

*Transcript of ARRB Interview with Edward J. Coyle*  
*conducted July 29, 1996 by Tim Wray*  
*ARRB staff present: Wray, Montague, Zimmerman, Barger, Gunn*

*Wray:* I'm Tim Wray, and I'm an analyst for the Assassination Records Review Board. I'm talking with Mr. Edward J. Coyle; and Mr. Coyle, you understand that we're taping our conversation now?

*Coyle:* I do.

*Wray:* Okay. Sir, let me just get some preliminary information. At the time of the assassination of President Kennedy in November of 1963, do you recall what rank you held in the United States Army?

*Coyle:* Yeah, I was a warrant officer.

*Wray:* Okay. And what were your duties at that time?

*Coyle:* I was the head of our... what we referred to as the security section. We'd turn around and provided [sic] security services to Army units in the area, and did security inspections and made sure that they adhered to the Army regulations in regards to the handling of classified information, and so on and so forth.

*Wray:* Now when you say you were the head of the security section, were there other people that worked on that with you?

*Coyle:* Oh, yes. Yeah, I... well, I-- understand that I worked in there. Steve Weiss was a lieutenant, was my boss.

*Wray:* Okay.

*Coyle:* He was the head of it, okay? And then I worked in there with him. One of my other duties-- I should say, one of *our* other duties, but I found that I was doing most of the work-- was maintaining liaison relationships with the other investigative agencies in the area. Now, this included the FBI, and the... we had a very close working relationship with the intelligence section of the Dallas Police Department. And, well, ONI and all the other agencies there.

*Wray:* Okay. As a warrant officer-- I'm a retired Army colonel-- what was your MOS, or

specialty, then?

*Coyle:* My specialty was Army Intelligence.

*Wray:* Okay. I happened to see part of your military record-- we were recently in St. Louis, looking through a number of records there; do I understand correctly that-- I think it was earlier in 1963-- that you'd previously been enlisted, and then just became a warrant officer around that period of time?

*Coyle:* That's true. That was-- in fact, I was a transfer into... I was an E-6, and I had orders to go to England. And... let's see... gee, we're talking sixty-three now, yes?

*Wray:* Yes.

*Coyle:* But anyhow... in 1960, I had submitted papers to become a warrant officer, and no one ever said anything to me. And then all of a sudden, in 1963, right after I was advised that I was going to go to England, I got another-- I got a telephone call from Washington, DC, that said I was a warrant officer. I said, "Oh, well that's great." They said, "Well, now you can't go to England anymore, because that was an E-6 slot, and now you're a warrant officer." So, that was what caused me to be trans-- at that time, I was in Abilene, Texas. And my making warrant officer caused my transfer to Dallas, Texas.