

Transcript of ARRB Interview with Edward J. Coyle
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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.

Wray: I see. In fact, it's interesting [that] you mention that-- I had previously seen a roster from the Dallas regional office for the 112th--

Coyle: Yeah.

Wray: -- that showed you as being, I guess the, the lone agent in the Abilene office. Now this was as of--

Coyle: Yeah.

Wray: -- sometime in 1962.

Coyle: That's true.

Wray: And then when you became a warrant officer, then you moved back to Dallas?

Coyle: That's right.

Wray: Okay. I think the way to proceed, at this point, would be to, for me to ask you to

just recount your experiences, your recollections, of what happened on the 22nd of November, and I know you discussed this earlier with Mr. Montague, but sort of for the record if you would just go over that again.

Coyle: Well I-- I have to go back to a few days before that.

Wray: Alright.

Coyle: Okay.-- Just to tell you when properly. There was a-- I received some instructions from our headquarters to do an agency check on a guy that I no longer remember his name, okay?

Wray: Uh-huh.

Coyle: And it had to do-- I later found out...what it was all about. There was...somebody tried to... tried to get a captain-- I believe it was in Fort Worth, Texas-- a captain that worked in the army. They tried to get some weapons from him. It was somebody in the Dallas area.

Wray: Yes.

Coyle: Okay? And these weapons were allegedly to be used...I think for the...for the...Cuban exiles. Okay?

Wray: Yes.

Coyle: Now, when I turned around and I did this investigation, I-- the reason-- I just did a local agency check on him, I-- and well, this includes the FBI and the FBI said that they had no information in regards to this guy. Now I did not go to...Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Division of the Secret Service because (*unintelligible*) and nobody at our headquarters had told me what this investigation was about.

Wray: Right.

Coyle: Okay. Afterwards, and we're talking...well right before, right before the 22nd I found out that this investigation-- what had happened was that the FBI and Army Intelligence had set up a clandestine investigation to trace this sucker who is doing business with a...with a firearms store in Dallas, Texas. Okay?

Wray: Yes.

Coyle: Now, when unbeknownst of Army Intelligence in the FBI think they've got a clandestine operation going, right?

Wray: Yes.

Coyle: However, ATF in Dallas, Texas turns around and arrests the guy that we are interested in (*pause*) and it blew the case wide open. In other words, no one told [the] Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms division of the Secret Service that we were using this guy as a...well, we had the investigation going to try and find out where the arms were going and who was trying to get 'em and, you know, the whole ball of wax..

Wray: Right.

Coyle: So anyhow, once I found out that we screwed up an investigation, I was angry with the FBI because they said they didn't have any records of this guy and I was angry with my headquarters because they didn't tell me what the hell was going on, (*pause*) and then I was also perturbed with ATF because they blew the investigation. So I had turned around arranged a meeting between-- I cannot remember the man's name-- at ATF. Jim Hosty of the FBI, myself, and this representative of ATF met at ATF offices in Dallas, Texas the morning of the 22nd. Okay?

Wray: Yes.

Reich: When--and my main purpose-- you probably know being a member [that] there's an awful lot of jealousy that is, that is tied up with each agent--

Wray: Right.

Reich: -- and I don't give a damn what-- there's no way in the world that you can stop it. And I told these guys that I wasn't interested in any of that, I wasn't interested in-- I said I just want to know what we can do to prevent something like this from happening in the future.

Wray: Right.

Coyle: Okay? So anyhow there was a...kind of a mutual understanding between our three agencies as a result of this meeting at least right there in the Dallas area. Anyway, so when, when this meeting broke up...Jim Hosty and I-- you know and I can't fi-- I can't remember the names of the damn streets, but the ATF office was only a couple of blocks from my own office, and my, our office was at 902 Rio Grande, in the Rio Grande building, which was just off of the corner Rio Grande and Main where the,

you know, where the motorcade came down.

Wray: Right.

Coyle: So, when we left, when Jim Hosty and I left the ATF office, we walked up the street together. Now when we went we went down there from the street it had been pouring, and when we turned around and walked up, the sun was out. Okay?

Wray: Yes.

Coyle: And I mentioned to Jim Hosty you know, I said, "This guy Kennedy is amazing," I said. "It's just like he said to the Lord, 'Pull down a curtain.'" And on-- you know, he pulled down a shade. One side of the street it was raining and on the other side of the street it was sunny. But anyhow, as we were walking up the street I said-- well, we got to Main Street. We had to cross Main Street.

Wray: Right.

Coyle: I looked up the street and you could see the motorcade coming. So I said to Jim Hosty, I said, "Jimmy do you want to stop and watch the president go by?" He says, 'No.' He said (sic) 'I've got some business that I've got to do.' Oh, and he had to go to the bank. It was right around lunchtime anyhow. But, I stayed there on the corner on Rio Grande and Main and as the motorcade came by, the people behind me made a surge and I got pushed out into the street. And I'm telling you Mr. Wray, if I had stuck my right arm straight out-- I would-- I was so close to Kennedy's car that I'd have hit him right in the head. (*Wray laughs*) The car almost ran over my feet.

Wray: That's pretty close!

Coyle: That was-- I-- that is no lie. And soon I never even-- I was so interested in seeing him, that I never saw Lyndon B. Johnson, [and] I never saw Connally. I didn't even see *Jackie*. I was only interested in seeing *President Kennedy*. And that's the only person that I saw. And the thought went through my mind as I looked at him just as the motorcade came by what an unusually large head he had for the size of his body. And as soon as the motorcade left, I turn (sic) around and walked a half a block up the street, entered the building, and met my...met my boss, Steve Weiss. We rode up the elevator to our office together and he asked me if I had been to lunch and I said, "No." I said, "But I want to drop some stuff off," I says (sic) "and then I can go to lunch." So we went up there and when we walked into the office...the radio was on and the news was on. And all of the sudden, the radio went blank, and it stayed blank for quite awhile and we didn't know what the hell had happened. And...our

telephone rang, and I can remember Steve Weiss picking up the telephone, and one of our agents was in the School Book Depository building, and he said that the president had been shot. And Steve Weiss like to went berserk (sic).

Wray: Do you recall who that agent was?

Coyle: No, I don't.

Wray: Could it have been Sergeant James Powell?

Coyle: It might have been.

Wray: Okay.

Coyle: I'm not sure. But anyhow, he asked us to bring a camera down there because he was going to take some pictures. I can remember one of the things that he said. He felt the shots that got Kennedy came from the *grassy knoll*, because he saw a lot of people, a lot of skirmishing up there. Okay, so he asked us to get a camera down there. Now, we were only about five blocks from the School Book Depository building. By this time-- all of this is happening...let me tell you. The colonel told this kid--he had to pick up the extension in his office, our boss did. He told this kid to make *damn sure* that the president was shot before we passed this information on to higher headquarters.

Wray: Right.

Coyle: So this kid turned around and he hung up the telephone, and he went and he talked to somebody and he called back and told the colonel that definitely the president had been shot and he would like a camera brought down to him. [So] we had to get a camera out of the supply room, we had to get film in it, and there was no sense in trying to drive down, there so we ran down the five blocks. And I got down to the School Book Depository building, and the...the guy from ATF that I had been at the meeting with that morning was down there, and the police department had turned around and had set up a command post right there at the School Book Depository building. They turned the radios on the...on the motorcycles up loud, and they were handling everything from there.

Wray: Right.

Coyle: I could see our guy in the building. I could not get in to get him; I could not get him out. Now, at that time, Jack Revill was the head of the Intelligence section of the Dallas Police Department, and he was a very, very close-- because of our working--

we were close friends.

Wray: Right.

Coyle: Jack Revill was at the place where the luncheon was supposed to be. And no one was allowed in that School Book Depository building until he returned from...where he was, down at the luncheon site. Anyhow, Jack came back to the School Book Depository building, and (*pause*) as he started to go into the building, I got his attention. I said, "Jack." I said, "One of our agents is in the building [and] I'd like to get him out." And he says to me (sic), "Which guy is it, Ed?" And our guy was standing right in the doorway, and I said, "It's that one right there." So he turned around and he had somebody take down his name and phone number and address and crap and he let him out of the building. Well, we stood around there listening to what was going on for awhile, and then we went back up to our office. And we actually had nothing to do with the investigation at all. We were asked to turn around and go through our files and see if we had any information in our files on any sickos in the area who might pull something like this. (*pause*)

Wray: Right--

Coyle: -- Which we did. Which-- and you know, I can say this for sure: this takes an awful long time, just running through files...by hand. But anyhow, we started to do this. We got a telephone call later on in the afternoon, and if we had had a Russian linguist, we would have been in on the ground floor interviewing Marina Oswald. But, we did not have a Russian linguist in the unit, and that's why they went to the university and got the professor from out there.

Wray: When you say you would have been on the ground floor, the phone call was to inquire whether you had a Russian linguist who could help with the interview of her?

Coyle: That's right.

Wray: Okay.

Wray: That's right. And we did not have anything. And we were not involved in any other way other than that. There was...oh, I got to remember-- I listened, you know, in the course of duty in the subsequent week and all that I had to go visit FBI, I had to go visit the...the Dallas Police Department, you know, and in the normal course of my duties...the Dallas Police Department and the Secret Service teamed up together and put all [of the] blame on the FBI. That's the way I looked at it, you know, just from what was going on. There was one incident that came up that I later turned out

to be quite embarrassed by. Somebody down at Fourth Army headquarters had gotten a code word named "SILVER DOLLAR," and they claimed that they did not know what it was (sic). And they asked me to check with the FBI and the Secret Service to find out what "SILVER DOLLAR" meant. And I turn around (sic) and I went to these guys and I couldn't get anything out of them. I finally wound up going out to the... Army of Nike Missile unit in the area. And I went out to them and I asked them and they said, 'Yes we do know what it was,' and they took me into their, they had kind of like a war room out there. And the code word, the code word "SILVER DOLLAR" meant to be...to the billet (sic) that this was a signal that Air Force Two was in the air and operating, and that all of this meant headquarters didn't know, I had to go to on Nike Missile site for them to know exactly.

Wray: So, when this came up it was the day of the assassination--

Coyle: -- Oh, yeah.--

Wray: -- or some days later?

Coyle: No, no, no. It was the day of the assassination. When something like that happens, it happens immediately. Okay?

Wray: Okay.

Coyle: In other words, the wheels who could run the country and were back at--and were not at Dallas Texas, but back in the Washington D.C. area, they were in the air. Now, what questions do you have?

Wray: Well, let me just ask a couple [of] things to fill in. The ATF agent that you met with in the morning [that] you can't recall his name, do you think you might be able to recognize the name if we were able to offer you some suggestions?

Coyle: No, I'm not...I doubt that.

Wray: Okay.

Coyle: Here we are, we're talking-- remember, this is something that happened thirty years ago.

Wray: *(laughs)* Right.

Coyle: And I am-- I was never so surprised in my life after I got back from that telephone call

from Mr. Montague. Thirty-three years later they finally turned around and said, 'Hey, what do you know?'

Wray: Now, I understand from that comment, had the Warren Commission or none of the other agencies that investigated the assassination, did they ever interview you--

Coyle: -- No!--

Wray: -- or ask any questions?

Coyle: **No.**

Wray: What about private researchers. A number of books have been written about the Kennedy assassination. Have private researchers ever interviewed you?

Coyle: There is one-- no. No-- **no one.** But someone interviewed Jim Hosty.

Wray: Right.

Coyle: Jim Bishop wrote a book on the assassination. And on page 134 or somewhere around there or 124 or 134-- I've got the book some place around here-- Jim Hosty is mentioned is mentioned in there that Jim Hosty is on the corner of Rio Grande and Main and he was talking to a member of Army Intelligence, (*pause*) and I was that member of Army Intelligence. That's the only thing that I have **ever** been mentioned in.

Wray: Let me ask another question. The person who called you from the School Book Depository, the agent from the 112th, do you know-- and asked for a camera-- do you know whether he already had a personal camera in his possession or not?

Coyle: I don't think so.

Wray: Okay.

Coyle: I don't-- I'm not sure, but I don't think he did.

Wray: Okay. Are you aware of whether or not the 112th,-- on the day of the assassination-- anyone else from that unit was in the vicinity of Dealey Plaza? I mean the count it seems to me is sort of two, you know, there was you who was...you were at Main Street and Rio Grande and there was this other agent who later turned up in the School Book Depository. Were any other people from the 112th, to your knowledge, in the

vicinity of Dealey Plaza, either on duty, or, you know, they just went down there to see the motorcade and maybe you heard about it afterwards in the unit or something like that?

Coyle: No, but I think Steve Weiss probably came down to the School Book Depository building down there.

Wray: Okay--

Coyle: -- After, we had received the telephone call. There was no one-- we were not asked to participate in the security arrangements for the president in any way *at all*. In fact, I can remember our...the...the security agencies in the Dallas area as they do in...in every other, you know, major area where they are located, once a month they have a meeting, and they discuss things that are going on and so on and so forth and they ask, you know, who...well they just...just kick things around.

Wray: Right.

Coyle: The colonel, okay, my CO-- and it's usually the bosses of these things-- *my* boss, the colonel, had a comment, and I'm not sure [if] he made this before the thing or after, but he was quite surprised that we were not asked to participate in the security of the president during the motorcade and while he was in Dallas.

Wray: Right.

Coyle: He said the way that it pointed out to him, he says, 'We weren't asked, ONI wasn't asked, OSI wasn't asked,' he says the that the FBI weren't asked, he says that the Dallas Police Department and the Secret Service said that they had everything all taken care of.

Wray: When you mention the colonel, do you recall his name, the commander there?

Coyle: ...No, but I could probably, if I could locate some-- I have some papers.

Wray: Okay. Let me suggest a name to you. Do you recognize the name of Colonel Pate? P-A-T-E?

Coyle: That could have been him.

Wray: Yeah.

Coyle: ...You got any other names (sic)?

Wray: Well, there was a Colonel Frindell, but I think Colonel Frindell departed, and according to the records we have that Colonel Pate--

Coyle: Frindell was a craphead. I remember him. *(laughing)* No, it was Colonel Pate.

Wray: Alright. Let me...a little bit later on I'll tell you about some of the records that we have and maybe it would be in our interests as well to...perhaps after all to...to get together and, you know, I'll show you what we've got and so forth because some things might stimulate your memory, but--

Coyle: -- This...this is true because I cannot, I cannot remember us really...doing, you know, making up any reports or anything.

Wray: Right.

Coyle: I...I don't believe we got involved in that. I know I cannot remember writing up any kind of report.

Wray: Okay. When you would go to these monthly liaison meetings, do you recall any of the--

Coyle: -- No. The meetings...the liaison meetings that I, you know, that I conducted, were only when we had to do business with these people--

Wray: -- Oh, I see.--

Coyle: -- I was just curious. We did not have a regular set, monthly thing.

Wray: But do you recall any of the people you did business with, say the ONI or OSI?

Coyle: No, I don't.

Wray: Okay...When you mentioned a minute ago that the colonel from the 112th said that they weren't asked, and the Dallas Police Department, you know, seemed like they had...the Secret Service kind of had it under control. Do you know whether he was speaking...from personal knowledge, I mean that in this sense, had he gone to a meeting where that had been discussed and he was told no--

Coyle: -- He went to a meeting where...where it was discussed...

He, he had been to a monthly meeting and he was quite surprised that...that the...Secret Service did not ask for our...our assistance, but I don't know. We had...I don't know we must of had about forty people there available to it.

Wray: And he was surprised that nobody a--

Coyle: -- That, that we weren't asked--

Wray: -- Yeah.--

Coyle: --You know, to...that they didn't ask for our help.

Wray: Yeah. In your experience in Military Intelligence operations either with the 112th or elsewhere, do you recall any other incident in which a Military Intelligence unit actually did provide additional assistance to the Secret Service?

Coyle: No. No, I wouldn't happen to know any of that because this was the only time that I was ever involved with something to do with an agent.

Wray: Do recall whether members of the 112th had any sort of training that might of made them a...ready to perform such a...mission.

Coyle: *(Pause)* No. No, other than the regular military training.

Wray: Do I understand correctly that members of the 112th ordinarily did their duties in plain clothes as opposed to uniforms?

Coyle: Oh, that-- that is absolutely correct. We were in street clothes.

Wray: Okay. Did you ever carry weapons?

Coyle: Yes.

Wray: What would be an example of a case where you'd carry a weapon around--- under what circumstances would you do that?

Coyle: We just carried a weapon.

Wray: Uh huh. Did you do that routinely or was it--

Coyle: [I] think we just carried weapons routinely.

Wray: Okay. Let me see...when you mentioned after the assassination checking through all the files, do you recall whether your office uncovered any files on Lee Harvey Oswald?

Coyle: No, we had no records I should know of whatsoever.

Wray: Okay. *(pause)* Did you ever--

Coyle: *(garbled)*--to my knowledge we had none.

Wray: Okay. Yeah, I was gonna say did you ever hear any scuttlebutt it or anything later on about whether the 112th had a 201 file on Oswald?

Coyle: No.

Wray: Okay. *(pause)*

Coyle: I heard scuttlebutt it later on as to why they...they...oh, of course Jim Hosty, the FBI agent who had all the contact with Oswald, he's the one who caught the brunt of the blame.

Wray: Right.

Coyle: Which, I felt, was unfair.

Wray: Do you recall-- this is to get a little bit away from the assassination but to fill in a little bit of the background information about the activities of the 112th-- some of the records that we've located in the National Archives, it appears that (sic) the 112th as one of its activities was conducting surveillance or at least was monitoring through other law enforcement agencies, you know, through local police or the FBI or something. Uh, civil rights activities, do recall anything about that?

Coyle: Civil rights activities?

Wray: Right, that there'd be a civil rights march or a demonstration or something and they'd file a report that would go to Fourth Army discussing it--

Coyle: -- Yes. Yes, that was part of our duty.

Wray: Okay. Was that a special section that did that or just agents in the normal course of their

duties if they became aware of this they'd file a report?

Coyle: ...I think...I think guys in the normal course of their duty, if they became aware of it, would turn around and bring it to the attention of the commander, and he probably would have had the section that I was in do any file off (?) investigations.

Wray: Right...According to your record I noticed that in, I guess in 1964, you then transferred to Korea.

Coyle: That's right.

Wray: What were the circumstances rather-- was there any particular reason for that or...why did you leave Dallas [and] go to Korea?

Coyle: Oh I...I guess that they just felt it was that it was about time I have an overseas duty 'cause I came back in a...sixty-- I guess I was just-- I guess I was just due. I don't think it was anything that happened there that, that caused me to go.

Wray: I mean, did you feel that it was unusual being assigned to Korea or anything like that at that point in time?

Coyle: No. Well, I thought it was a little bit unusual as to the way that it happened because one day the colonel called me and said to me, 'Well it looks like you don't have to sweat out any overseas assignment, being what we do for an overseas assignment,' and he said though...after, oh after the first of the following year, I 'cause he had and received everything from opinion, only we usually got our notifications well in advance. He told me that one day and then the next day I got a letter (*garbled*) that I was going to Korea...(*pause*) But I-- I didn't think that it was anything-- it wasn't anything that I did.

Wray: Yeah. I mean, the notification was kind of abrupt. Is that what you're saying?--

Coyle: -- The notification was kind of-- the notification was kind of abrupt because for one thing, one day it was just reversed the next day.

Wray: Right.

Coyle: But outside of that...no, there wasn't anything to it. I just knew that I was due.

Wray: Okay. (*pause*) Let me just...there are other people that are in the room here. I just want to, you know, kind of look at them and see if they have any other things that we

need to kind of follow up on with you at this point in the conversation. I think we've covered everything in my notes, that I wanted to check. As I mentioned at the beginning, or a little bit earlier, I think one thing we would certainly like to do is if you have any records, not just related to the assassination, but records about your activities in the unit, or rosters and personnel, or even anything like a photograph, for example that might show, you know, yourself with other members of the unit at the time that you were in Dallas or something like that as we would be interested in either taking a look at those or if they're paper documents, getting a copy of those. One thing that's been really helpful to us in our research is some people from the 112th that we contacted, you know, they had an old unit roster, or they had, you know, kind of the alert roster of where everybody lived and what their address and phone number was in 1962 or something like that. From that we have been able to assemble what we think is a pretty complete list of the people who were in the Dallas office and the other offices as well. And then, you know as we track-- as a name comes up like Steve Weiss that you mentioned to us a few minutes ago, we can put Mr. Montague and...his skills to work on trying to track those people in to fill in their piece of the puzzle as well.

Coyle: I could not forget Steve Weiss. Never.

Wray: Well you mentioned a little bit earlier that you might have some records or documents or something like that. Did you-- what would those be?

Coyle: Well, I have some old army records that I-- I don't know where the hell they're at right now, but I know that I've got them here in the house someplace...and I might be able to go through them and see if they have anything in them.

Wray: Yes, sir. I mean that, that might be helpful to us, you know, we never know until we see what it is. Let me ask you something. Did you ever keep a diary or anything like that might have recorded--okay--

Coyle: -- No. The way I can remember I had-- I was talking to my wife the other day I can remember...we had...we used to take notes, and I had these, little green notebooks. You know, they were green hardbacks, but as they filled up, I had to turn around and throw them into classified waste.

Wray: Yes, sir.

Coyle: And I never kept anything of my own.

Wray: Yeah. I think the Army still uses those notebooks because (*laughing*) you know, I had a whole bunch of them and I threw them away too ,so.

Coyle: I never, in fact I don't , I don't think I ever kept any, you know, any...oh there were a couple of 'em in a little box or something like that. As soon as I found out I didn't need it anymore I just got rid of it.

Wray: Mr. Coyle, here's what I think we'll do: First, based on the tape that we've made of this conversation today, over the next several days we'll have that transcribed. We'll make a transcript of our conversation. And what I'd like to do once we have that transcript is we'll send you a copy of that transcript for you to review.

Coyle: Okay.

Wray: And, you know, if we've misspelled any names or if there's something that you've thought of in the meantime that you might want to add to the story or correct, you know, if we didn't get it right or anything that you want to add or correct to that we'd be happy to have that . Then, as well, I'll talk with our director here and discuss with him the possibility of myself or someone else from the Review Board staff coming out to meet with you in person, because it sounds to me like you have a good recollection of the events and the details around them and that plus the records we have might be able to stimulate some more memories and fill in some other parts of the story. As I think Mr. Montague told you, we work for the government, but we're not really doing an investigation and we're not supporting any particular view of the assassination. Rather, our job is simply to try and gather information, as much as possible, while its still out there and to put that information, whether its in the form of documents or recollections like from people like yourself with firsthand memories, or anything else and put those in the National Archives where it will be available to the American public in the future to historians, or researchers, [or] whoever might want to use that. So, we don't have any axe to grind. We're simply trying to fill in bits and pieces of the story. So, right now, we're going to go off the tape, and then I'll have a couple of more administrative things to discuss with you after we're off the tape.

Coyle: Okay.

