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Subject: Visit to Otis Archives at National Museum of Health and Medicine (AFIP)
MEETING REPORT DOCUMENTS AUTHOR: Douglas Horne/ARRB Date Created: 09/12/96 Meeting Logistics Date: 09/12/96 Agency Name: AFIP Attendees: Mike Rhode (Pronounced "Rhod-die") Topic: Visit to Otis Archives at National Museum of Health and Medicine (AFIP) Summary of the Meeting Today Tim Wray and I visited Mike Rhode, the archivist of the Otis Archives, to view the portion of his "Blumberg file" which contains information related to the JFK assassination. We gave Mr. Rhode a copy of the JFK Act and its amendments, and the two standard brochures on the Review Board and the JFK Act, for his perusal and retention. The Blumberg Papers at the Otis archive are voluminous, and only a small portion of them are related to the Kennedy assassination. General Blumberg was formerly the Director of the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, and his wife donated his papers to the Otis Archives following his death. Only three documents are held which are related to the Kennedy assassination, but all 3 are the ORIGINAL documents, and all three have stamped on them the archival file number "1988 3003." These three original documents are: -Trip Report written by LCDR Charles J. Stahl, MC, USN and Major Bruce C. Young, MPC, USA regarding their trip to the Annual Meeting of the Academy of Forensic Sciences, 24-26 February, 1966; -Summary Report Re: The Autopsy of President Kennedy, addressed to General Blumberg (Director of AFIP at the time), and written by Pierre A. Finck, dated 25 January 1965. -Personal Notes (typewritten) on the Assassination of President Kennedy, dated 1 FEB 1965, prepared and signed by Pierre A. Finck, and addressed to General Blumberg. Mr. Rhode agreed to make good quality color photocopies on a color photocopier, and mail all three color photocopies to ARRB in the near future. Comments on the documents follow: -Trip Report: This trip report mentions two items of interest, namely: Dr. Finck's presentation of his paper regarding the characteristics of bullet wounds, and Dr. Wecht's presentation presenting his opinions on various aspects of the JFK autopsy. -"Blumberg Report" (meaning the 1 FEB 1965 compilation of notes): Where Dr. Finck had originally typed "2000 hours" as his arrival time at Bethesda Hospital to participate in the President's autopsy, the handwritten entry "2030" had been substituted for the "2000" that had originally been typewritten in the text. This change was made in blue ink, whereas Dr. Finck had signed the document in black ink. There is no indication of who made the change. Furthermore, there are three redactions present in the document, made with a black felt-tipped marker. If examined carefully, the original typescript below the redaction can be successfully made out. Conclusion: the words written in by hand above the 3 redactions in the copy available in the national archives are confirmed by the author to be accurate representations of the original typescript underneath the redactions. Who made the redactions, and who wrote the words in above the redactions, is unknown, according to Mr. Rhode. -

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