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PMSubject: Independent Investigations into the AssassinationCALL REPORT: PUBLICDocument's Author: Brian Rosen/ARRB Date Created: 11/19/96 The Players Who initiated the call? Review Board's representative in the call: Brian RosenWitnesses/Consultants's representative in the call: Julius N. DrazninDescription of the Call Date: 11/19/96Subject: Independent Investigations into the AssassinationSummary of the Call:Julius Draznin returned my call today and we spoke for about 20 minutes regarding his career in general and his experiences related to the assassination. Draznin worked for the NLRB from 1944 through 1975 and was stationed in Chicago from 1954 through 1965. At the time of the assassination, he was a supervisor in the Chicago field office. He also served as the office liaison with the FBI and had developed a particular expertise and wide range of contacts in organized crime and labor.Draznin came to know Robert Kennedy when Kennedy served as Chief Counsel of the McClellan Committee. He said that Kennedy or Walter Sheridan would occasionally call him to find out what information he could turn up in Chicago on a particular person or event. All of this work was done informally and off the record because the NLRB would not have approved of his cooperation with the Kennedys. This relationship continued in a similar fashion when Robert Kennedy became Attorney General.Draznin confirmed for me the information in an HSCA call report (RIF #180-10075-10135) that Kennedy personally asked him to discreetly inquire into the assassination. He said that Kennedy called him at home two days after the assassination and asked him to "find out what the word in Chicago was on the hit." Draznin said he then checked with his best Mafia contacts but turned up nothing. He called Sheridan and Kennedy back approximately 2 to 4 days later and reported that he had been unable to turn up anything. He said that he did not create any records or reports related to his investigation and everything he did was off the record.Draznin also told me that he played no formal role in any of the official investigations into the assassination. When I asked him about the Warren Commission document we located that is noted as having been received from Julius Draznin of the NLRB in Chicago (discussing Jack Ruby's activities in Chicago - - RIF #179-40005-10028), he said that he occasionally turned over information to the FBI and that is probably how the document ended up in the Warren Commission files. He added that he also occasionally continued to supply information to Walter Sheridan and Ken O'Donnell on an informal basis. Again, he said that he did not formally cooperate in any investigation or create any additional records or reports because the NLRB would not have approved of his activities.Finally, I asked Draznin if he had any knowledge of Daniel Patrick Moynihan's alleged inquiries into the assassination. He said that he had not heard about any investigation by

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