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Principal activities of military/medical team:1. Conducted interview with Mr. Joseph E. Hagan of Gawler's funeral home on May 17. Mr. Hagan supervised the morticians who did embalming on President Kennedy, and acted as liaison with MDW for funeral preparations.2. Conducted interview with Dr. Robert Karnei on May 21. Dr. Karnei was a second-year resident at Bethesda Naval Hospital who was present during part of JFK's autopsy and who performed various administrative tasks related to security, morgue access, etc.3. Started a research project on Operation Big Lift using primarily IU intern Christopher Hahn. Chris is assembling news accounts from Library of Congress, as well as historical records from US Army Center of Military History for a thorough assessment of scope and nature of Big Lift. (Oliver Stone's film JFK alleges a sinister connection between movement of troops during Big Lift and the assassination of the president.)4. Continue to search microfilm records from Pentagon Telecommunications Center for relevant records.5. Due to departure of Dennis Quinn and Doug's full-time role working on medical evidence, Chris Barger is now working primarily on the military team. His first assignment is to try to arrange a news story with Army Times, Navy Times, and Air Force Times about ARRB and its search for military records. This will not only give some visibility to ARRB efforts within the military community, it may also lead to telephonic contacts of people involved in key military activities (e.g. duty at National Military Command Center in the Pentagon) on the day of the assassination.
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