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Agecny Name: Witnesses/ConsultantsAttendees: Gene Fox, Phil Golrick, Dave Montague, Doug Horne, and Joan ZimmermanTopic: Search for Possible Records Left Behind by the Late SA James K. Fox of the U.S. Secret ServiceSummary of the Meeting Following up on the contact made with Gene Fox by Principal Staff Investigator Dave Montague, the following ARRB staff members met with Gene Fox (the son of former SA James K. Fox) this date in ARRB offices: Phil Golrick, Doug Horne, Dr. Zimmerman, and Dave Montague.Phil Golrick conducted the interview. Gene Fox was asked to recollect for us what he could of his father's Secret Service career, in general. He said that he was unsure of what his father had done early in his career, but that during the period of time he could remember, which covered the 1950s and early 1960s, his father worked for the Protective Research Section of the Secret Service. He recalled his father telling his brother and him stories about PRS screening of mail, foodstuffs, and gifts sent to the President. One example was of a box of chocolates sent to President Eisenhower which had been laced with strychnine, but successfully intercepted by the PRS. Another example was a highly derogatory, tasteless and profane letter written to President Kennedy, which SA Fox showed to his son, Gene after it was intercepted by PRS. Gene Fox also recalled that one summer while he was in high school, specifically in 1956, he worked at the White House gardening shop while Eisenhower was President; his duties that summer were to take care of Eisenhower's putting green on the White House grounds, and to shag golf balls for the President. (This recollection is memorialized because it provides perspective on Gene Fox's age during the events of 1963.) He recalled in a general way that his father had done photographic work for the secret service, some of which involved photographic liaison with the FBI, and some of which involved preparation of White House passes. He remembered his father showing him a room in the Executive Office Building which had several large cameras in it, mounted on "jigs" which mounted the cameras so that they could photograph documents laid horizontally on tables directly underneath the camera lenses.Mr. Golrick then asked Mr. Fox to recollect what, if anything, his father had said about the Kennedy assassination, and his own involvement with events related to the assassination. Mr. Fox said that his father had told him that he was a member of the "detail" that went to Bethesda (presumably from Andrews AFB, but not stated) with the President's body. His father's principal impression, as relayed to his son, was that when he saw the President's body at Bethesda, he knew that he must have died instantly, because most of his brains were missing from his skull; this caused his father some bitterness over what he considered, in retrospect, irresponsible early press accounts on 11/22/63 which had stated that the President was still alive
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