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Eileen Sullivan wrote:>> Dear Mr. Marsh:>> Thank you for your note and for your suggestions. I have forwarded it to> the appropriate staff members.>> The meeting on June 4, 1998, is an open meeting. It is not a hearing, and> there will be no testimony from witnesses. The Board will simply be> conducting business in public, and the Board members will be discussing> possible recommendations for the final report that have arisen out of the> Review Board's experiences in releasing records.>> The Board is soliciting written comments and recommendations from the> public about this issue, and all written submissions should be sent to the> Review Board offices by July 1, 1998.>> With regard to suggestions from the public about specific materials that it> believes the Board should locate and acquire, there is no cut-off date,> however, keep in mind that the ARRB's mandate expires on September 30,> 1998.>> I hope this clears up any misunderstandings about testimony from witnesses> and deadlines.>> Sincerely,>> Eileen Sullivan
Thank you, Eileen, for the quick and helpful reply. I have thought of one more thing which the ARRB should at least consider looking for, but it is quite speculative and I am not even sure how they would look for it.
5. There may be a tape recording of the autopsy at Bethesda Hospital. In most autopsies the coroner or autopsy doctor makes a cassette tape recording of the whole procedure. If someone can prove that thousands of such tape recordings were made of an autopsy prior November 22, 1963 at Bethesda, that makes it highly likely that such a recording was made of President Kennedy's autopsy. If so, it may still exist in the records at Bethesda or at a Naval facility, or possibly it is in Dr. Humes' possession. Reportedly, Dr. Humes was questioned by press and researchers after his HSCA testimony and he remarked that the HSCA had their chance and blew it. Perhaps he was referring to the fact that the HSCA had a chance to ask him on the record if he had made a tape recording of the autopsy and they simply overlooked that possibility. So, I do not want the ARRB to simply overlook that possibility.
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