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Subject: Calls to Bethesda and AFIP
Pursuant to our discussions at yesterday's military team meeting, I have made the following calls. AFIP: The outfit at AFIP which would be applicable to what we are looking for is the Otis Historical Archives, which is part of the National Museum of Health and Medicine at AFIP. I called the only number I could locate, namely the Director of the National Museum of Health and Medicine (the message on his voice mail sounded like "Robert Gohler or Kholer," phone number (202) 782-2688), and left a voice mail for him (since he will not return to work until September 3) explaining that we would like to examine any files in the Otis Archive pertaining to the Kennedy Assassination. I know for a fact that they used to have something, because the author of the Finck article in the October 7, 1992 JAMA article, Dennis Breo, indicated that he obtained his copy of Dr. Finck's Blumberg report (via FOIA) from the Otis Historical Archives. When Mr. Gohler (sp?) returns my call (hopefully the week of September 3), I will find out from him whether he has any files which we can review in person. Bethesda: I spoke to a Chief Petty Officer in the Deputy Director's office, and he referred me to the patient care record office for requests pertaining to archival matters. I spoke to a LT Swain at (301) 295-6620, explained our mission and that our goal was to find new records and deposit them in the Archives in compliance with our legislative mandate. He said that they did have special VIP files "somewhere," and that he would discuss the matter with his boss. I explained that we are well aware of all the official reports published in the Warren Report, etc. (such as autopsy protocol and supplementary report), but that we are particularly interested in things other people might not even think are important, such as morgue log books, tissue and pathology section logbooks, memoranda, notes, etc. He understands that the point is that if they have a file drawer full of anything at all on the JFK autopsy, or an archived box in some storage site, that this is the kind of material we would be interested in reviewing. I asked him to call me back within a week or two after he has a chance to investigate. NOTE: Tim, I just realized I may have slightly exceeded the specific instructions you gave me, which was to provide you with phone numbers of administrative record keepers. It was kind of hard to draw the line... it required a bit of legwork just to get anything meaningful at all from the military operator, and then to shuck off some of the bad numbers the operators gave me (you know the drill). Just to be able to give you the numbers you wanted (which are provided above), I had to do a minimum of explaining and presenting to make sure I was in the right ball park. I suppose that if or when it is time for a meeting with either of the above parties, we will go together the first (only?) time so that you can show the flag at the desired level of corporate responsibility. My gut feel for this one is that if anything is still held by either activity, we will be able to dispose of it with our "first" (and last) courtesy call-type visit. END

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