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CALL REPORTDocument's Author: Irene Marr/ARRB Date Created: 04/30/98 The Players Description of the Call Date: 04/30/98Subject: Usher Logs and Evelyn Lincoln PapersSummary of the Call:I followed up with Stephanie Fawcett this morning regarding the question of the USSS logs and White House Usher logs kept for the Kennedy administration. The Library maintains that it has opened all relevant USSS records and transferred them to the JFK collection at NARA. This set of records consists of White House Police logs, post logs and attachments. I checked with NARA and they have verified that they have such records. When I asked about the usher logs, which would have been White House records as opposed to Secret Service, Stephanie checked with Will Johnson who stated that JFKL never received logs of that nature when the White House records were transferred, but indicated that this type of log would have been transferred directly from the White House to the appropriate presidential library. We then discussed the possibility of Evelyn Lincoln having taken possession of them. According to Stephanie, Evelyn Lincoln did not turn over everything to the Library and since her record keeping was haphazard we can't really rely on on what she did record as being a comprehensive or even accurate source. I also discussed the 11/22/63 and 12/2/63 entries from Lincoln's appointment books which appear to document instructions she received from RFK to take the "tapes home for safekeeping." Stephanie believes the reference is to the tapes that the JFKL has now, but cannot be 100% certain due to the unreliability of Lincoln's record-keeping to begin with. Fawcett observed that, when she did her analysis of Lincoln's books, Mrs. Lincoln started noting telephone conversations in 1962 and both telephone conversations and meetings in 1963. In addition, Fawcett observed the following discrepancies: 1)the Library has recordings that Lincoln did not list; 2)Lincoln's notes indicated antoher 25 conversations and meeting tapes that the Library does not have; and 3) there appears to be an entire month of the dictabelts of meetings that is missing which she believes was June '63. Fawcett speculates that Lincoln also had things (or took them) that she did not record. JFKL does not believe Bob White came forth with everything.

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