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Eileen, I am writing to request that a single copy of these records be provided to COPA without cost if possible. We will agree not to make or sell any additional copies to allow you to distribute them at the prices listed to individual researchers. I appreciate whatever assistance can be provided in this regard. I will not be in town on July 31 unfortunately, but will return on August 5th and contact you then about this. Thanks for all your help. John Judge, for COPA>On July 31, 1998, the Assassination Records Review Board will make>available for purchase copies of information that it has collected>relevant to the medical evidence on the assassination of President John>F.>Kennedy. (See Order Form below.) For pre-paid requests received prior>to>July 29, copies will be mailed or be available for pickup on July 31.>Orders will continue to be accepted through August 14. The information>to>be made available includes deposition transcripts of 11 witnesses and>one>Master Set of Exhibits. All of the records will be available for>examination in the Review Board's Reading Room on July 31.>>The witnesses whose testimony is being made available, without>redaction,>are: Dr. J Thornton Boswell, Jerrol F. Custer, Dr. Pierre A. Finck,>Robert>Grodan, Dr. James J. Humes, Frances X. O'Neill, Edward F. Reed, Jr.,>Floyd>A. Riebe, James W. Sibert, Sandra K. Spencer, and John T. Stringer.>With>the exception of Mr. Grodan, all of the witnesses were involved in the>creation of records related to the autopsy of President Kennedy. Mr.>Grodan's testimony pertains to his knowledge about photographic records>related to the assassination.>>The Review Board followed standard legal procedures in taking the>depositions. All depositions were taken under oath and the witnesses>were>subject to the penalty of perjury. With the exception of Mr. Grodan,>witnesses were shown the autopsy photographs of President Kennedy that>have>been identified by the National Archives as the camera-original color>transparencies as well as black-and-white prints. The depositions were>tape recorded by a court reporter who also transcribed the words as>they>were spoken. The transcript was subsequently sent to each witness who>was,>in accordance with standard procedures, afforded the opportunity of>making>corrections before signing the corrected version of the transcript.>The>corrections also were made subject to the penalty of perjury. A>corrected>transcript was thereupon prepared by the court reporter. Although the>Review Board is now making available copies of the final transcripts,>the>Board's permanent files, which will be made available to the public>upon>the completion of its work, will include the original tape recordings,>the>pre-corrected transcripts, the hand-corrected transcripts, and the>final>corrected versions.>>All but three of the depositions are available in ?manuscript? format,>which reduces four full-size pages to fit onto one page. The cost of>reproduction of the manuscripts is substantially less per-page of>transcript testimony.>>The Review

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