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Subject: Re: ARRB Staff Called Marian Ebersole
GOOD REPORT. I see no need to pursue anything further with her. DOES anyone have a different opinion?
To: Jeremy Gunn/ARRBcc: David Marwell/ARRB, Michelle Combs/ARRB From: Douglas Horne/ARRB
Date: 03/28/97 06:09:41 PMSubject: ARRB Staff Called Marian EbersoleCALL REPORT: PUBLICDocument's
Author: Douglas Horne/ARRB Date Created: 03/28/97 The Players
Who initiated the call? Review Board's representative in the call: Douglas Horne and Michelle
CombsWitnesses/Consultants's representative in the call: Marian EbersoleDescription of the Call
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Marian Ebersole, wife of deceased JFK autopsy radiologist John Ebersole, to ask whether she had any records
related to the autopsy, or recorded notes or recollections of her husband regarding events at the autopsy, or
autopsy findings. She said he left no professional papers, notes, journals, or diary entries related to President
Kennedy's autopsy. She did say, however, that he had frequently talked about the autopsy, and although she
said he never spoke of specifics (such as wound locations, or number or type of x-rays taken), that he would
frequently repeat that he was convinced Oswald, acting alone, had killed the President, and that the Warren
Commission was correct. He would often say that there were too many people in the morgue during the
autopsy, and that certainly some mistakes were made, but that the autopsy report was still correct and the
Warren Commission still "got it right." She could not provide details on what he meant by the phrase
"mistakes were made," but presumed he was referring to the prosecutors, and not to his own work as
consulting radiologist. She said he would often relay the same two anecdotal accounts to friends of the
family: -He said that he wasted a lot of time taking extra x-rays of the body looking for a bullet, until about 2 or
3 or 4 o'clock in the morning, when the Dallas doctors told them at Bethesda that a bullet had been found on a
stretcher at Parkland, and that "things then made more sense." (She could provide no more specifics than
that.) -He would also often tell a story about how he had gone to the White House some time after the
assassination (her impression was "years later--about the time the Kennedy Center was built") to view x-rays
of President Kennedy taken at the autopsy, and had drawn pencil lines on an x-ray of the skull because
someone was going to build a bust of President Kennedy for the Kennedy Center and his job was to determine
the size of the skull. He repeatedly said that his pencil lines and associated measurements re: magnification
factors in the x-rays had never been used, and that instead the President's hat size had been used by the bust-
makers to determine the actual size of the President's head. He was aware that conspiracy theorists thought
his pencil lines on the head x-ray were trajectory lines for bullets which struck the head, and while he
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