

Proposed Topic Areas for Carl Belcher Interview

- I. Presence at the November 1, 1966 Deed-of-Gift Inventory of JFK autopsy photographs and X-Rays:
 - A. Who assigned you to be present at the November 1, 1966 deed-of-gift inventory at the National Archives? What was your assignment or role at the meeting?
 - B. Why was the Criminal Division of the Justice Department involving itself in a deed-of-gift inventory between the Kennedy family and the National Archives? When the meeting began, what was the understanding of the participants regarding who was to be in charge of the deed-of-gift inventory process? (Was it a joint NARA-Justice responsibility, or solely a NARA or Justice responsibility?)
 - C. Were you present at the October 31, 1966 meeting at the National Archives during which the Kennedy family physically transferred the deed-of-gift materials to the National Archives? If not present, did you receive a report of the events of that meeting from anyone? Were the events of that meeting linked in any way to your presence at the deed-of-gift inventory of autopsy materials on the following day, November 1, 1966? (Two Justice Department officials, Harold F. Reis [Executive Assistant to the Attorney General], and Frank M. Wozencraft [Assistant Attorney General], were apparently present at the physical transfer of the Kennedy family materials on October 31, 1966.)

- II. Preparation of the Draft and Smooth Versions of the “Report of Inspection” (inventory of autopsy photos and x-rays):
 - A. Who wrote (prepared) the draft (unsigned) version of the inventory? When was it typed?
 - B. What do you recall about the inventory process? Do you recall any discussion of missing photographs or x-rays by Humes, Boswell, Ebersole, or Stringer? Do you recall any discussion about photos or x-rays looking different from what they remembered on the night of the autopsy?
 - C. Who made the changes to the draft version of the inventory which appear in the “smooth” version signed on November 10, 1966? (Did you?) Did you make the final change to the text which appears directly above the signatures on page 11 of the smooth document? Can you explain the circumstances which caused that statement to be added to the text of the draft? Can you explain the reasoning behind why the names of yourself, Dr. Rhoads, and Marion Johnson were removed from the signature page of the draft when the smooth signature page was prepared?
 - D. Who typed the smooth version of the inventory which was signed on November 10,

1966? (NARA or Justice?)

- III. Mr. Belcher's Memorandum for File of November 22, 1966:
- A. Why was the smooth version of the deed-of-gift inventory not prepared until November 10, when the inventory itself was conducted on November 1, and your interview of Dr. Humes was conducted on November 4? What was the reason for the delay?
 - B. Why did you investigate the one known chain-of-custody discrepancy with Dr. Humes, rather than a NARA official?
 - C. Why did you take the smooth inventory to Bethesda on November 10, 1966 for signature, rather than a NARA official (since the deed-of-gift was between the Kennedy family and NARA)?
 - D. The Justice Department (through you) seems to have taken over the deed-of-gift inventory of autopsy photos and x-rays for a NARA deed-of-gift; please explain the dynamics of that apparent situation.