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Investigator A. Donald Purdy, Jr.

Date _____

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SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS

Name Mr. Carl Eardley

Date August 18, 1978 Time 10:30

Address _____
Washington, D.C.

Place Offices of the Senate
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Interview: Mr. Eardley was interviewed because of his work in the Justice Department in close connection with former Attorney General Ramsey Clark. Mr. Eardley was Deputy Assistant Attorney General from 1963 to 1968.

Mr. Eardley indicated that Ramsey Clark appointed a "strike force" to do a paper investigation of the Kennedy assassination following the publication of Mark Lane's book, "Rush to Judgement" in 1966 or 1967. This group of Justice Department attorneys consisted of five individuals under Mr. Eardley's supervision. Mr. Eardley believes that Bob Zener, now a Washington attorney, was a member of that group. He does not recall any other names but believes there was one individual from the Tax Division and one from the Resources and National Lands Division of the Justice Department. This report was written for the Attorney General himself and concluded that Mark-Lane is a phoney. For example, they concluded that Mr. Lane ignored contradictory facts in his book that may have pointed away from his central hypothesis, namely that there was a conspiracy in the assassination.

Interviewer Signature _____

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Mr. Eardley does not recall any problems with the review of the available evidence and does not recall the experts saying that because of the absence of certain materials they would not continue the review of the available evidence. Specifically, I asked Mr. Eardley if the medical experts protested the absence of the physical materials from the autopsy, including: the tissue sections, tissue slides, paraffin blocks and brain. It is Mr. Eardley's recollection that there was considerable discussion at that meeting and subsequently, regarding the fact that these materials were listed in some document and could not be located. He recalls that the discovery of the fact that the materials were missing and the subsequent attempts to find the materials created a great deal of frustration and resulted in the production of "a lot" of memos.

Mr. Eardley says he does not know who was involved in the negotiations which resulted in the transfer of the autopsy materials from the Kennedy family to the Justice Department in late October 1966. It is his specific recollection that he was not involved and does not know who was. He does know that Burke Marshall was involved in these negotiations on behalf of the Kennedy family. Mr. Eardley also has no specific information concerning who gathered the autopsy materials prior to the review by the medical experts or prior to the formal transfer of the autopsy photographs and X-rays

to the Archives on October 31, 1966. It is his recollection that the Archives had the materials the medical experts were to review and Mr. Eardley did not have to do anything to make sure the materials were available.

Mr. Eardley said he represented the Archivist of the United States when New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison served a subpoena to force production of the autopsy photographs and X-rays for the trial of Clay Shaw. Mr. Eardley was successful in his motion to quash the subpoena.

On the question of who at the Justice Department may have been involved in negotiations leading to the transfer of the autopsy materials, Mr. Eardley said there were a number of people who may have been in the position to have some information, including: Warren Christopher (who was possibly Deputy Attorney General at that time); Frank Wozencraft (who was possibly Legal Counsel at that time; Mr. Eardley said it was quite possible that the Legal Counsel's office may have had a role in these matters); Bill Orrick; John Douglas (possible Deputy Assistant Attorney General around that time period); Harold Reis; or Saul Lindenbaum.

Mr. Eardley said that in his working connection with the Kennedy assassination, he would deliver papers and reports to Ramsey Clark's secretary, whose name he does not recall.

Regarding the report by the experts who reviewed the autopsy photographs and X-rays, Mr. Eardley recalled that

*Fake - they
lost their
garrison dropped
the meth*

*He manages
not to remember
most of his office
matters*

*This is
a fake formulation
because they
no "release"
The report was
worded in the
case about the
Farrley's
own case*

the report was not released until "virtually the last day of his tenure as Attorney General." It is Mr. Eardley's supposition that Robert Kennedy was "extremely sensitive" to any matters which could create publicity concerning the assassination itself. He said it was logical to assume that Bobby Kennedy would be even more sensitive regarding autopsy-related publicity. Mr. Eardley said he made no written notes concerning his activities in connection with any of his dealings with the Kennedy assassination for Ramsey Clark, because of the sensitivity of the subject matter.

Mr. Eardley added that it was possible that Nick Katzenbach may have been in a position to have information concerning the autopsy materials because of his close association with Bobby Kennedy.