CONTACT PROFILE

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Contact Description

Contact Name: Dr. Janet Travell, MD
Company: MD
Title: Witnesses/Consultants
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HSCA Letter Sent:

Additional Information

Dr. Travell was President Kennedy's private physician who treated him for several years for back pain, among other things.
CALL REPORT: PUBLIC

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The Players
Who called whom? Douglas Home called Dr. Janet Travell of Witnesses/Consultants, Douglas Home
called MD of Witnesses/Consultants

Description of the Call
Date: 04/08/96
Subject: Search for JFK Autopsy Records

Summary of the Call:
I called Dr. Janet Travell in response to the voice mail she left for Tim Wray on April 4, to both thank
her for responding so rapidly to our letter, and to inquire anew in person whether she had any contact with
autopsy participants, or any knowledge regarding the President's wounds or the disposition of
autopsy-related biological materials. She restated that she had no records of any kind related to the
autopsy, and confirmed when asked that no one had called her from the morgue during the autopsy or
subsequent to the President's death, either to ask any questions, or to discuss the nature of the
President's wounds, or disposition of any biological materials or specimens. She said she did not initiate
any calls herself, either. (Early in the phone call, after she volunteered that she had no records related to
the President's death, I asked her if she had recollections of the day and evening of November 22, 1963;
she responded by saying of course she did, but that they had nothing to do with what we were interested
in, and therefore she would not share those recollections with us. It was at this point that I felt obliged to
ask specific questions about calls to-or-from the morgue, knowledge of wounds, and knowledge of
disposition of biological materials.) She concluded by saying that she would like to be able to help us but
was not in a position to do so, since she had no knowledge whatsoever of the President's wounds or of his
death or of the autopsy. Our conversation was cordial and pleasant, and I concluded by encouraging her
to call ARRB at any time if she recalled anything that she thought might be of interest to us, based on our
letter of April 3, 1996.