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NEWS RELEASE FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE AUGUST 12, 1997/255CONTACT: EILEEN SULLIVAN(202) 724-0088, EXT. 253ASSASSINATION RECORDS REVIEW BOARD RELEASES A.P. WIRE COPY DETAILING KENNEDY ASSASSINATION, OSWALD SHOOTING, JFK FUNERALThe Assassination Records Review Board announced today that it is releasing the minute-by-minute account contained in the Associated Press (A.P.) wire copy of the events of November 22 through November 26, 1963, chronicling the first news reports of the shooting of President John F. Kennedy in Dallas, the arrest of Lee Harvey Oswald, Jack Ruby shooting Oswald, and the funeral of President Kennedy.The wire copy was donated by Richard Barnes, a former A.P. reporter. Barnes was assigned to A.P.'s San Francisco Bureau at the time of the assassination of President Kennedy. A few weeks after the assassination, he asked the news editor if he could have the A.P. wire copy from November 22 through November 26, when it was time to be thrown out. The news editor agreed. Barnes took possession of the wire copy approximately one month after the assassination and has had the materials ever since.Barnes has donated a complete copy of the wire reports to the Review Board for inclusion in The President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection (JFK Collection) at the National Archives and Records Administration. Barnes still has the original wire copy that was received by teletypewriter in the A.P. San Francisco Bureau newsroom."The Associated Press wire copy is a very valuable addition to the JFK Collection at the National Archives," said Dr. Anna K. Nelson, a member of the Review Board. "This material, which recounts all of the events of those tragic days in November 1963 as they became known and were reported to the world, will allow future generations to share in the unfolding drama of those terrible few days."The A.P. wire copy begins on the morning of Friday, November 22nd with a series of stories unrelated to President Kennedy's trip to Dallas. A story on Vietnam states that "Administration officials who met in Honolulu two days ago with American diplomatic and military leaders from South Vietnam agreed cautiously that things are going reasonably well so far." Another item discusses popular entertainer Vaughn Meader's desire to "get away from Kennedy impersonations." A report out of Washington announces that Congress had granted President Kennedy "the record-breaking \$315 billion national debt ceiling he asked for the next seven months." Then a bulletin flashes at 12:39 p.m.:BULLETIN DALLAS, NOV. 22 (AP)-PRESIDENT KENNEDY WAS SHOT TODAY JUST AS HIS MOTORCADE LEFT DOWNTOWN DALLAS. MRS. KENNEDY JUMPED UP AND GRABBED MR. KENNEDY. SHE CRIED, OH, NO! THE MOTORCADE SPED ON. Reports continue to come out of Dallas regarding the shooting. Later, there is the first report that the President is dead:FLASH DALLAS-- PRESIDENT KENNEDY DIED AT 1:00 P.M. (CST)Soon there is a report with the first description of a Record
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