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Based on a letter from Joseph Scovitch to Dr. Mantik in which claims are made that a man named Ken Vrtanik
was associated w/ a team of appx 50-100 people (at AFIP) which "altered" JFK autopsy photos & x-rays, it was
decided that these claims should be investigated. The letter claims that a woman named Joan Schilling (an
alleged member of this team & a magician) was the "ringleader" for the alteration process & has used her
skills to aid the FBI. Doug Horne & I spoke w/ a Vrtacnik who confirmed he has worked at the Armed Forces
Institute of Pathology (AFIP) since the 1960s and claims to have seen some JFK autopsy material. * Our
conversation is detailed below: _____ To: Jeremy Gunn/ARRB, David
Marwell/ARRBcc: Dave Montague/ARRB, Tom Samoluk/ARRB, Eileen Sullivan/ARRB From: Douglas
Horne/ARRB Date: 11/13/96 10:13:52 AM Subject: ARRB Interviewed Ken Vrtacnik of AFIP CALL REPORT
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AFIP Description of the Call Late in the afternoon of November 12, 1996, Dave Montague asked me to join an
interview in progress which had just begun with Mr. Ken Vrtacnik, a medical photographer at AFIP. Mr.
Vrtacnik told us that he was stationed at AFIP from February 28, 1964-December 3, 1965 as an Army (active
duty) photographer. Following his active duty tour at AFIP during 1964-65, and after about a year-and-a-half
break, Mr. Vrtacnik said he returned to AFIP as an Army civilian medical photographer. He is still employed in
this capacity today, and said he will retire in the near future. Mr. Vrtacnik said he had no specific recollection of
seeing any autopsy photos from President Kennedy's autopsy. He said that it was certainly possible, because
he had seen thousands of autopsy and medical photographs while at AFIP, and that depending upon how they
were labeled, he may well have seen President Kennedy's autopsy photos without knowing it, since such
photos are labeled only by number. But he reiterated that he had no recollection of anyone showing him
autopsy photographs represented to be those of President Kennedy. At this point he volunteered that he had
seen President Kennedy's brain during the 1964-65 period, which he stated had been kept in a locked room at
the AFIP's National Museum of Health and Medicine, which at that time was located in downtown Washington
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