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CALL REPORT: PUBLIC DOCUMENTS Author: Douglas Horne/ARRB Date Created: 03/28/97 THE PLAYERS WHO initiated the call? Review Board's representative in the call: Douglas Horne and Michelle CombsWitnesses/Consultants's representative in the call: Marian EbersoleDescription of the Call Date: 03/28/97Subject: ARRB Staff Called Marian EbersoleSummary of the Call:Michelle Combs and I called Marian Ebersole, wife of deceased JFK autopsy radiologist John Ebersole, to ask whether she had any records related to the autopsy, or recorded notes or recollections of her husband regarding events at the autopsy, or autopsy findings.She said he left no professional papers, notes, journals, or diary entries related to President Kennedy's autopsy. She did say, however, that he had frequently talked about the autopsy, and although she said he never spoke of specifics (such as wound locations, or number or type of x-rays taken), that he would frequently repeat that he was convinced Oswald, acting alone, had killed the President, and that the Warren Commission was correct. He would often say that there were too many people in the morgue during the autopsy, and that certainly some mistakes were made, but that the autopsy report was still correct and the Warren Commission still "got it right." She could not provide details on what he meant by the phrase "mistakes were made," but presumed he was referring to the prosecutors, and not to his own work as consulting radiologist. She said he would often relay the same two anecdotal accounts to friends of the family:- He said that he wasted a lot of time taking extra x-rays of the body looking for a bullet, until about 2 or 3 or 4 o'clock in the morning, when the Dallas doctors told them at Bethesda that a bullet had been found on a stretcher at Parkland, and that "things then made more sense." (She could provide no more specifics than that.)-He would also often tell a story about how he had gone to the White House some time after the assassination (her impression was "years later--about the time the Kennedy Center was built") to view x-rays of President Kennedy taken at the autopsy, and had drawn pencil lines on an x-ray of the skull because someone was going to build a bust of President Kennedy for the Kennedy Center and his job was to determine the size of the skull. He repeatedly said that his pencil lines and associated measurements re: magnification factors in the x-rays had never been used, and that instead the President's hat size had been used by the bust-makers to determine the actual size of the President's head. He was aware that conspiracy theorists thought his pencil lines on the head x-ray were trajectory lines for bullets which struck the head, and while he consistently denied it, he found that amusing.At one point she said her husband often spoke about how difficult the events of Friday and Saturday, November 22-23, 1963 were. When we asked her if she could elaborate on what he had meant by this, she said she presumed that it was just general emotional stress, and
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