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Though she does not say it, Ms. Porter's April 19 letter appears to be based chiefly on the LaFontaine book which -- as we've already discussed -- contains substantial factual errors inasmuch as they allege (citing Col. Robt. Jones' HSCA testimony) that army intelligence agent Edward J. Coyle was responsible for presidential protection on November 22, 1963. Jones' testimony does not actually say that; Jones was never Coyle's commanding officer (as Ms. Porter alleges); Jones misrepresented (or misremembered) his own duty position at the time of the assassination in his testimony to the HSCA (he was the 112th's intelligence officer in San Antonio, not its operations officer); and Coyle himself has told us that he had nothing to do with presidential security before, during or after November 22. That being the case, there can be no surviving records of "agent Coyle's reports as army liason [sic] for presidential protection on November 22, 1963" because there were never any to begin with. It is possible that there are some records somewhere relating to the Nonte/Masen investigation, though not necessarily from Coyle. (While Coyle happened to perform liaison with law enforcement agencies as part of his security duties, one should keep in mind that intelligence agents don't do criminal investigations.) I think a more fruitful line will be to look for Army CID (Criminal Investigation Division) records, as CID would have been the agency actually investigating the theft of weapons, etc. (CID agents are essentially the plainclothes detectives who back up the Military Police.) I've already tasked Brian Rosen to start looking for such records at IRR, etc. We'll see what we can turn up.

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