

1. ANTARCTICA

a.) Prouty went to Antarctica in November 1963 as the military escort for a group of VIP's. This assignment was out of the ordinary or unusual in some way. (*Source: JFK by Oliver Stone*)

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a.) Prouty confirmed this trip. He escorted a group of scientists, businessmen, and Congressman Pete Abele (Ohio) to McMurdo station to observe a new power generator. This was not unusual, because Prouty had worked "at least as far back as 1959 with the organization that works underneath the White House on Antarctic projects...It was a duty I had to work Antarctica; of course not regularly, but when something came up."ⁱ Prouty first learned of this trip in "August or September" from Gen. Lansdale.

Asked by Wray if he felt it was "sinister" that he had been sent to Antarctica: "Oh, no. I'd been working with them since 1959. It was so routine for them to call me, I didn't give it a second thought... it's the military custom to put an escort officer on board."ⁱⁱ

"And even afterwards, when I heard people extrapolating in that sense--thinking it wasn't my job-- they didn't know I'd already been working with Antarctica people since 1959."ⁱⁱⁱ

2. THE 316TH/112TH INTC GROUP

a.) “I called a member of that army unit later. I was told that the commander “had offered the services of his unit for protection duties for the entire trip through Texas,” that he was “point blank and categorically refused by the Secret Service,” and that “there were hot words between the two agencies.”^{iv}

b.) “I called a man who I knew was a member of the 112th Military Intelligence Group in the Fourth Army area at Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas.”^v

c.) “I have kept the notes I made during that call and shall quote from them here.”^{xii}

d.) “It ‘knew Dallas was dangerous’, the

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a.) In response to Wray asking Prouty when he had called the man: “It didn’t work that way. He called me.”^{vi}

b.) “We never dealt with that organization... I don’t remember ever getting a call from Col. Reich. No way I would have known him.”^{vii}

When asked if he knew the man with whom he spoke: “I was quite surprised... because it was when I had retired and left, and the chance of me having contact with people I’d never even worked with was rare.”^{viii}

Asked directly, “Did you know this person?” : “I didn’t know *anybody* in the unit.”^{ix}

“The fact that this guy called me is almost an irrelevant issue.”^x

“The man who called me was an individual. I didn’t even know if he was on duty, and I’d never seen him.”^{xi}

In informal conversation with Wray after conclusion of the interview: “You know, that guy didn’t sound like he knew the business. I wonder if he was even genuine.”

c.) Asked if he still has his notes: “Oh, I think they’re long gone.”^{xiii}

d.) Note how Prouty repeatedly asserts that

commander told *my associate* in explaining why he had decided to offer his services..."^{xiv} (Emphasis added.)

3. MILITARY/SECRET SERVICE LIAISON

a.) "I have worked with military presidential protection units."^{xv}

b.) "I had worked on what is called 'Presidential protection.'^{xvi}

he *did not know* the man who called him.

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a.) "Quite frankly, other than knowing [that] Presidential protection exists, that's about all I was required to know."^{xvii}

b.) "The only time I was personally involved-- and I think that was just for familiarization early in my assignment for this work-- was when I went to Mexico City [in 1955]... that was my first and last course with them, Mexico City."^{xviii}

[Mexico City] was the only one I ever went on... I flew the airplane to Mexico City for them."^{xix}

Asked if there were military protection units or personnel on this flight: "The only person I knew was a Secret Service man."^{xx}

i. ARRB Prouty interview, 9.24.96, Tape One, side one, 24:15 (as with all times cited, time approximate.)

ii. ARRB Prouty interview, 9.24.96; Tape Two, side one, 1:08

iii. Ibid, 1:52.

iv. Prouty, JFK, p. 294

v. Prouty, in the forward to *Plausible Denial* by Mark Lane, p. XV

vi. ARRB Prouty interview of 9.24.96; Tape One, side two, 6:10.

vii. ARRB Prouty interview of 9.24.96; Tape One, side two, 10:08

viii. ARRB Prouty interview of 9.24.96; Tape One, side two, 12:00

ix. ARRB Prouty interview of 9.24.96; Tape One, side two, 13:00

x. ARRB Prouty interview of 9.24.96; Tape One, side two, 17:05

xi. ARRB Prouty interview of 9.24.96; Tape One, side two, 29:53

xii. Prouty, in *Plausible Denial*, p. XV

xiii. ARRB Prouty interview of 9.24.96; Tape One, side two, 20:45

xiv. Prouty, JFK, p. 294

xv. Prouty, JFK, p. 294

xvi. Prouty in *Plausible Denial*, p. XV

xvii. ARRB Prouty interview of 9.24.96; Tape one, side two, 25:20

xviii. ARRB Prouty interview of 9.24.96; Tape One, side two, 25:32

xix. Ibid, 27:53

xx. Ibid, 28:30