

*Sharon Bowman*

SHARON BOWMAN  
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**Outline of Major Issues for Interview of Sharon Bowman**

- \* general background re: family
  - father's death
  - history of depression and suicide in Foster family (note that [redacted])

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- \* general background re: Foster
  - his interests
  - his marriage
  - his children (Sheila noted problems with children before)
- \* Foster's visit to Arkansas in May 1993
  - any notable events, conversations
  - any mention of Travel Office
- \* why were you visiting Washington July 20, 1993
  - any sense that Foster had been depressed (from conversations with Lisa or Sheila?)
  - did you see him
  - where were you staying
  - had you made arrangements to visit him at White House
- \* gun?

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SHARON BOWMAN, sister of VINCENT W. FOSTER, JR. was interviewed at the Office of the Independent Counsel, 1001 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. (WDC), regarding events that may have contributed to the death of her brother. Participating in the interview were her attorney, JAMES HAMILTON, of the law firm of Swidler & Berlin, 3000 K Street, N.W., WDC and Mark Stein, Attorney, Office of the Independent Counsel (OIC). After being appraised of the purpose of the interview and the identities of all parties participating, BOWMAN thereafter provided the following information:

BOWMAN did not consider herself to be a close confidant of her brother's. She further noted that in the recent past, she had had infrequent contact with her brother. She was not aware of FOSTER's depression until after his death.

BOWMAN was aware that FOSTER's spouse, LISA FOSTER, was concerned about her husband (VINCENT FOSTER). BOWMAN did not know what that concern was about.

*After VF came to Washington*  
BOWMAN arrived in Washington, D.C. on July 20, 1993, the day of FOSTER's death. This trip was BOWMAN's first visit to WDC. After VINCENT FOSTER came to Washington as part of the Clinton Administration, he returned to Little Rock on a couple of occasions. The last time BOWMAN saw FOSTER was in May, 1993 when he returned to Arkansas to deliver a graduation speech at the University of Arkansas Law School. During his stay, FOSTER appeared to be tired which BOWMAN attributed to knowledge of FOSTER working long hours. BOWMAN was aware that FOSTER was under a great deal of stress with his job.

In describing her brother, BOWMAN used the word reticent with regard to his personality. In conversations between BOWMAN and FOSTER there was no talk of what he was working on at the White House.

BOWMAN was aware that FOSTER was working long hours in the White House Counsel's Office. From LISA FOSTER, BOWMAN was

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aware that FOSTER was disturbed by the burning of the David Koresh compound in Waco, Texas, and was concerned with "Travelgate." BOWMAN did not recall any reference to the Wall Street Journal articles that she is aware of since FOSTER's death that may have been a contributing factor to his depression.

Regarding the gun that was found at the death scene, BOWMAN was aware that her father owned several guns. These weapons were recalled to be hunting rifles and several pistols. BOWMAN used the term "pistol" in a generic sense for handgun. BOWMAN was aware that VINCENT FOSTER, SR.'s will was written by BERYL ANTHONY's daughter, indicated who the senior FOSTER's gun collection would go to. BOWMAN did not have any strong concern that her father would use one of the guns in his collection to take his own life. VINCENT FOSTER, SR. had made an offhand comment that caused ~~SHARON ANTHONY~~, her sister, to acquire the guns from the senior FOSTER's residence.

*as to personal effects (some 8)*

VINCENT FOSTER, SR. maintained a gun in his bedside table, which was known to have been taken from him. This particular gun had previously been identified by BOWMAN. BOWMAN believed that VINCENT FOSTER, JR. took the guns out of her father's house upon her father's death. The afternoon of VINCENT FOSTER SR.'s funeral, SHARON BOWMAN showed one of the guns to her son. At that time the guns were taken by VINCENT FOSTER, JR. BOWMAN recalls that she received two guns. She was aware that one of the guns was a ".22 automatic pistol." BOWMAN thought BERYL ANTHONY may have some of the guns but was unsure. BOWMAN remembers that her father had a gun similar to a revolver that was displayed to her during the course of the interview. She remembered the detailing on the handle of the gun but remembers the handle on the gun she saw to be brown. Upon reflection she could not be sure about the color of the handle. BOWMAN thought her father ~~may have~~ had a gun similar to the gun she was displayed in the course of the interview, in his bedside table.

*son similar in size & color to the gun - NOT positive FD*

BOWMAN does not recall FOSTER, SR. having made mention of the weapon that was displayed to her in the course of the interview. BOWMAN admitted that she had never really carefully examined the gun that was thought to have come from her father's night table. BOWMAN was unable to say whether the gun that was displayed to her during the course of the interview belonged to her father.

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by the fact that the gun was a Colt revolver. BOWMAN's son, LEE FOSTER BOWMAN, can be telephonically contacted at telephone number, (212) 412-6859. As far as the color of the handle of the gun being brown in color, BOWMAN believes the earlier reference to the gun having a brownish handle may have come from JOHN SLOAN who showed her a photograph of the gun subsequent to her brother's death.

BOWMAN did not recall if the pistol in her father's bedside table was loaded. BOWMAN was aware that her brother, VINCENT FOSTER, may have gone back to their father's residence at a later time and acquired ammunition for the weapon believed to have come from her father's bedside table. BOWMAN does not have any old ammunition in her possession. BOWMAN was unable to provide any further information of investigative value.