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**Subject:** Richard Case Nagell - Call from Dick Russell

Dick Russell, (617) 445-6886, called me today, Friday, November 3, at 10:15 a.m. He reported the following information regarding the death of Richard Case Nagell: Russell received a call from a Los Angeles television reporter, Peter Noyes of Channel 2, who is a friend of Russell's. According to Noyes, a colleague from the television station was routinely checking the log at the LAPD homicide unit and recognized Richard Case Nagell's name. Noyes was told and he then called Russell. Russell talked to Vito Chikorian, (213) 207-2060, the head of the homicide division at the Ramparts (a section of LA) police station. According to Chikorian, Nagell was last seen alive on October 24, 1995. After that date, his mail had started to pile up at his house located at 402 1/2 North Michael Torena, in the Echo Park section of Los Angeles. Nagell had rented the house for about five years in what is described as a "rundown section of LA." A neighbor contacted the landlord who let himself into the house. The body, in an advanced stage of decomposition, was found at 9:00 p.m. on November 1, 1995. Nagell was lying on the floor in the bathroom. It appears that he died of natural causes, possibly of a heart attack. Chikorian informed Russell that the house had been sealed, pending notification of next of kin. The LAPD are treating this as a natural death. There will be an autopsy performed, which is routinely done. Russell spoke with Robert Nagell, a veterinarian from San Diego, who is Richard Case Nagell's son. He was supposed to have left for LA last night and was going to secure any records that his father may have had at the house. Robert told Russell that there was an executor for Nagell's estate, but he did not say who it was. (Russell expected to talk with Robert again today. I asked Russell to have the son call us or get a number where we can contact him.) The custody of the house and its contents being handled by the LA County Administrator, (213) 974-0411. Russell noted (and his son also said) that Nagell had claimed that he had made arrangements for the truth to become known about the assassination when he died. According to Russell, this meant that someone would make Nagell's records available. Nagell had always claimed that he possessed records which he had not shared with Russell or anyone else. Russell doubted that any of these records were kept in the house. Russell gave the following telephone numbers for the coroner's office: Coroner - (213) 343-0513 Coroner's identification unit - (213) 343-0755 Coroner's media office (Scott Carrier) - (213) 343-0783 There may be some media coverage of Nagell's death. Although his alleged connection to the Kennedy assassination was not widely known in LA, the Los Angeles Times was tipped off about his death by Channel 2. The Times called Russell and expressed interest in doing a story on Nagell. They told Russell he would be receiving a call back. I have not received any media calls at this time.

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