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I. Identifying Information:

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Type of Contact: Telephone Person

II. Summary of Contact:

Mr. Bouck was contacted because of his role as head of the Protective Research Section of the United States Secret Service in the 1960's.

Mr. Bouck recalled that he had directed Mr. James Fox, also of the Secret Service, to process the autopsy photographs. He said he wasn't certain whether or not Mr. Fox did the black and whites but believes the Secret Service facility did not have the capability for color, so he assumes that Mr. Fox had to have the color work done elsewhere.

Mr. Bouck said he was given the autopsy photographic materials and X-rays by Mr. Roy Kellerman. Mr. Bouck said Mr. Kellerman told him that some of the photographic materials were not developed and Mr. Kellerman told Mr. Bouck that he

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wanted the photographs printed. Mr. Bouck noted that Mr. Kellerman was not a superior of his. They worked in different divisions and held approximately the same rank in their respective divisions. Mr. Bouck's division had the only photographic center in the Secret Service.

Mr. Bouck does not recall receiving any specific instructions concerning the printing of the photographs or their subsequent distribution. He did say he didn't get the impression the material was to be handled like court evidence such that a very strict chain of custody had to be preserved. He did say that he and Mr. Fox were very careful with the material because of the sensitivity of the subject matter. Mr. Bouck does not think he got any information or instructions from Mr. Kellerman or from anyone else concerning how many prints should be made or to whom they should be given.

It is Mr. Bouck's present recollection that only one print of each negative was made. He believes that he simply told Mr. Fox to get the films developed and printed. Mr. Bouck said he is "sure" that Mr. Kellerman did not ask for more than one set. Mr. Bouck said he was "quite certain" that there were no more than two or three sets of prints made if his recollection that one set was made is incorrect. He went on to say that he was quite positive that there were not seven sets of autopsy
prints made to his knowledge. He said that he could not be certain whether more prints were made when they were in Mr. Fox's custody but said that Mr. Fox never told him that that number of prints were made and he said he "would trust Fox with my own grandmother." He specifically said that the number "seven" did not ring a bell as to the number of prints that were made. He said he would be very, very surprised if more than one and he would be even more surprised if more than two or three sets of prints were made.

In addition, Mr. Bouck said he was "quite positive" that all of the autopsy related materials that came into his possession were eventually turned over to Mrs. Lincoln. He said he did not have personal knowledge nor did he receive information from anyone else that there had been any distribution other than that. He specifically said that he had no recollection of sending prints to any members of the Kennedy family or any government agencies and added that he would be "quite surprised" if anyone had done this. He said he has received no information in the ensuing years to make him change his mind in any respect.

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