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Dear Gary:

This is in reply to your letter of September 18, 1996 which inquires about possible Secret Service and FBI interviews of Parkland medical personnel following the President's assassination.

I have checked the footnote in Josiah Thompson's book which you cited (footnote 14 on page 215 of *Six Seconds in Dallas*), and noted that he was speculating on the *possible* existence of Secret Service or FBI reports, since Thompson claims numerous Parkland Hospital employees mention being interviewed by Federal agents in their published testimony on pages 1-152 of volume VI of the Warren Commission hearings. Upon checking that volume, it was ascertained that pages 1-152 contain the testimony of 28 different Parkland employees who were deposed by the Warren Commission. Although it is unclear exactly how many of these witnesses mention being interviewed by the Secret Service or FBI, Dr. Perry's testimony, for example, on page 17 of WH VI is quite interesting, in that he testified to Arlen Specter that he spoke with Secret Service personnel at least 3 times (including a team of two individuals the last time, both of whom had the same last name), and also testified that he spoke on one occasion with two individuals from the FBI. While Josiah Thompson does state that the testimony on these pages (1-152) references "...about 30 interviews by Secret Service or FBI agents...", it is unclear, without conducting a very time-consuming and thorough review, exactly how many of these witnesses, and which witnesses (other than Dr. Perry), made these claims. For example, Dr. Malcolm Perry (one witness) claimed in his testimony to have been interviewed a total of four times by Federal agents of these two agencies. Unfortunately, he could not recall the dates of any of these interviews, or the names of any of the agents who interviewed him, which seems to characterize this type of recollection throughout the cited testimony.

The only individual agent report (relating to interviews by the Secret Service or FBI of Dallas medical personnel) which I am aware of is the written report of USSS Special Agent Elmer Moore, prepared on 12/12/63, which documents his 12/11/63 interviews of 10 different Parkland personnel. (I have enclosed a copy with this letter.)

Without reliable, documented evidence of the specific dates of interviews, and the names and agencies of the agents who conducted those interviews, it would likely not be productive for the Review Board to request records in this area.

If you are aware of any such documentation which would assist the ARRB in its search for additional

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records beyond the Elmer Moore report, namely, the names and affiliation of agents who conducted interviews, and/or the specific dates of interviews, I would very much appreciate receiving the specifics of these leads so that we can go to the agencies involved with documented requests for specific records.

Unfortunately, the only such written report we are aware of at this time is the enclosed Elmer Moore report, which was forwarded to the HSCA late in its lifespan as part of the USSS "case file," and which has not yet had an individual RIF attached.

We appreciate hearing from you on this matter, and look forward to receiving any further leads you may come across which will help us locate records in this area.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure