

CALL REPORT



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Who called whom?

Who initiated the call?

- We initiated call
 Individual initiated call

Description of the Call

Date: 11/24/95

Subject: Interview Of Janie B. Taylor Re:JFK Autopsy Information

Summary of the Call:

I spoke with retired biologist Janie Taylor today regarding an account she was told regarding the JFK Autopsy. Taylor worked as a biologist at the National Institute of Health (NIH) in 1963. NIH is physically located across the street from the Bethesda Naval Medical Center, where the JFK autopsy was conducted. I informed her of the fact that the secrecy order applicable to people at the autopsy was lifted in 1977.

A man named Clarence [Israel] (deceased) of Rockville, MD told Taylor that his brother (deceased and no name given) was one of two African-American orderlies present in the autopsy room of the Medical Center the day of the autopsy. [Israel] said his brother had not mentioned the story to anyone including his wife & daughter who his brother outlived. His brother wanted to insure that his story was known because he was verbally threatened by a guard at the time of the autopsy.

Taylor said that African-Americans during that time period were often ignored and that non-African-American workers in many workplaces would assume that an African-American's presence did not count. She believed that activities were often done in their presence with the perception that the activities would never be reported.

[Israel] told her the orderlies saw one doctor was in the autopsy room at the Medical Center who was waiting for some time prior to the arrival of the body and any other physicians. When the body arrived, many people were forced out of the room and the doctor performed some type of mutilation of three bullet punctures to the head area. The doctor was working at a very "hurried" pace and was done within a few minutes, at which point he left the autopsy room.

Taylor believes she may have [Israel]'s obituary which may provide more information about the family and any other relatives which may know of the story. I thanked her for her time and told her I would send an information packet and letter to her based on our conversation.

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