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CALL REPORT: PUBLIC DOCUMENTS ACTION: Irene Marr/ARRB Date Created: 07/10/97 The players who initiated the call? Review Board's representative in the call: Irene MarrWitnesses/Consultants's representative in the call: Marty UnderwoodDescription of the Call Date: 07/10/97Subject: Conversation with Marty UnderwoodSummary of the Call:Responding to our earlier efforts to contact him, Mr. Underwood (advance man for Kennedy and Johnson) called back this morning. He first apologized for not responding our letter of June 18th nor followup phone call a week later. Apparently the letter was sent to his son's house who neglected to tell his father about the letter until yesterday. He expressed his willingness to cooperate and went into a few details about his physical health, which could have a bearing on the time and date of the interview. He suggested that we meet at the Sheraton Hotel in Baltimore unless we have another venue in mind. We have tentatively set the date of the interview for Friday, July 18th at 9:00 or 10:00 a.m. He will call back on 7/15 to confirm, after he gets the O.K. from his doctors. Our interest in Underwood is to interview him regarding his trip in 1968 to Mexico City at LBJ's behest to try to explore what Johnson believed to be Castro involvement in Kennedy's assassination. Specifically we want to question him about his discussion with Win Scott and any related matters.He seemed a little surprised that we would want to speak with him, claiming he didn't have anything of interest on the assassination. He explained that the only reason he was in Houston the night before the assassination was that "they were having trouble with the tall Texans" and they wanted him to go down and check it out. He stated that this was the first job he had had for JFK since the campaign. He mentioned that Gus Russo and Seymour Hersch had been to see him but he didn't want to talk with them because the project they are involved with "is going to destroy Kennedy" and he didn't want to be any part of that. He told me that Win Scott didn't say much, so we should be prepared that he will probably be a little closed-mouthed on the subject.He also explained his dealings with Tina Houston at the LBJ Library, expressing some annoyance about her requests for his oral history. (Probably not knowing it was a result of our persistence with Tina.) According to Underwood, about 20 years ago, "they" sent up a couple of "rookies" to take an oral history. He claimed it was never completed and he was not fully satisfied with it but that most of it had to do with his work for Johnson, very little pertained to Kennedy. He has given Tina his verbal consent to release to ARRB only (not anybody else) only those portions which pertain to Kennedy. He will not sign off on the remainder since he's doesn't feel comfortable opening the parts on Johnson "which have nothing to do with Kennedy." Perhaps this is another issue Jeremy can discuss with him. He, understandably, has a narrower view of what is considered relevant or not to the assassination. He agreed to send her a letter authorizing the Record
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