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CALL REPORT: PUBLIC DOCUMENTS ACTION: DOUGLAS HORNE/ARRB Date Created: 10/07/96 THE PLAYERS
Description of the Call Date: 10/07/96 Subject: Dave Montague and Doug Horne Called Carl Belcher Summary
of the Call: Following up on a basic ARRB/JFK Act information package sent to Mr. Belcher late in July, 1996,
Mr. Montague and I called him to attempt to set up an interview for the purposes of clarifying the record of
the crucial events (re: autopsy material deed-of-gift) in which he was involved in November, 1966. We were
hoping to arrange a date for an in-person ARRB interview with him sometime during October, 1996, and were
willing to schedule the interview at a site of his choosing, namely, either at his home, or at ARRB
offices. Initially we called his home. His wife did not seem to remember her previous contact with Mr.
Montague last July. After reexplaining ARRB's mission and our purpose, she stated her husband was "at the
office," and suggested we call him at his office number. (What type of employment was never explained.) We
next called his office, at approximately 10:45 A.M. this date. He was initially hostile and uncooperative with
Mr. Montague, saying at first that he wasn't sure of who we were, and that he didn't have anything to say;
later in his conversation with Mr. Montague, he admitted that he knew very well what our agency was, and
wanted to know what our areas of interest were "right now," and indicated his desire to hear what our
inquiries were on-the-spot. At this point, Mr. Montague passed the telephone to me so that I could discuss the
general subject matter in which we were interested with Mr. Belcher. From the very beginning Mr. Belcher
was defensive, hostile, and disrespectful with me as well. Highlights of our conversation follow:-When he
asked what we wanted with him, I explained that as part of our attempts to clarify the record, we wanted to
ask him about his involvement with the inventory of the JFK autopsy materials in November 1966. He burst
into loud and uproarious laughter, and stated that I was asking about an event that happened 30 years ago,
and then stated that he didn't even know what we were talking about. -I attempted to jog his memory by
reminding him that he was present on 11/1/66 at the National Archives when Dr. Humes, Dr. Boswell, Dr.
Ebersole and Mr. Stringer inventoried the JFK autopsy materials. He then did admit that he had met with Dr.
Humes at the Archives, but made remarks indicating that he had nothing to talk about, saying that he did not
remember anything about the event. -I explained that often times, when people involved in events years ago
are able to sit down and review documents which they wrote, or with which they were involved, the
documents serve as a memory aide, and people are often able to remember much more than they had
originally thought they would. For example, I told him that he had written a memorandum on 11/22/66
recording various details of his involvement with the deed-of-gift inventory of the autopsy materials, and that
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