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CALL REPORT Issue # 70Document's Author: Dave Montague/ARRB Date Created: 11/19/96Who initiated the call? Review Board's representative in the call: Dave MontagueMilitary; Gun Running Project Subject: Confirmation re: Frank Ellsworth of the ATFDescription of the Call _____ I spoke w/ a Frank Ellsworth last night who confirmed he's the former ATF agent involved in a meeting w/ Ed Coyle & James Hosty during 1963. Ellsworth was cordial & said he's willing to speak w/ other representatives of the Review Board, but doesn't think it will serve a useful purpose. He feels his previous statements over the past 33 years have exhausted his ability to provide any additional information of value. Ellsworth made the following statements during our brief conversation:-he feels he was 1 of only 2 federal officers w/in the TSBD on 11.22.1963 after the shooting-he was w/ ATF Special Agent in Charge Carl R. Booth (in the TSBD) who was his partner during this investigation-he had legal custody of the rifle for a couple of years, even though its physical possession varied between the Dallas Police-he was trusted by the Dallas Police because he worked several cases w/ members of the department during his time as a San Antonio Police officer-by happenstance, he found the "sniper's nest" on the 6th Floor & some spent cartridges -he recalls a meeting on that day w/ Hosty (FBI) & Coyle (Military Intelligence) re: a gun theft operation which involved numerous Sergeants at Ft. Hood-"...Hosty was a good guy & was unfairly damaged by this whole affair, due to Hoover's plan; whatever it was..."...The FBI never had jurisdiction in the case beacuse shooting the President wasn't a federal offense, however the FBI kept trying to take over..."-he recalls there was an individual "...who bore some resemblance to LHO, but maybe not an exact double for him..." I explained that we are searching for any assassination related records, to which he said he knows of none at present. I told him I'd send him some explanatory material so he'd become familiar w/ us, our legitimacy & perhaps improve his recollection; after which he'd be contacted to arrange a more in-depth interview re: issues relevant to the Review Board's mandate. Ellsworth said he will cooperate with our request. I verified his information & thanked him for his time. Mr. Frank Leslie Ellsworth5409 Carmel CourtTyler, TX 75703903.581.7587dob = 09.21.1927 ; ssn = 457.30.5777

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