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Subject: Dave Montague and Douglas Horne Called Homer A. McMahon (Modified on June 13, 1997)
CALL REPORT: PUBLIC DOCUMENTS ACTION: DOUGLAS HORNE/ARRB Date Created: 06/12/97 THE PLAYERS
Description of the Call Date: 06/12/97 Subject: Dave Montague and Douglas Horne Called Homer A. McMahon
(Modified on June 13, 1997) Summary of the Call: [See Contact Profile for details on how this individual was
located.] Dave Montague located Mr. McMahon and initiated telephonic contact on June 9, 1997; I was invited
to participate in the interview as the staff member most interested in, and most familiar with, the NPIC
working notes of their analysis of the Zapruder film. The following is a summary of the independent
recollections of Mr. McMahon made during ARRB's cursory, initial assessment interview. Comments are not
verbatim unless in quotations: -He was the Head of NPIC's color lab in 1963. At that time NPIC was no longer in
NW Washington above Steuart Motors (where it was during the Cuban Missile Crisis), but had relocated to
BLDG 213 in the Washington Navy Yard, following a quick 90-day renovation of a warehouse with no windows
directed by Robert Kennedy. McMahon was careful to clarify that he was an employee of NPIC in 1963, not
the CIA, and that the CIA only "paid his salary." -McMahon did recall the Zapruder film analysis in some detail,
and confirmed ARRB's understanding that the analysis (of which frames in which shots struck occupants of the
limousine) was performed at the request of the Secret Service. He recalled that a Secret Service agent named
"Bill Smith" personally brought the film over to NPIC, and that the personnel involved in the analysis were
himself (McMahon), Bill Smith of the USSS, and a third person whose name McMahon would not reveal to us
during the interview "because he is still current." -TIMING: McMahon thought that the analysis had occurred
only "1 or 2 days" after the assassination; he also recalled that there was a great sense of urgency regarding
the desired product, and that he had to "work all night long" to complete the required work (described
below). At one point he said he thought he had gone into work about 1 A.M. to commence the analysis; later
he corrected himself and said that perhaps it was more like 8 P.M., but that in any case he was sure that the
work occurred after normal working hours, required him to return to work, and that the analysis went on all
night long. -McMahon never used the name Zapruder film during the interview; he repeatedly referred to the
film in question as an "amateur movie" of the assassination brought to NPIC by the Secret Service. -
PROVENANCE OF THE FILM: McMahon stated that Secret Service agent Bill Smith claimed he had personally
picked up the film from the amateur who had exposed it, had flown it to Rochester for developing, and had
then couriered it to Washington, DC to NPIC for analysis and for the creation of photographic briefing boards,
using still photographic prints enlarged from selected individual frames of the movie. After twice mentioning
Rochester as the site where the film was developed, Dave Montague (in an attempt to specify whether
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