

CONTACT PROFILE

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Contact Description

Contact Name: Nancy B. Denlea**Company:****Title:****Category:** Witnesses/Consultants**Street Address:** 2798 McConnell Drive
Los Angeles, CA 90064**Phone Number:** (310) 836-1416**FAX Number:****E-mail Address:**

HSCA Letter Sent:

Additional Information

Nancy Denlea is one of four children of George Burkley, Presidential Physician to JFK and LBJ. He lived with her the last year he was alive (while terminal), and she was the executor of his estate.

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Who called whom? Douglas Home called Nancy B. Denlea of Witnesses/Consultants

Description of the Call

Date: 01/13/97

Subject: Doug Home Called Nancy Denlea

Summary of the Call:

After resolving confusion over an incorrect telephone number, I successfully reached Nancy Denlea today in Los Angeles (her correct number is 310-836-1416).

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She confirmed that her father left no collection anywhere of professional papers, and also said she has no papers or documents of any kind which would relate in any way to President Kennedy's treatment or wounds as observed at Parkland hospital, or to President Kennedy's autopsy at Bethesda, or to her father's observations, or opinions about the cause of death. She elaborated that her father left the few papers he had at her brother Richard's house in Colorado, where he thought he would spend the rest of his days; when that arrangement did not quite work out as well as expected, she said her father came to Los Angeles to live with her, and ended up spending the last year of his life with her instead, but left his few papers at Richard's house. She confirmed that she was the executor of her father's estate.

She did have two recollections regarding the assassination. First, she recalled that her father was asked by the Warren Commission to prepare a written statement, which she believes he did, but has never seen. She said her father told her that he was very upset the Warren Commission never called him to testify. She also said that her father had once shown her photographs of the President's brain, and proudly said that it was her father who had ensured that the brain was saved. (She asked whether anyone had found the missing brain, and I said that it had not been found.) Other than these two recollections, she could not remember any other statements made, or opinions expressed, by her father about the assassination.

I asked her if she was aware that her father had spoken with the HSCA, and she was not, but was very interested in knowing what he had told them.

Since Ms. Denlea did not have a working FAX machine at home, and did not have access to one, I next read to her on the phone the Richard Sprague memo for file of March 18, 1977, in which he recounts Attorney William F. Illig's claim that Admiral Burkley had information indicating that others besides Oswald must have participated in the assassination (HSCA file number 000988, record number 180-10086-10295). I asked whether she would be willing to sign a document (to be prepared by the Review Board) which would indicate she had no objection to release of attorney-client information from Mr. Illig's files relating to this subject, and she said that she would have no problem with that, and would be willing to sign such a form.

She did ask whether ARRB had access to her father's Warren Commission written statement, and any records of his contact with the HSCA, and I said that yes, we did. She asked that we provide these few documents to her, in exchange for her cooperation in signing the forthcoming ARRB waiver form, and I readily agreed to this *quid pro quo*.

I asked her whether a FEDEX package mailed to her on Wednesday would arrive in time for her to sign our waiver/consent form prior to her going on vacation, and she said yes, it would; I told her our goal would be to FEDEX the waiver/consent form, and the public "Burkley" documents generated by the Warren Commission and HSCA, on Wednesday of this week.

I explained to her that possibly our General Counsel, Mr. Gunn, would be calling her to discuss the wording of the form in the near future. END

NOTE:

SHE CHANGED HER MIND AND
DECIDED NOT TO SIGN THE
PROPOSED WAIVER FORM DRAFTED BY
ARRB GENERAL COUNSEL. AS A
RESULT, THE ARRB NEVER OBTAINED
ACCESS TO MR. ILLIG'S FILES.

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