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Questions for Floyd M. Boring

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Introduction

1. The JFK ARRB
2. Looking for Documents for JFK Collection at the National Archives
3. May we tape record our conversation?
4. Has Boring ever been questioned by any government investigators about his activities pertaining to the Kennedy assassination?
5. Has Boring ever been questioned by a government representative about his work at the Secret Service?

Floyd Boring employment at the Secret Service: Could Boring describe background and give years of employment. Years on White House Detail.

Where was WHD office?

RECORDS:

Where were files kept? Any sent to Chief's office? Or PRS? On a regular basis?

Did WHD receive a trip packet from PRS for President's out of town trips?

[Show Winston Lawson testimony from Warren Commission]: Lawson referred to "paraphernalia" from PRS. What was he referring to? Did you receive a trip packet for the Texas trip from PRS?

Where were these packets kept? In WHD office? or returned to PRS?

Do you have any idea where the records of the White House Detail are kept?

Do you recall a file number for WHD records?

INTERVIEWS

1. Greer interview with HSCA

Page 2: Greer mentioned that he was not informed of any threats in any of the cities he visited with President Kennedy. Was this normal procedure for White House Detail? Which members of the Detail were informed of threats?

Page 2: Cancellation of the Chicago trip? Why?

Why didn't Boring go on the Dallas trip instead of Kellerman?

Could Boring explain the use of the short wave radio in the limousine: was it set on the DPD channel #2? Could Boring explain WHCA system? Were any WHCA communications tape recorded?

Page 4: Could Boring explain rules for speed of the limousine in motocades? Greer mentioned that the limousine slowed to 3-5 miles per hour? [See also page 5 of Sam Kinney interview: 3-5 miles per hour]

Did Boring speak with Greer about his impressions of the assassination? Did Boring read the reports by the agents on the Texas trip submitted to the White House Detail? (Page 7): What were Boring's impressions when he read these reports? Were there any discrepancies between usual practice and what the agents recounted about their activities?

Why didn't Gerald Behn go on the Texas trip?

Was Boring aware of any internal security review of Secret Service agents after the assassination (in 1964)?

Page 5 of Tim McIntyre interview: question whether agents' commission books (ID)

were recalled and reissued.

2. Robert Jamison interview (Miami)

Does Boring recall a threat to President Kennedy for 11-18-63 from a rifleman in a high building?

3. Winston Lawson interview

Could Boring describe White House Detail training. Did Boring contribute material to the WHD Advance Manual? Could Boring describe this manual? Which version was in use in 1963?

Why was Winston Lawson selected for advance agent for the Dallas trip? (See page 3).

Lawson mentioned that he had several conversations before the trip with Floyd Boring and Roy Kellerman. Why did they not discuss PRS information? Was this typical preparation? (See page 4)

Who made the decision to use a motorcade in Dallas? (See page 4)

Did Boring participate in the decision to use the Trade Mart over the Woman's Building as the luncheon site? (Page 5)

Page 8: Could Boring describe the WHD procedures for the placement of motorcycles around or near the limousine during motorcades? What was the standard procedure in 1963?

Page 9: Could Boring comment on use of the military to provide backup for the US Secret Service?

Page 10: Lawson returned on plane with FBI agents carrying evidence. Did Boring have any opportunity to view the President's clothing? Bullets? Any other evidence?

Did Boring ever view any photographs taken at the autopsy?

4. Sam Kinney interview

Page 7: Kinney describes skull fragment and a bullet fragment in the limousine. Did Boring ever see these items? If so, who had them?

Did Boring see the windshield as soon as the limousine was brought to the White House garage? Did Boring see any holes [bullet holes] in the windshield? Where?

5. William Tim McIntyre

Who at the Secret Service would have conducted internal security investigations of agents after the assassination? Page 5 question about commission books being recalled and reissued. [See page 4 of Gary McLeod interview]

6. Glynn Young interview

Could Boring comment on relationships among CIA-USSS; NSA-USSS; FBI- USSS? Page 2: Young mentions feuding among the agencies

7. Gary Merle McLeod interview

Page 4: question about the ID cards being changed (different colors) Could Boring comment on the frequency with which agents received new credentials or changed ID cards. What caused changes: were there yearly changes? Did agents receive any identification that they kept with them for their entire employment?

Could Boring describe standard contacts between White House Detail and Field offices? With PRS?

8. Maurice Martineau interview

Could Boring describe White House Detail responsibilities? Is WHD the principal entity within the Secret Service responsible for the President's protection?

Who at White House Detail was specifically responsible for coordination with the Field office in Dallas?

Page 5: Could Boring describe the filing system with regard to sensitive cases? That is, the CO or COS system? Was he shown COS files?

9. Ernest Aragon interview

Page 3: Problems in Miami office regarding who controlled presidential protection when President Kennedy came Florida. Gerald Behn and SAIC John Marshall were at sword's point over who controlled presidential protection when President Kennedy came to Florida. [John Marshall interview: page 2.] Could Mr. Boring describe relations between the Miami office and the WHD.

Page 3: Complaints about effectiveness of PRS. Aragon suggested closer ties with CIA.

Aragon said he was kept in the dark about a lot of things. Highly critical of USSS presidential protection. Could Boring comment on this remark?

10. George Hickey interview

Page 3: Hickey mentioned that the cars were taken to the White House Garage and placed under the control of the White House Police. Kinney said the FBI took over. Which is it.

Page 3 Hickey mentioned that Floyd Boring told him to give a statement while Hickey was at the garage. Who took Hickey's statement at the White House? Was this the same statement typed by all the agents for the Secret Service [Rowley?] or were these different statements? If so, where are these statements?

What did Boring do next after telling Hickey to give his statement? Did Boring participate in the examination of the limousine?

11. David Grant interview

Page 1: Grant refers to President Kennedy's military aides. Re: Chicago trip, if Lawson's statement is true, the Chicago Police may not have been reliable. Since Thomas Vallee was a threat to President Kennedy, and military arrangements were discussed, why could not President Kennedy come anyway. Why did President Kennedy have to cancel?

12. Abraham Bolden interview

Page 3: COS meant Secret or Sensitive. Did Boring see any of this COS material?

Page 2: Bolden told of a threat to President Kennedy in Chicago at the end of October-beginning of November 1963. Bolden cited a Telex from the FBI. Did Boring recall this threat as the reason why President did not come to Chicago?
13. Lubert DeFreese interview

Page 2: Trip to Miami November 18, 1963: was a planned motorcade from airport to hotel cancelled? Why?

Page 3: Decision for a motorcade was made by WHD upper echelon and Presidential civilian staff. Was Boring part of this decision-making?

Page 5: DeFreese describes the threat from Southerners in Miami. Does Boring recall whether this threat was discussed within the WHD?

14. Glen Bennett interview

Page 2: Gerald Behn in charge of WHD. There was a manpower pull for the Dallas trip. Why? Could Boring explain the manpower pull. When were such measures necessary?

Page 4: Bennett said his report along with the others was sent to Kellerman. Did Boring have an opportunity to read these reports?

15. Gerald Behn interview

MANCHESTER NOTES: [show Behn's remark about agents on the limousine.] Could Boring comment on this remark.

Page 1: Behn was later SAIC of Special Services, a reservoir of special agents for out of town trips: How does this coincide with Lawson's comment on need for military backup. And how does this reservoir square with the idea of a manpower pull (implying agents from other offices were brought on for a particular trip). Could Boring explain Special Services?

Page 3: Behn recollected that a motorcade would be used in Miami in case of rain.

Page 4: Behn described how threat information came to WHD: only from WHD advance agents. Is this an accurate description of how information was obtained? PRS received information from the Field office. Behn and Bouck would confer with Rowley. Did Boring ever participate in these conferences? Was there a conference before the Texas trip? Where were notes from these conferences kept?

Page 4: Behn mentions that information did not always pass freely between PRS and WHD. Would Boring comment on this?

Page 5: Behn described communications: WHD was in communication with motorcade through Signal Corps switchboard. ALSO: WHD-HQ could be contacted directly by agents in the motorcade. Could Boring confirm this? Who at WHD-HQ was in direct contact with the motorcade at 12:30 Nov 22? Were these conversations tape recorded? Did anyone at HQ hear the shots fired at President Kennedy?

Page 5: Behn was in the chain of custody for the bullet from the stretcher from Richard Johnson. Did Boring see this bullet before it was given to the FBI? Was Boring in any other chains of custody?

Page 5: Behn recalled that film and x-rays were sent to PRS. Did Boring have an opportunity to observe these items before they were given to Robert Bouck?

16. John Marshall interview

Page 2: Marshall described a widely distributed checklist (?) Could Boring describe this checklist? [show Boring the checklist; questions about Boring's suggestions for the checklist. Was this checklist designed before or after the assassination?]

Page 6: Marshall said DeFreese made the decision to use a helicopter on the Miami trip.

Page 7: Sometimes JFK refused to fly despite USSS recommendations. Could Boring comment on this.

Page 7: Marshall mentioned the possibility of a Secret Service conspiracy. Could Boring comment on this.

Does Boring recall any disciplinary action taken against any agents after the assassination?

Could Boring confirm that the Secret Service conducted an internal investigation?

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Elmer Moore: [show excerpts from the interview]

Could Boring comment.

Did Boring ever meet Elmer Moore. Did he ever discuss the assassination with Moore?

Did Boring participate in the investigation of the assassination?

Did Boring receive any instructions from Thomas Kelley--or anyone else at the Secret Service regarding the investigation of the assassination?