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The Bethesda Archives have no autopsy reports...nothing whatsoever from the morgue. All they maintain are inpatient records. The person I spoke to said she had no idea what the disposition instructions were for morgue and laboratory logbooks, and that was immediately after she told me that she was the expert. The morgue falls under the Bethesda Laboratories (remember--Humes was the Director of Laboratories), and the Bethesda Archives hold nothing from the laboratories. At this point the only thing I can think to do would be to call the Bethesda Lab and ask them what the disposition instructions were in 1963 for the retention of logbooks. I shall do so. To: Douglas Horne/ARRBcc: Tim Wray/ARRB, David Marwell/ARRB From: Jeremy Gunn/ARRB Date: 09/06/96 06:01:10 AM Subject: Re: Search for JFK Autopsy Records I think we might want to pursue this further. Does the Bethesda Archives have information on other autopsies performed around the same time? (e.g. by Humes/photos by Stringer.) Does it have log books, even if JFK is not entered? Where are the log books? Etc. To: Tim Wray/ARRBcc: Jeremy Gunn/ARRB, David Marwell/ARRB From: Douglas Horne/ARRB Date: 09/05/96 12:18:19 PM Subject: Search for JFK Autopsy Records CALL REPORT Document's Author: Douglas Horne/ARRB Date Created: 09/05/96 The Players Description of the Call Date: 09/05/96 Subject: Search for JFK Autopsy Records Summary of the Call: Ms. Dinsmore told me that as medical records manager, she is responsible for all inpatient records at Bethesda--she runs the Bethesda "archives." She said that any and all records once held by Bethesda pertaining to the autopsy on President Kennedy were transferred to the National Archives long ago. She said she not only has nothing now, but never did hold anything in her archive. She explained that laboratory records (the morgue is part of the laboratory at Bethesda) never go to her archive for storage, and that for this reason, the Bethesda archive would never have held any records pertaining to the President's autopsy. I asked her what the disposition instructions were for items such as morgue log books, and tissue pathology log books. She said that to her knowledge there were no disposition instructions for those materials. I asked her who at Bethesda would be best equipped to answer questions as to what BMS policy once was in regard to disposition instructions for those materials, and she said she was. She further opined that she did not think any tissue sections taken at the President's autopsy would have been logged anyway--not for a VIP case like that--but that instead, it would have received special (meaning unlogged) and expedited handling. END

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