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Interview with Jack Anderson re: knowledge of files, etc. on the assassination of President Kennedy IVILETTIVO NEFONT DOCUMENTE S AUTHOL. Wallust Legaspi/Anno Date Cleateu. 12/03/3/IVIEETING LOGISTICS Date. 12/05/97Agecny Name: Witnesses/ConsultantsAttendees: Jack Anderson, Tom E. Samoluk, Manuel E. Legaspi (ARRB). Topic: Interview with Jack Anderson re: knowledge of files, etc. on the assassination of President KennedySummary of the Meeting Tom Samoluk and Manuel Legaspi traveled to Bethesda, MD to talk to Jack Anderson, the famous columnist who has written extensively on the assassination. The primary purpose of this meeting was to ask Anderson if he was in possession of any files that he might have acquired in the course of conducting research for his columns, and to listen to his account of the Johnny Rosselli/Robert Maheu (et al) situation as it pertains to assassination attempts against Castro and the murder of JFK. We arrived at his home at 1400, 04 DEC 97. Mr. Anderson has for the most part retired from journalism, although it is my understanding (through his assistant, Aaron Karp) that he still does some work. Mr. Anderson was gracious in welcoming us into his home, and, despite advancing age, is quite lucid and still possesses a decent memory. Tom provided Anderson with a description of our Agency and mission; we also discussed the possibility that Anderson could give us a few leads on documents, (which he did). Anderson began our conversations with some background about his relationship with John F. Kennedy, Lyndon Johnson, and Earl Warren. For approximately one hour, Anderson told us the story of his contact with individuals allegedly associated with the assassination and his theories that came as a result of his contacts. His theories are already detailed in many other sources, and will not be discussed in this report. Instead, I will highlight some interesting parts of his story: - Over the course of his dealings with Johnny Rosselli, he was able to build a bond of trust with Rosselli, which is why he believes Rosselli's accounts; he also stated that he never caught Rosselli in a lie -- 75-80% of his stories "checked out," while the other 20-25% was not verifiable.- Anderson confirmed a lot of his information through "my sources in the CIA," which, although he did not directly say so, he seemed to be highlevel officials.- After the Bay of Pigs, JFK tasked RFK to find out all he could on CIA Cuban operations, and to act as his advisor on the subject. As a result, RFK received a document from Col. Sheffield Edwards, (Director of Security, CIA) which outlined the CIA's plots to assassinate Castro. This document was dated sometime in May 1961. Anderson said that he first saw the actual document around 1967 and has a copy of it somewhere in his files. (To our knowledge, such a document has never been seen before.) -- Anderson later added that he knew that JFK was briefed on the Castro assassination attempts by Col. Edwards in December 1960.- He listed former DC police officer Joe Shimon as the "Chicago Mob's man in DC," and said that if Shimon was still alive, he could help us in locating records and information related to Giancana, Rosselli, and the JFK assassination.-

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