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Subject: Conversation with Gary Hymel

Gary Hymel of Hill and Knowlton in Washington and a former aide to Congressman Hale Boggs responded to my letter by calling me today. The topic of my letter was the possibility that Congressman Boggs kept a diary during his Warren Commission service. Hymel told me the following: 1. He started working with Boggs in 1965 and worked with him until Boggs disappeared in the plane crash in 1972. 2. He never heard of, knew of or saw a diary. 3. It was not like Boggs to keep a diary, in his experience. 4. If anybody knew the answer, it was Tommy Boggs. 5. Another former longtime aide, Barbara Rathe, (202), 338-1775, was with Boggs during his Warren Commission service. I should call her and can use his name. 6. The only time he remembers Boggs recording his memories was in 1968, after the Democratic Convention. Aides forced him to sit down. speak into a tape recorder and record his memories. 7. We could call on him again, if we thought he could be helpful.

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