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Additional Information

Ms. Carr's maiden name was Patricia Eve Walking, and she was listed in the Carl Belcher memo of 11/22/66 as having been the stenographer present at the 11/01/66 inventory/catalog of JFK autopsy photos & x-rays conducted at the National Archives. ARRB determined that her married name is Eve Carr.

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MEETING REPORT



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Meeting Logistics

Date: 11/26/96
Agecny Name: Witnesses/Consultants
Attendees: Eve Carr, Phil Golrick, Doug Home, Dave Montague
Topic: ARRB Interviewed Eve Carr (nee Patricia Eve Walking) REVISED 11/27/96

Summary of the Meeting

Ms. Carr was interviewed this date at her offices in Ballston, Virginia by Phil Golrick, in the presence of Doug Home and Dave Montague. The interview commenced at 10:00 A.M., and was completed at 11:15 A.M.

Mrs. Carr said she worked for NARA from 1963-1970, and said that initially she was an assistant to the Deputy Archivist (Dr. Rhoads), and later followed him when he became Archivist of the United States, serving him in that capacity as Programs Assistant to the Archivist. She independently remembered being present at the November 1, 1966 inventory of President Kennedy's autopsy photos and x-rays, and that it was held in Room 200-A at the National Archives in the afternoon, and that the meeting lasted about 2 hours. She also stated that she remembered taking stenographer's notes, in shorthand, on green stenographer's paper, and that following the meeting she had placed her notes in a brown safe in the Archivist's office. She had no recollection of photographic images on photographs which were examined, since she said she made a point of not looking at the photographs during the inventory process, and of focusing instead on only taking notes. She independently recalled that there may have been x-rays examined, and that the photographs were probably 8" X 10" format, but could not remember whether the photographs were color or black-and-white. She could remember that there were some doctors present, and had the impression that they were not employees of the government. When asked, she could not remember whether or not Dr. Rhoads was present, and could not specifically recall whether Marion Johnson was present, but said that he "may have" been there, meaning that it would have made sense to her if he had been, since he was NARA's custodian of the Warren Commission exhibits. She could remember no specifics or details whatsoever of any of the conversation held during the meeting, nor could she remember anything she had written down. Her general recollection of the meeting was not that it was an inventory, but rather that it was convened to see whether the photographs supported the findings of the Warren Commission. She could not remember whether or not any representative of the Justice Department was present. She could not remember who convened the meeting, meaning she did not know which agency or individual had requested the meeting take place.

Document examination:

-MD 12 (draft inventory of JFK autopsy photos and x-rays---6 pages, typed-but unsigned): She said she did not specifically recall seeing this document before, but that the typeface was identical to that used by her and by those in her office. Her feeling was that it was entirely possible she had prepared this document from her stenographic notes, but since she had no recollection of doing so, she could not be sure whether she had prepared it or not. It was typed with a carbon ribbon, she said, which is what she used in her typewriter. When Mr. Golrick pointed out to Mrs. Carr that the typed names on the signature page (page 6) indicated military ranks for two of the signatories, and asked her whether this refreshed her recollection as to whether the doctors present were government employees or not, she stated that it nevertheless was still her impression that the doctors were "from the outside," meaning independent reviewers from outside the government. At this point Mr. Home asked her whether she had attended one "medical event," or two, and she said just one. Mr. Home then asked her to clarify whether the event she attended was in November 1966, or January 1967, and she responded that it was definitely in the autumn,

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and not in January.

-MD 13 (signed, final version of inventory of JFK autopsy photos and x-rays---11 pages in length): Mrs. Carr said she had never seen this document before. She noted that the typeface on this document was different from the typeface on MD 12, and was not a typeface used on her typewriter, or on those of her co-workers; however, she said she did believe it was the same typeface used in the office of Lawson Knott, the Administrator of GSA. After perusing both MD 12 and MD 13, she said that in her opinion, MD 13 was an improved version of MD 12, after someone had "lawyered it." A final observation she had was that the ribbon used to prepare MD 13 was a fabric ribbon, unlike the carbon ribbon used to prepare MD 12. She then restated that she used a carbon ribbon on her typewriter, not a fabric ribbon. Regarding the last sentence of text on page 11 of MD 13, when asked, she said she had no recollection whatsoever of anyone at the November 1, 1966 inventory discussing missing photographs, or of anyone concerned over the issue of completeness, or incompleteness, of the photo and x-ray collection. She had no recollection of any review process whereby MD 12 would have been modified to the format in which it appears in MD 13, or of the decision-making process involved in removing the names of some of the signatories on MD 12 from MD 13, the signed version.

-MD 49 (Carl Belcher 4-page memo of November 22, 1966): She said she had never seen this memo before, nor did she remember anything about a Carl Belcher being present at the 11/01/66 inventory, even after reading his memo. When asked, she said she did not remember any interaction between NARA and Justice Department, or Navy (Bethesda) officials regarding review of MD 12, or any other documents related to the inventory.

-MD 111 (2-page, 5 party memo signed in November 1966 by NARA, GSA, and Justice Department officials regarding the opening of the autopsy materials footlocker on October 31, 1966 upon execution of the Kennedy family Deed-of-Gift): Mrs. Carr was asked whether she had any knowledge of the events described in this document, namely, the receipt by NARA of the autopsy materials footlocker upon execution of the Kennedy family Deed-of-Gift on October 31, 1966. She said she had no first-hand or hearsay knowledge of the footlocker opening, and as a result, could not comment on whether the footlocker opening was directly related to the 11/01/66 meeting.

After concluding her review of the above-mentioned documents, Mrs. Carr said that she still could not recall anything about who was (or was not) in charge of the meeting in Room 200-A at the National Archives on 11/01/66, nor could she recall anything about any review process whereby MD 12 was transformed into MD 13. END

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