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received regarding the major newshitting all the networks re: Kenneth Starr's investigation of Pres.Clinton. It seems that old myths die hard, judging by the news reportsfrom CBS, NBC, and CNN (5/12-5/14/98)---the thrust of these reports isbest exemplified by one random e-mail message I received:This morning, NBC repeated the old story about JFKrequesting no agents on the running boards, implying that had he notsaidthat he would have survived.Once again, here is an excerpt from a recent post of mine in regard tothis myth:WILLIAM MANCHESTER/ AGENTS ON THE LIMO--- A JFK "DESIRE"?!: > > > >RUFUS YOUNGBLOOD (interviews by VMP 10/22/92 and 2/8/94): > >Youngblood denounced the Manchester book: "As a historian,he flunked > >the course...don't read Manchester!" He also reiterated anearlier > >comment (corroborated by several of his colleagues) -President Kennedy > >"wasn't a hard ass" and, as far as any alleged Presidentialrequests > >(like asking to get the agents off the limousine, forexample), JFK > >"never said anything like that. There was not a standingorder...they > >(the agents) had assigned posts and positions on thepresidential car" > >["NEVER"]; > >JERRY BEHN (interviewed 3 times by VMP on 9/27/92): > >"I don't remember Kennedy ever saying that he didn't wantanybody on the > >back of his car. I think if you watch the newsreel picturesand whatnot > >[sic] you'll find agents on there from time to time"["DON'T...EVER"]; > >FLOYD BORING (interviewed twice by VMP, 9/22/93 and 3/4/94;corresponded > > > >11/22/97): > >The quote attributed to Boring in Manchester's book [p.37 of1988 > >edition] is false: Boring was NOT interviewed by Manchester,as also > >confirmed by that book's source notes. Boring told me "Hequotes me? I > >never told him that". As for the merit of the quote, Boringsaid "No, > >no, no---that's not true; not true. He (JFK) was a very niceman; he > >never interfered with us at all." Newsreels, Cecil Stoughtonphotos, and > > > >THE TAMPA TRIBUNE from 11/19/63 depict agents Donald Lawtonand Charles > >Zboril on the rear of JFK's limo, in the city and thesuburban areas. > >Boring reiterated: "He (JFK) was a very eay-going guy; hedidn't > >interfere with our actions at all...President Kennedy wasvery > >cooperative with the Secret Service" ["NEVER"; "NOT TRUE"]; > >ARTHUR GODFREY (interviewed twice by VMP 5/30/96 and 6/7/96; > >corresponded 11/24/97): Did JFK ever order the agents around,inc. > >having them dismount the rear area of the limo? Artresponded: "That's a > >bunch of baloney; that's not true. He never ordered us to doanything. > >He was a very nice man...cooperative. President Kennedy neverasked me > >to have my shift leave the limo when we were working it"["NEVER", "NOT > >TRUE", "BALONEY"]; > >SAM KINNEY (interviewed by VMP 10/19/92, 3/5/94, 4/15/94): > >Same question, as posed to Art above and to all the agents I > >interviewed---

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