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Subject: Arranged visit to NARA's Electronic Records Branch for 08/21/96 to assess HSCA digital data tapes
CALL REPORT ISSUE # 000DOCUMENTS AUTHORITY: Dave Montague/ARRB Date Created: 08/19/2000WHO initiated the call? Review Board's representative in the call: Dave MontagueDescription of the Call Subject: Arranged visit to NARA's Electronic Records Branch for 08/21/96 to assess HSCA digital data tapesZapruder Issue & Dallas Project Based on documentation re: 43 tapes (as opposed to the 7 previously mentioned to me by the Motion Picture Branch) found by Joe Freeman, I was referred to a person named "Tom Brown" of NARA by David Kepley of the Motion Picture Branch. I spoke with Tom Brown of NARA's Electronic Records Branch & we arranged a visit for this Wednesday (08/21/96) between 9-9:30 a.m. to assess the appx 43 digital data tapes which he said are in his area. I told him we'd like to eventually transfer the material to a readable format for the Collection after we've assessed the type(s) of format(s) used to store the images/information. After discussion re: the nature of the Review Board, Brown (who was very cordial & cooperative) said he will provide any ARRB staff member access to this material which consists of the tapes & documentation (which he referred to as "poor") re: their contents. He said the 43 reels (stored in a vault within that area), contain about 851 data sets of information. I told him my understanding of their content & he said he believes they contain the following:-enhancements of the Z-Film-enhancements of the autopsy photos-at least 2 reels re: Jack Ruby telephone calls Brown doesn't think there will be a problem in providing access to the reels re: autopsy photos, but will check to make sure. I thanked him for his time & told him I'd bring some explanatory material which explains our authority & purpose for his records. At present, the visitors will include: David Marwell, Chet Rhodes & I. _____ The tapes were made during the HSCA's investigation & are comprised of such things as enhanced images from the Z-Film & other such things. Dr. Donald Janney was one of the team leaders during this project in the 1970s which included: Los Alamos Lab, Jet Proportion Lab & the Aerospace Corporation through contracts under the US Dept of Energy. When I interviewed Janney some time ago, he said the following: "Aerospace Corporation had a facility about 1 mile from the Los Angeles Airport. This is where they digitized the Nix and possibly Muchmore films and sent digital data tapes (not films) to Los Alamos for enhancement. Los Alamos sent the enhanced images back to the HSCA.After the investigation, he and other Los Alamos employees made data tapes of the digital images on 10 & 7¼ inch reels which they believed they were sending to NARA. All of the original digitization work was on those tapes." _____ Tom Brown's phone # is 301-713-6630 & he's in room # 5320; Peggy Adams is our alternate.

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