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Subject: Preliminary Interview of Dr. James B. Rhoads re: 1966 inventory of JFK autopsy photos & x-rays

CALL REPORT Issue # 43Document's Author: Dave Montague/ARRB Date Created: 10/29/96Who initiated the call? Review Board's representative in the call: Dave Montague1966 Inventory of JFK Autopsy Photos & X-RaysSubject: Preliminary Interview of Dr. James B. Rhoads re: 1966 inventory of JFK autopsy photos & x-raysDescription of the Call I left a message for Rhoads and was contacted the next day by him. He confirmed he's the same Rhoads who was the Assistant Archivist of the US in 1966 & later became the Archivist of the US. He also confirmed he was present at the inventory. Rhoads was found at the Washington State Archives where he is an employee. Rhoads was apologetic for not returning my call on the same day & said he is somewhat familiar w/ the Review Board. To ensure his understanding of our purpose, I explained the nature of the Board & our search for records which are to be placed w/in the Collection. Rhoads said he feels he has sufficient recollection (given the fact that the inventory was 30 years ago) in order to answer questions we may have. I asked if he remembered Carl Belcher from that event as well as Harold Reis. Rhoads remembers Belcher & said he seems to recall Belcher only once re: the inventory. He seems to recall Reis as the senior DOJ official involved w/ the inventory. Rhoads was interviewed (perhaps 3 years ago) by a person who represented himself as an investigative reporter w/the Wall Street Journal. They conversed for several hours & the primary focus of this person (whose name Rhoads doesn't remember) was on the disposition of JFK's brain. Rhoads suggests that the article (if published) may be of interest to the Review Board, but he never received a copy either. I told him I'd send him some explanatory material about the Review Board, verified his information & thanked him for his time. He said to feel free to contact him again re: any questions.Dr. James B. Rhoads3613 Illinois LaneBellingham, WA 98226360-676-1235=h; 360-650-3125 (or 7747)=w-ssn=449328939

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