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Subject: Canadian Broadcasting Corporation interview tapes

The CBC interview tapes do not seem to be out at Archives II; they are not listed in the audio-visual index in Room 400, and the various personnel I spoke with (among them Bill Lewis, but others as well) have no clue about them, and don't believe the tapes to be part of the collection. Reviewing the limited number of documents my search came up with on this subject, it would appear that the television documentary aired sometime between 11/21/77 and 1/23/78 (probably closer to the former). From the HSCA OCR notes you gave me, it looks like Mary Ferrell received, not a copy of the documentary itself, but audio cassette recordings -- unedited -- of the 25 interviews the CBC conducted in preparing the documentary. The documentary's producer was Brian McKenna; the associate producer Susan Farkas. Suzanna Plowright is another CBC name associated with the project. In 1978 Susan Farkas' phone number in Montreal was (514) 285-2860. The Archives II collection does contain a transcript of one of the interviews -- W. DeBruey's (File # 89-69-4706, Record Number 124-10259-10313, Box 194, JFK Collection, FBI Field Office N.O. 89-69). This is a transcript DeBruey made himself after listening to the CBC's tape of their interview of him; he made it for the purpose of submitting it to the Bureau for their files. Apparently, the documentary referenced the Canadian Department of Defense's review of both the Zapruder film and the Neely St. photographs -- the Canadian DOD's conclusions being that the Zapruder film showed that the fatal shot came from the front and that the Neely St. photographs were forgeries. According to an HSCA OCR with producer McKenna, the Canadian DOD did not/would not issue a written report on their review. The Canadian DOD contact for McKenna was a Major John Pickard, Commanding Officer of Canadian Forces Photographic Unit, Rockcliffe, Ottawa, phone (613) 993-2237). There is a HSCA RIF for a letter from the Canadian Defense Minister to HSCA relative to their work -- all of which is a separate issue than the interview tapes, of course. Finally, I came across two HSCA OCR's concerning an alleged earlier CBC report on the assassination, and a claim that there were two CBC reporters in Dealey Plaza. A CBC official denied this. I have copies of some of these OCR's; if you want them, let me know. One document (003896, Box 84, an HSCA OCR with CBC) was not in the file out at Archives II, but could presumably be procured downtown.

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