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On 4/4/77, Mrs. NICKUM was contacted telephonically by SA RALPH P. HIMMELSBACH. Mrs. NICKUM advised that during the period 1959 to 1971, she operated a typing and public stenographer service in Washington, D. C., operating first as Helen Nickum Public Stenographer and later as Helen Nickum and Associates. She was located originally at 1741 K Street, Washington, D. C., then later at 1747 K Street, then finally at 1847 1/2 L Street.

Mrs. NICKUM related that on the day President KENNEDY was buried in November, 1963, she was called upon by BOOTH MOONEY to retype a manuscript for resubmission to the publisher for republication. The manuscript was for a book written by MOONEY and first printed in 1956 by the Hearst Avon Publishing Company, and entitled "The Lynden Johnson Story."

Mrs. NICKUM advised she had read the first edition of this book when it was originally published in 1956, and she subsequently read the December, 1963, edition which was reviewed by the "Washington Post" in February, 1964. She said the second edition varied from the first only in that two new chapters, the first and the last, had been added to the book. The first chapter dealt solely on the assassination of President KENNEDY.

Mrs. NICKUM continued that the author of the book, BOOTH MOONEY, had been an executive assistant to LYNDEN JOHNSON, and that after leaving JOHNSON, he represented the Hunt Oil Company in Washington, D. C. He subsequently returned to the service of LYNDEN JOHNSON.

Mrs. NICKUM observed that the MOONEY manuscript, which was given her to retype in November, 1963, was very clean and could have been submitted as it was. She speculated that the only reason it may have been retyped was to renumber the pages to account for the inclusion of the new first and last chapters.

Mrs. NICKUM further claims that in 1960, she had typed up a budget for the "Bay of Pigs" invasion to accompany a report also typed up for HOWARD HUNT, then employed by the CIA, and working under the cover of the Mullen Company, a management consulting firm in Washington, D. C. She said this was in approximately 1960. She said that she had given all of this information to SAM DASH, an investigator, during the Watergate investigation of 1973.