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I think this may provide some good leads. Let me know what you think. TO: Jeremy_Gunn @ jfk-arrb.govcc.
(bcc: Jeremy Gunn/ARRB)From: kathy @ ns1.praxis.net @ INTERNET@WORLDCOM Date: 08/08/97 06:57:11
PMSubject: Roger E. BoyajianDear Jeremy, I have been reviewing my personal files attempting to discover materials that I might hold that are not in the public domain. Following this note is one of several I've found that I will be passing to you. This communique includes my notes on an April 1996 telephone interview with Roger E. Boyajian, the USMC guard who was the NCO in charge of the protecting the morgue during the President's autopsy. The interview was tape recorded and I will be forwarding you a copy of the audio tape of that interview in the very near future. It also includes a retyped copy of the two page report he wrote following the autopsy which he provided to me. I have not seen his report elsewhere in the record. For the little that it is worth - soon after this interview I did a lengthy one with Dr. Robert Karnei and it was his recollection that it WAS him who offered coffee to Boyajian and his men . . . one tiny footnote in history. More will follow during the remainder of the month. Best wishes, Kathy Cunningham
INTERVIEW NOTES OF: Roger E. Boyajian
(pronounced boy - ian) 166 Queens Haven Road Hubert, North Carolina 28539 (910) 326-5911 According to page 8 of the MDW's awards recommendation list obtained from the Ford Library, BOYAJIAN was a Sergeant, USMC, whose duty on the weekend of the assassination was NCO in charge of Bethesda Security Detail assigned to guard the morgue. Boyajian filed a contemporaneous report with the MWD on those activities which does NOT appear to be part of the record - he supplied a copy and the full report (retyped by me) follows my notes on his tape recorded interview. March 27, 1996 11:11 AM Spoke to his wife. He's out laying tile, home sometime after 5 PM. Call any time after that. 5:30 PM Reached Mr. Boyajian -- Provided morgue security -- met body with detail of about 8 men. Told "around 3:30 to 4:00 in the afternoon" that he should report to Bethesda for duty. Tried to keep press out of morgue and the corridor outside of morgue. His detail was "rag-tag," made up of men from different units. Things were very confused. Recalls that a pathologist offered them coffee. (Dr. Karnei told me he offered coffee to the Marine guard - Boyajian does not recall Karnei's name, nor cannot Boyajian recall any name in conjunction with the identity of the coffee offering pathologist.) Boyajian was at morgue from 5:30 to 6:00 pm on Nov. 22nd 1963 until 3:30 pm the following morning. He saw Jackie come down at end of autopsy. Heard no comments from inside the morgue. Only familiar face he saw was Jackie -- at end of autopsy only. Didn't ever use the phone in the ante-room. No log was kept by him or his men as to who entered the morgue. They let in anyone who was escorted in by staff. Got the award he was nominated for by MDW. Made contemporaneous notes -- brief two page after-action-report -- which covered who was involved

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