

1. Antarctica Trip.

Background summary: Prouty was sent to Antarctica in November 1963 as the military escort for a group of VIP's. The assassination occurred while Prouty was out of the country. Prouty has previously asserted that he detected a CIA-inspired "cover story" in the early news accounts he saw of the assassination, including those in a special issue of the *Christchurch Star*, which he claimed had to have been planted because wire service reports on the assassination could not have gone out quickly enough to be in place for the *Star* special edition. Prouty has theorized in writing that his trip to Antarctica may have had the sinister motive of getting him out of the way in Washington while plans went forward to assassinate President Kennedy. These allegations are repeated in the Oliver Stone film JFK.

Statements in ARRB Interview:

Trip to Antarctica was not unusual because Prouty had worked *"at least as far back as 1959 with the organization that works underneath the White House on Antarctic projects. . . . It was a duty I had to work Antarctica, of course not regularly, but when something came up."*
[Source: ARRB Prouty Interview, Tape 1, Side 1, 24:15]

Was trip sinister? *"Oh, no. I'd been working with them since 1959. It was so routine for them to call me, I didn't give it a second thought. . . . It's the military custom to put an escort officer on board."* [ARRB Prouty Interview, Tape 2, Side 1, 1:08]

"And even afterwards, when I heard people extrapolating in that sense—thinking that it wasn't my job—they didn't know I'd already been working with Antarctica people since 1959." [ARRB Prouty Interview, Tape 2, Side 1, 1:52]

[See if we can insert some more stuff here where he responded in the negative to questions about whether he saw/heard anything suspicious after he returned from Antarctica.]

Allegation 2: [Newspaper story]