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Subject: Meeting w/ NARA's Electronic Records Branch to assess HSCA digital data tapes

Interview REPORT Issue # 68Document's Author: Dave Montague/ARRB Date Created: 08/26/96Summary of the Interview Topic: Meeting w/ NARA's Electronic Records Branch to assess HSCA digital data tapesZapruder Issue & Dallas Project The HSCA arranged for several image analysis projects to be conducted through contracts under the US Dept of Energy in the late 1970s. The Los Alamos Lab, Jet Proportion Lab, Aerospace Corporation & possibly others carried out analysis of films photos, x-rays & other materials. After the HSCA's investigation, some of the Los Alamos employees made data tapes of the digital images on 10 & 1/4 inch reels which they believed they sent to NARA. All of the original digitization work was on those tapes." according to Dr. Donald Janney who was one of the team leaders during these projects. Since this original imagery & other data from the HSCA is not currently readable, it has never been fully available/usable for public use. On 08/22/96, a meeting was held within NARA's Electronic Records Branch which included the following people: David Marwell, Chet Rhodes, David Montague, Tom Brown & Ross Cameron. Tom & Ross provided access to the tapes as well as their documentation. The bulk of the documentation deals w/ imagery of: JFK's autopsy photos (not enhancements which they originally thought), x-rays, Zapruder film frames, Nix frames, Willis, Bell, Hughes, Muchmore, Powell, Milteer/Altgens film, LHO photo, LHO chin/neck, O'Conner, Dillard & Secret Service film frames. Tom & Ross provided copies of their documentation which Chet will review re: any possible data transfer. We did a cursory review of the documentation which included assessing whether the data can be transferred onto a usable format for the Collection. We also conducted a physical inspection of the 43 tapes & most of the them have labels indicating the tapes were once the property of the Aerospace Corporation. They also had reels of tape re: telephone call records of Jack Ruby which show such items as: date, caller, destination of call, time, etc... Tom & Ross are open to providing this data to the Review Board in an electronic format at a future time. Tom Brown's phone # is 301-713-6630 & he's in room # 5320

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