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Subject: The Papers of Evelyn Lincoln

Dear Mrs. Sullivan, Pardon the intrusion on your time, but yours was the only e-mail address at the ARRB that I had. This should have gone to either Mr. Samoluk or Mr. Gunn, but I was not sure that simply replacing your name with theirs would work. I stumbled upon the attached URL by pure chance yesterday. It reports that on the death of President Kennedy's long time secretary, Evelyn Lincoln, her papers were given to a Mr. Frank McGuire, who's web page the attached URL directs you to. It is pure speculation what these papers might contain, but Mrs. Lincoln's role in events surrounding the assassination and its aftermath were so great that one would have to believe there is at least one gem included. Mrs. Lincoln was, as you know, with the Presidential party in Dallas when the assassination occurred - she was part of the contingent aboard Air Force One when returning to Andrews Air Force Base - she was involved in the inventory of the autopsy materials prior to their disappearance - she was one of a handful of persons who had unlimited and unrestricted access to those materials after they were placed in the National Archives, but before they vanished (including possessing the only two existing keys to the footlocker they rested in) - and she was a "player" in a very strange event following the discovery of that those materials were missing. I would like to very briefly address the last point in the paragraph above. In mid February 1969 there was a meeting of various persons (including Thomas J. Kelley of the USSS) about the disappearance of the autopsy materials. It was decided that the persons involved with the materials and their transfer to the Archives should be asked for any information they might have about the current location of these items. So, on the morning of the day following the meeting, Mr. Kelley went to the home of Admiral George Burkley to discuss this with him. In his memo on this, Mr. Kelley fails to report what Admiral Burkley told him, but he does say that Burkley telephoned Mrs. Lincoln in his presence to ask her about it. {HSCA Agency File 004451, pages 1-3, memo from Thomas J. Kelley for the file, dated February 13, 1969} This memo ends with Kelley's recommendation to abandon the search for the missing items, based upon this contact with Burkley and (indirectly) Lincoln. That recommendation reads: "On February 13, I called Harry Van Cleve and advised him of the results of the conversation with Dr. Burkley, and further advised him that, in my opinion . . . we were borrowing trouble in exploring it any further . . ." {HSCA Agency File 004451, page 3, memo from Thomas J. Kelley for the file, dated February 13, 1969} The unqualified reasoning for Kelley's statement that to continue the search would be "borrowing trouble," remained unqualified until Kelley gave testimony to the HSCA on this event. His comments to the HSCA follow: Mr. Matthews. On page 2 of that same memorandum [HSCA Agency File 004451], you stated that Mr. Van Cleve, the General Counsel for the General Services Administration, had indicated that he thought all sorts of

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