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CALL REPORTIssue # 83Document's Author: Dave Montague/ARRB Date Created: 05/22/97Who initiated the call? Review Board's representative in the call: Dave MontagueWorking Press ProjectSubject: 1st conversation w/Richard Harnett re: alleged Castro attempt to kill JFKDescription of the Call _____ Thom Wilborn & I spoke w/a Harnett today who confirmed he once worked for UPI. Harnettworked 1951-1987 wire editor in the San Francisco Bureau of UPI. He's currently retired &publishes a newsletter called "95" (meaning urgent), intended for former UPI personnel ("Unipressers").Harnett was cordial & said the following:-he is not familiar w/such a story (from McCarthy's book) related to UPI-H. Roger Tatarian is dead; widow is "Eunice Tatarian" 5302 N. Colonial Avenue #101, Fresno, CA 93704 (209.446.0446)-he provided the same phone # (413.698.3247) we found for William Sexton (UPI National News Editor in 1962)-he believes that UPI would not have w/held a story at the request of the Govenment unlesshe source(s) were not very credible-believes the Washington, DC Bureau of UPI would certainly have known about any story of such magnitude & the final judgement would have been made by the senior editors in NYC.-UPI's White House Correspondent Merriman Smith (committed suicide in the early 1970's) won a pulitzer prize for his coverage of the JFK assassination; Smith may have written memoires of his career.Harnett will look for the following & contact us:-name of UPI State Dept correspondent during the 1960s-name of possible UPI CIA or other intelligence correspondent during the 1960s-names of other people he'd recommend we speak with-information on Thomas Zumbo (former UPI reporter close to McCarthy in 1962)Richard M. Harnett555 Laurel Avenue, #322San Mateo, CA 94401-4158415.344.6419ssn=501.22.2006; dob= 09.1926

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