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Subject: Movement (if not progress) on Ward and Paul

In yet another freaky JFK-related coincidence, it turns out that Fred Ward (of the Wards of Ward and Paul) works for the Senate Intelligence Committee as their in-house reporter. (How I found this out is too tangled a tale to relate here, but suffice it to say that the trail started with Jeremy informing me that there exists some kind of national trade association for court reporters... thanks, Jeremy!) Fred Ward is the grandson of the firm's founder (Jesse), the son of Jesse Ward, Jr. and the brother of Jesse Ward III. The three Jesses passed away in 1962, 1987 and 1995 respectively. Fred Ward was in Japan during the Warren Commission proceedings, so he has no first-hand knowledge of Ward and Paul's involvement, but he did work for the firm subsequently. Ward and Paul handled the Watergate Committee's work, as well as the Church Committee's. The firm went out of business in 1976 but Fred Ward stayed on with the new permanent Senate Intelligence Committee on a contractor basis. Then, in 1983, Sen. Barry Goldwater moved him over to the Committee's full-time permanent staff, where he has worked for the last 13 years. So he works for Charlie Battaglia and Sen. Specter! Fred remembered Wayne Birdsell -- whose son-in-law Dave Montague has located and talked to (Birdsell himself is also deceased) -- and says that he was the firm's business manager. It follows then that the son-in-law (Mr. Bundy) may actually come across some business records that could prove helpful. Fred was also interested generally in the issue we're trying to run down (9/18/64 executive session transcript), and so I faxed him the WC minutes for the meeting in question, including the frontpiece that appears to be the first page of a verbatim transcript. Where Fred may actually be helpful is as follows: if we can find initials on the original transcripts of the other WC executive sessions, or on the stenotapes themselves, he may be able to identify the actual Ward and Paul reporters who did the work. If he can, and if any of them are still alive and can be located, one of them may be able to tell us more than we now know about the 9/18 meeting. I'll try and get out to NARA II next week (Steve is out tomorrow) and see if I can find some initials to bounce off Fred.

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