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CALL REPORT: PUBLIC Do you think we should pursue Joe O'Donnell as a lead re: information on autopsy
photography and the Zapruder film? Document's Author: Douglas Horne/ARRB Date Created: 09/27/96
The Players Description of the Call
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me today to tell me that he is very interested in the HSCA deposition of Robert Knudsen, which is now a public
document. He wanted to know if we were aware of that document, and what we were doing in regard to
Knudsen's allegations that he was involved in developing autopsy photographs. I told him that we were well
aware of the HSCA Knudsen deposition, but that as a policy we were not permitted to comment in regard to
our ongoing efforts at ARRB. He then proceeded to give me a lead regarding the Knudsen matter which I
believe ARRB has not yet received. Dr. Robertson said that a physician friend of his knows a resident of
Nashville, Tennessee named Joe O'Donnell who was a White House photographer in 1963. Although Dr.
Robertson has not yet spoken himself with Joe O'Donnell, the hearsay from his friend which he relayed to me
is that: Joe O'Donnell has reportedly said that Robert Knudsen showed him some autopsy photographs of
President Kennedy, and that one showed a photograph of the President's head with a hole evident, and
another showed a photograph of the President's head without a hole evident. Reportedly, Joe O'Donnell has
specific recollections of what some of the autopsy photographs portrayed. (In light of allegations of missing
autopsy photographs, Dr. Robertson felt these recollections may be of interest to the ARRB.) O'Donnell has
reportedly vouched for the credibility of Robert Knudsen. Joe O'Donnell has reportedly said that he was the
person who showed the Zapruder film to Jacqueline Kennedy; reportedly, he has said that she told him she
was not trying to escape from the car, but rather was trying to retrieve part of the President's head from the
trunk of the limousine. Further hearsay reportedly recounted by Mr. O'Donnell is that JBK did not want
people to see the President's head explode, and as a result O'Donnell has reportedly stated that he removed
part of the film. (This part of the hearsay is particularly vague, and I emphasize that it is hearsay.) Dr.
Robertson indicated it is unclear whether O'Donnell claims he removed frames only from the copy she was
watching, or from all versions of the Zapruder film. The critical point Dr. Robertson was making about Joe
O'Donnell was that he personally spoke with Robert Knudsen about autopsy photos (and viewed same), and
he personally projected the Zapruder film for Jacqueline Kennedy, and spoke with her about that piece of film.
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