed as how it might be useful for us to have Milam with any ARRB staffer(s) who come down to peruse the records. All the records are open to the public. The Library is open 8-5 Monday through Friday. He has no problem with the records being copied for inclusion in the JFK Collection -- he says standard procedure would be for us to indicate/tab which records we want copied, and they would do the copying for us, personpower and time permitting (he suggested that there might be a little bit of a time-lag between the designation and physical copying, but it didn't sound as if it would be an unreasonable one). Cost of copying: ten cents/page for the first 25 pages, then 25 cents/page thereafter. I didn't think to ask whether we'd have to cover shipping costs or not (since I don't expect they'd be able to finish the copying by the time our staffer left). There are some 300 boxes in the McComb papers, 170 of which have been indexed. This index is available on the web, says Ullrich (he seemed to want me to access it there, but I told him if my computer skills failed me I'd be back in touch to have him send me a hardcopy). The website is WW.UTM.EDU/DEPARTMENTS/ACADPRO/LIBRARY/SPECCOLL. He said WW.UTM.EDU would be enough to get started.Ullrich says there are a lot of newsclippings in the boxes. He says there are some photos, also, though he presumes (as opposed to knowing for sure) that these are just copies of things that Time-Life already have. McComb covered the Ruby trial for Life and took daily notes, which are in the papers. McComb's "day books" are also part of his papers. Ullrich says he has heard rumors that: 1) McComb was somehow part of Life's efforts to secure the Zapruder film, and that, 2) McComb was among those at Life who strongly supported the WC's conclusions and fought against efforts to have Life "re-open" the Kennedy case in '66-'67. Having said this, Ullrich doesn't seem to possess any great personal familiarity with the McComb papers. There is some history professor at UT Martin who has, according to Ullrich, done some work with them, and Ullrich says Milam shows up once a month or so for a few hours to look at them.Logistically, Ullrich tells me that UT Martin is "in the heartland," some 2 1/2 hrs. northeast of Memphis and 2 hours west of Nashville. Ullrich says most folks heading to Martin will fly to Nashville, rather than Memphis. There are also commuter airports/flights to nearby Jackson TN and Paduka (sp?), Kentucky (each about an hour away). I told Ullrich we'd forward some general material on the Act and the ARRB. I'll draft

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