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MEMORANDUM

TO: All OIC Attorneys
 FROM: Brett Kavanaugh
 RE: Grand Jury Witnesses
 DATE: February 22, 1995

For your information, we have the following witnesses scheduled for grand jury appearances over the next two weeks.

Thursday, Feb. 23

[Redacted]

Tuesday, Feb. 28

[Redacted]

Thursday, March 2

[Redacted]

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Called
Brett K. -

4:18pm

-4:36pm

Rough Sket:

Fri, 4-7

Fosters - interview in Washington, DC -

This will

serve

Tues 3-21



G. Jung

4-5

Sylvia Matthews

GJ - Tues to Wed. - next couple of wks -

SA Regini -

⊙ Park Maintenance - no written records -
people say fence there forever -

⊙ Neighborhood -

⊙ List

Advised him of source info rec'd 3/9/95.

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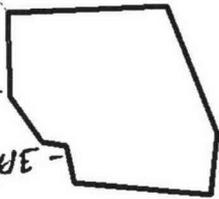
Brett K. -

• Re: GJ this wk -

BK -

MT -

POW HE -



MARK T.

Tue, 2-7

✓ 10 Preps
Brenn

✓ 20 Roller

✓ 30 Simsnells

✓ 50 Hodakovic

Thurs 2-9

All 3 + Ant

Wed. 2-8

no Margolis

Interview

LR Mortician

Lisa

3 kids

Sharon B.

Sheila B.

Linda Tipp

D. Gorkham

Margolis

Adams

Houman

Tue 2-14

✓ Spetz

✓ Gavin

✓ Watson

~~Hodakovic~~

Thurs 2-16

✓ Beyer

✓ Haupt

✓ Orenstein

~~Morrissey - Hipp~~

✓ Hirsch -

?

Rep. of DC Mortician
maybe Judge Expert (prob. following wk)

2-3-95

Clayton Cooper - (IRS)

954-4275

① Complete Financial Workup on VF?

Ed. L. real hot to trot on it; Dana also

② JGT - Tax

Venue -

Our TC w/ Collins

(Feb)

Documents

21 Newirth

23 Marsho Scott
David Watkins

28 Betsy Wright
Wm Kennedy

USPA

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~~Thurs.~~ Thurs.
2:05 pm

Patrick Gavin
Bald, glasses, 45

LT USPP

HistM
11 yrs. USPP
5 yrs prior - P.D.
prior EMT also

#165 - contacts that nite.

- has talked w/ Rolla
- radio - DB by last cannon
- 1 duty - prepare press release
- * Std EMS procedures - align face w/ spine - etc carotid artery
- briefcase in car --- I'd rather say I'm not sure
- * Rolla told him Pete Simonella went into the car
- white chev Caprice unmarked car
- periodic rpt's driving away - fm Rolla, Brown

apparent suicide;
but consider options -

Mark got off the
line earlier w/ Rolla
talking to press -
(not good attitude)

→ trampling part body - down beam → NO

→ familiar w/ Ft. Murray maintenance

cp. jvm in LA
hearing fm LAPD

→ Std evid. Govt. issued: Pat had one
• fence - walk thru ✓
• post of duty (stopped before) ✓

• before 8 - Rolla told him - w/lt appt -
phone call

8:20 to 8:30 • he notified Lt. Waltz - Office of the Day, at WJ - USSS uniform - (for Anastasia office)
VF Jr - dead - FMPK - died of apparent self-inflict gunshot wound

• he got calls from: [on phone non stop til 1130 - 1145 pm] (more than 1 conv.)

1) Bill Burton - ASST WJ COS - are you sure - WJ pass w/ photo on it; DL
• asked abt whose gun? was it a murder?
• 38 Colt (old) - 2 rounds - 19 ga. • engine on vehicle warm - [Rolla]

2) David Watkins - Gen Counsel to the Pres. - (2 or 3 times)
• whose gun? (made me suspicious) → why is everybody asking me abt the gun?
• he wanted to be present during notification -
Rolla said it would be OK
• wasn't car - where going? what's in it?

1/18
3) Dede Myers - press release -

4) Chris Malone (URTS 16371) DocId: 70105776 Page 10 body -
Livingstone - WJ Security chief to Wm Kennedy

→ When was auto released? ...
to whom? ---

(Answer: -
sealed til next day)

○ Tom Canvit - USSJ - anything in vehicle - power, ~~admission~~ door.

Later

Rolla & Brown told him about

WJC came in - someone inhibiting their investig.

pain in the arm - getting in the way -

took someone out of the way - (widow)?

wife / J. St. & were depressed

seeker psych help - #'s -

had talked to Dr. in LA abt antidepress

wife not as shocked as others -

talked to widow abt weapon - had access to a hand gun

* [Simonetta - [believe PS said he had to get into it w/ a slim jim]
trigger picking thumb - cock wdg. to remove -

AFTER site of 20th - no involunt - exc. FBI intm 5/94 -
med's inquiries -

→ Saudi Arabian embassy detail

Gulf War - 90/91

* C. Wasn't a fence there in 90-91

• Doesn't know if there in JUL 93

• Lots of ways to walk into the park

OK Park Maint.
records -
when Fence erected?

6:45

Braun

Gun

Head

Blood

Jacket Briefcase

5-10 min.
pkg 1st
thru 304
(she wrote it
up)

(car, pkg 1st
scene)

✓
empty
no med
personnel

Shirt - RT.
shoulder
Fairly obvious
suicide

• Car not printed
• map on psgr side

- Unlocked -

Rolla

moved
body fm side to side
when ck
for keys

(body scene)

look for keys -
ck's pockets
doesn't get them
later get keys at hosp.

Simone

Saw
Gun

Head

Blood

7:00
pm
no emts

✓ ✓ ✓

Took
photos

Removed gun from hand -

35mm - underdeveloped -

BK - Chuck Reising

		<u>Saw Gun</u>	<u>Head</u>	<u>Blood</u>	<u>In Car</u>	
					<u>T-shirt</u>	<u>Briefcase</u>
<u>1st to scene</u>	<u>Fornhill</u> (at CIA Post)	No	Slight tilt to right Saw the ddp - resting on the shoulder		✓	Possible

6:10	<u>Hall</u>	Yes tells Fornhill there is a gun	• Check for pulse left side of neck • Did not have head • Head straight	✓	✓	Yes	↓ Stry Radar Orange in Woods
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6:10	<u>Gonzalez</u> 6:36 he only obvious 100% suicide w/ gun DVA	Yes right away	Lutty poss. wound on side of head/neck	Stains on shirt Sandy says Hall might have pulled pants up (trousers) a lot in mouth	✓	Can't say Gonzalez - car/scene
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<u>Polovich</u> talk several	<u>Ferstl</u> Actual offer	✓ was told by Fornhill there was gun		Shirt clean			Went w/ car back to Anagnostia lot
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saw Ferstl, Simonetti talking photos	<u>Edwards</u>	✓	Face up				
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<u>Arthur</u> EMT		✓		Wound - rt. side of neck doubtful suicide Hall also Q. suicide	✓	-
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U.S. Park Police

Interviews on Thu, 2-7

10 Braun

12 Rolla

2 Simonello

4 Hodakovic

Apt

Walk Thru entire day's chronology -

Wm Watson...

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VF - "Citizens"

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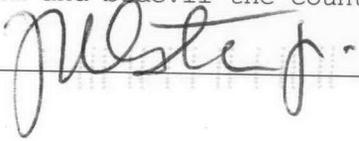
Mr. Kenneth Starr
Office of the Independent Counsel
1001 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Suite 490-North
Washington, DC 20004



Dear Mr. Starr:

I was very disappointed to learn that Miguel Rodriguez had resigned from your staff reportedly because one of his superiors was interfering with his conduct of the grand jury probe of Vincent Foster's death. This would appear to explain the leisurely pace of that investigation, which took testimony from only a dozen witnesses in three months and has yet to question many key figures.

Since the evidence already made public overwhelmingly points to foul play, not suicide, we are depending on you to find out who was responsible for Foster's death. Please don't follow Fiske's example. If you do, you will ruin your reputation and leave us with a festering sore that will undermine faith in the system and bedevil the country for decades.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. Edgar Hoover", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is positioned to the right of the main body of text.

[REDACTED]

April 22, 1995

Dear Mr. Starr:

I was delighted when you were appointed to replace Robert Fiske, believing we would at last get the facts about Vince Foster's death.

I have since learned that Miguel Rodriguez resigned because the grand jury process was being thwarted by his superior, Mark Tavokey III, a Democratic activist who interfered in the choice of witnesses and created delays in quizzing them. This is an alarming development.

There is too much evidence indicating foul play in the death of Vince Foster and I am hopeful you will find out who was responsible. Do not condone any interference in getting all of the facts as quickly as possible. For the sake of the country, do not compromise your integrity in this matter.

Sincerely yours,
Mrs. Mary Malmer

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April 27, 1995

Mrs. Mary Malmer

FOIA(b) 6

Dear Mrs. Malmer:

We have received your letter of April 20, 1995 addressed to Mr. Starr.

Please be assured that the investigation will continue to be conducted in a fair, impartial and complete manner.

Sincerely,

Eric H. Jaso
Associate Counsel

taken in three months?

Since the evidence already made public overwhelmingly points to foul play, not suicide, we are counting on you + your staff to find out who was responsible for Foster's death. And the motive.

Please do not follow Fiske's example, and preside over a "cover-up." The country deserves to know the truth, so that we can once again begin to trust our government to tell us the TRUTH, a quality that has been sadly lacking during those past two years.

Yours with concern,
Margaret A. Williams



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April 20, 1995

Dear Mr. Starr,

The people in this country have great faith in your honesty and integrity, and your unblemished reputation. We are counting on you to conduct a thorough and completely open and above-board investigation into the death of Vincent Foster.

I was troubled to learn that Miguel Rodriguez had resigned from your staff reportedly because one of his superiors was interfering with his conduct of the grand jury probe of Foster's death.

Why have many key figures in the case not been questioned? And why has testimony from only a dozen witnesses been





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April 27, 1995

Ms. Margaret A. Williams

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Dear Ms. Williams:

We have received your letter of April 20, 1995 addressed to Mr. Starr.

Please be assured that the investigation will continue to be conducted in a fair, impartial and complete manner.

Sincerely,

Eric H. Jaso
Associate Counsel

Hunt Hamill

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4/23/95

Dear Mr. Starr:

Why did Miguel Rodriguez resign from your staff? Was it because there is no real desire to find out just what did happen to Vincent Foster?

There is much that is suspect in this situation and your failure to aggressively pursue the investigation makes you suspect also.

Its all very discouraging!!

Hunt Hamill



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April 27, 1995

Mr. Hunt Hamill

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Dear Mr. Hamill:

We have received your letter of April 20, 1995 addressed to Mr. Starr.

Please be assured that the investigation will continue to be conducted in a fair, impartial and complete manner.

Sincerely,

Eric H. Jaso
Associate Counsel

Ronald W. Kelly, Jr.

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4-24-95

Tuesday, April 18th, 1995

Kenneth Starr
Kirkland & Ellis
655 15th St.
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Washington, DC 20005

Dear Mr. Starr;

I am writing in regards to the Vincent Foster investigation that you are conducting. I have heard so many reports regarding this matter that I have become deeply agitated and concerned that the truth will never be revealed by properly appointed persons, such as yourself, entrusted to do so. As G. Gordon Liddy stated perhaps a month ago, "The fix is in, ladies and gentlemen!" Then he went on to elaborate on what I just said, explaining that a "deal" had been made.

I wonder, is there anyone left in government circles who cares even the slightest bit about doing the right thing? I wrote Senator Mitchell a letter when I lived in Maine, decrying the fact that it seemed that whatever was immoral, unethical, and illegal (anti-constitutional), the Democrats were right there supporting it en masse. The same disease is afflicting the Republicans. Who does care about the truth anymore? It seems to be only those who are not threatened by political popularity! It's certain that the only place we can currently hear any truth at all is our concerned churches, Rush Limbaugh, and G. Gordon Liddy, and others of that sort of moral fortitude.

The 700 Club had a guest on this AM by the name of James Davidson who mentioned that your assistant is sandbagging the investigations, and that three of your top investigators recently resigned because of frustrations over continued hampering of their efforts to get at the truth. This is so akin to the repeated choking of the Arkansas investigations that it is sickening! Specifically, among other things, I mean "Whitewater", the Jerry Parks execution, the murder of Kevin Ives and Don Henry, and Don Tyson's ties to Clinton.

You know, the Bible makes some incredibly interesting statements that parallel the very situation that we find ourselves in. It says, "We look for judgement, but there is none. And judgement is turned away backward, and justice standeth afar off: for truth is fallen in the street, and equity (integrity) cannot enter." (Isaiah 59:11b & 14) Verse 15 - 18 goes on to say that it displeased the Lord, and describes the vengeance He took.

Truly, this is what has happened. Innocent, God-fearing people have literally been murdered, as have others who "knew too much," and the facts have almost been obliterated. As in the case of Able in the book of Genesis, the blood of Vincent Foster cries from the ground! Truth has not only "fallen in the street," but it has been trampled underfoot.

I implore you, sir, as someone who has influence that matters, and a God given responsibility to bring forth the truth, that you do exactly that, and let politics go fly the proverbial kite!! America deserves to know the truth, and justice demands it!!

Sincerely,

Ronald W. Kelly, Jr.

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April 20, 1995

George B. Collins, Esq.
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Dear Mr. Collins:

When we last talked outside the grand jury room on March 30, 1995, you advised Steve Colloton, Gabrielle Wolohojian, and me that we should expect that your client, Governor Jim Guy Tucker, would decline our invitations to appear before the grand jury investigating matters relating to the bankruptcy action involving Landowners Management Systems, Inc., and various transactions involving your client and Capital Management Services or Madison Guaranty Savings and Loan.

As you know, we have advised you for a number of months that both the grand jury and our office would like to hear from Mr. Tucker. At one point, we agreed to reserve a block of time for his appearance at

An article appeared in the Arkansas Democrat Gazette on April 14, 1995, which purported to relate statements of Governor Tucker at a luncheon on Thursday, April 13. The opening paragraph of the article states, "Governor Jim Guy Tucker said Thursday that he has never met with Whitewater Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr, any of Starr's employees, or any of the FBI agents in the investigation." So that there is no misunderstanding, please advise Governor Tucker that we continue to offer him the opportunity to appear before the grand jury to offer his explanation for events under investigation. We also have been, and continue to be, willing to interview Governor Tucker at the date, time, and place of his choosing. Please advise [redacted] that we would afford either of them the same courtesy.

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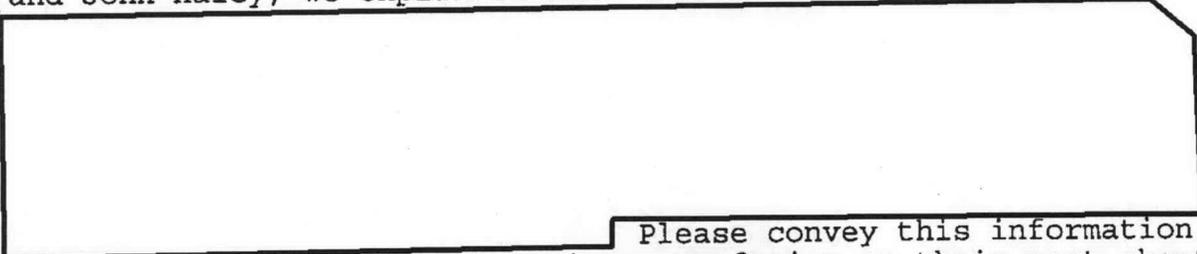
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George B. Collins, Esq.
April 20, 1995

As you know, we have been unable to gather other information relating to matters under investigation, because Governor Tucker has asserted the attorney-client privilege with respect to certain documents or communications. To the extent that Governor Tucker continues to assert the attorney-client privilege, that assertion may hinder our ability to gather all pertinent facts. We invite Mr. Tucker to waive any applicable privilege, so that we may consider what role, if any, advice of counsel played in the conduct under investigation.

The newspaper article implies that Governor Tucker may not be aware of the nature of the investigation into his activities. You will recall that in our meeting on January 18, 1995, with you and John Haley, we explained that our office is investigating



Please convey this information to your clients so that there is no confusion on their part about the matters that we would like to discuss with them.

According to the newspaper article, Mr. Tucker alleged publicly that our office has leaked stories to the media that he will be indicted by the grand jury. You have previously expressed concern to us privately about leaks to the media. We reiterate that this office is aware of no leaks by employees of this office or investigating agents working with the office, and we share your concern about premature reports of pending indictments. The reported leaks are incorrect as a factual matter. As I have told you previously, this office has made no decision whether to propose criminal charges against Mr. Tucker, and that is the case as of this date.

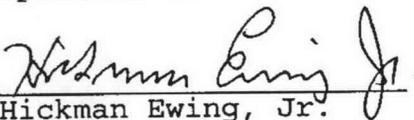
Our investigation is rapidly coming to the point where we will have to make decisions whether to present an indictment for the grand jury's consideration in connection with the matters outlined above. We wish to have access to as many facts as possible before reaching those important decisions. To that end, we again ask that you convey to your clients our desire to speak with each of them about the matters under investigation. We also request that Governor Tucker waive any applicable attorney-client privilege relating to the matters under investigation.

George B. Collins, Esq.
April 20, 1995

If you are in Little Rock again in the near future, I would appreciate the opportunity to speak with you personally about these matters.

Sincerely,

KENNETH W. STARR
Independent Counsel

By: 
Hickman Ewing, Jr.
Senior Counsel

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April 25, 1995

Mr. Kenneth Starr
Office of the Independent Counsel
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Dear Mr. Starr:

Thank you for the letter we have received from your Senior Counsel, Mr. Hickman Ewing, dated April 20, 1995. Among other things the letter invites me to confer with Mr. Ewing when I am next in Little Rock. I expect to be back in Little Rock on Monday, May 8, 1995 and will look forward to talking with you, Mr. Ewing, or your associates on that day, if convenient.

Your Senior Counsel also states that no decision has been made on whether to propose criminal charges against Mr. or Mrs. Tucker. This is reassuring, even in the face of the multiple press reports to the contrary. This is also consistent with your Senior Counsel's informal oral assurances that no charging decision has been reached on the question as to whether a crime has been committed by anyone in connection with the Tuckers' various transactions. As you know, Mr. Fiske investigated Mr. and Mrs. Tucker for approximately seven months and presented no charges against them. Prior to Mr. Fiske's investigation, a Republican United States Attorney in Arkansas investigated criminal referrals concerning Mr. Tucker and President Clinton and concluded no charges should be filed. Since August of 1994 your office has required easily 100,000 documents from Mr. Tucker and has subpoenaed or interviewed, to our knowledge, at least thirty people, asking them questions and making statements to them which, by design or inadvertence, gave an impression that some type of crime had been committed in which Mr. Tucker was implicated. After all that, your Senior Counsel tells us you still do not have sufficient information to allow you to decide to charge Mr. or Mrs. Tucker.

Steve,
PIS read asap to
come see me.
H.E.

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Your Senior Counsel's assurance that no decision has been made to propose charges is also comforting in light of various occurrences of which we have some knowledge; a member of your staff commenting to the members of his church on the guilt of Mr. Tucker; employees of your office talking openly of the "indictment" in restaurants and other public places in Little Rock as if what your people call the "locals" could not hear; one of your attorneys telling a bank officer, from whom she sought "cooperation" that the Tuckers had committed fraud against that bank, even though the bank had been paid in full in accordance with the loan agreement; and communications with members of the United States Congress detailing proposed charges against Mr. Tucker.

The fifth paragraph of your letter implies that the office of Independent Counsel has informed counsel for the Tuckers of the actions by them which might constitute criminal violations and on which additional information is still needed. With one possible exception, that is simply untrue. The possible exception is the assertion by your Senior Counsel in a meeting with me that he believed the disclosure statement filed in the Landowner's Management System bankruptcy was fraudulent. He did not identify what in that document might constitute a criminal violation but he did agree that the statute of limitations had expired on that matter. Thus, the continued assertion as to an ongoing investigation of possible bankruptcy fraud is all the more puzzling, since the statute of limitations has run.

On no other occasion have you or your Office provided Mr. or Mrs. Tucker or their counsel any further specification or identification of the exact acts, dates or transactions under investigation. We have been forced to rely on speculation based on document subpoenas, reports of individuals interviewed by investigators for your office, and newspaper reports which have used the same broad general language set forth in the letter from your Senior Counsel: "possible tax fraud, bank fraud, and fraud involving the Small Business Administration". As you are aware some of the newspaper articles, if accurate, have been far more detailed and informative than anything provided to us by the Independent Counsel.

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If you genuinely consider any specific act or acts by Mr. or Mrs. Tucker to constitute a possible criminal violation, our client would be happy to consider assisting you by providing reasonable information which they might have regarding such matters. We sincerely and earnestly invite you to allow us to assist you and will look forward to receiving from your staff a precise list of the specific acts in question, the criminal statutes which you believe may have possibly been violated, the manner in which they may have been violated, the dates when such actions allegedly occurred and any other relevant information that would allow our clients to be fully responsive and of assistance.

You can of course, without providing us any information, utilize the subpoena power at any time to cause our clients to appear before the grand jury. Although the request by your Senior Counsel that the Tuckers waive attorney client privilege is extraordinary, our clients certainly may choose to do so and attempt to engage in a wide ranging question and answer session on more than a decade of personal financial and business transactions. This surely would put both you and our clients in the unfortunate position of relying on unrefreshed memories of events occurring as much as ten years ago. I am sure you would agree that is an unreliable and hazardous method of attempting to gather facts. And, although I am sure your staff would not seek to use such a forum merely in the hope of attempting to create a charge of perjury, our clients are aware of the fact that some prosecutors have used such tactics...especially where the evidence on the original matter under investigation was weak or non-existent. We would, of course, have to be able to assure our clients of the Independent Counsel's good faith in this regard. We have those concerns expressed by the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals in U.S. v. Brown, 245 F.2d 549.

The matter of good faith is of considerable concern to our clients for a number of reasons, not all of which need to be detailed here. We do note however that the sixth paragraph of the letter from your Senior Counsel asserts that your office is aware of "no leaks by employees of this office or investigating agents working with the office" and assures us of your concern about "premature reports of pending indictments"...a rather narrow description of what types of things might be leaked. For example, your office still has not explained the matter set forth in my letter of February 27th to your Associate Counsel, Ms. Wolohojian, except to

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deny. At that time I raised the issue of Ms. Pollock of the Wall Street Journal having called to tell us all about your office's initial "invitation" for Mr. Tucker to appear before the Grand Jury...this call to us was made before Ms. Wolohojian's letter of invitation dated February 24, 1995 and at a time when there was no paper anywhere on our side referring to that invitation. This call followed on the heels of one from a reporter from the Los Angeles Times inquiring, accurately, about a meeting between your staff, Mr. Haley and me two weeks earlier. You are familiar with the Thanksgiving surprise for Mr. and Mrs. Tucker when national news media reported his imminent indictment; as well as the statements and television commercials advertising Mr. Tucker's coming indictment, by Sheffield Nelson, a member of the Republican National Committee and aspiring office holder who was running against Mr. Tucker.

And, although your Senior Counsel's letter denies that the "leaks are accurate as a factual matter", it does not deny that the leaks occurred. Senior Counsel's statement is carefully worded, and we can only accept its reassurance exactly as far as it goes.

And, we are quite aware of the reports that Chris Wade chose to plead guilty rather than allow your office to attack his wife. We are also aware of the sad instance in which your office has required the widow and children of the late Mr. Foster to go to a grand jury in Washington to answer questions which could have been answered here. We are authorized to say that Betty Tucker is not intimidated, and that she forbids her husband to do any act harmful to himself on account of any accusation against her. We do note that your counsel have only recently begun to mention Mrs. Tucker in your communications with us.

However, in an effort to be of as much assistance as possible, even under these difficult circumstances. Mr. Tucker will be available for interview at the first convenient time as to any relevant information he may have regarding President or Mrs. Clinton or the Clinton's relationship or financial dealings with: Madison Guaranty Savings and Loan; James B. McDougal or Susan McDougal; Whitewater Land and Development Corporation; Jim Guy Tucker or Betty Tucker or any entity owned or controlled by the Tuckers. They will also agree to be interviewed as to any relevant knowledge they may have regarding Webb Hubbell,

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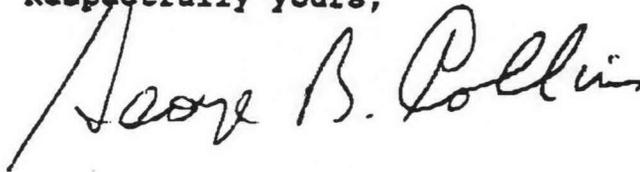
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Bruce Lindsey, Vincent Foster, or any other member of the executive branch of the United States Government or their relatives and any person within the definitions found in 28 U.S.C. 591 (b) or (c). If you have any relevant documents which would refresh the Mr. Tucker's memory on these matters please ask your staff to have them available for him at the interview so that they may be reviewed prior to its commencement.

We eagerly await the information which would allow us to attempt to assist the Office of Independent Counsel.

I will call you to set a time for our meeting.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George B. Collins". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "George B. Collins".

GBC:dc



Memorandum

To : MARK TUOHEY

Date 3/2/95

From : SA C.L. REGINI

Subject: FBI LABORATORY CONFERENCE

The subject meeting took place on Friday, February 24, 1995, with the following participants:

- SA Chuck Regini, Office of the Independent Counsel
- Associate Independent Counsel Hickman Ewing
- Associate Independent Counsel Brett Kavanaugh
- SSA [redacted] Materials Analysis, Unit Chief
- SSA [redacted] Firearms
- SSA [redacted] Blood Pattern Analysis
- SSA [redacted] Documents
- SSA [redacted] DNA
- SSA [redacted] Serology
- SSA [redacted] Materials Analysis (soil)
- SSA [redacted] Chemistry
- SSA [redacted] key examination
- SSA [redacted] Hairs and Fibers
- Lou Hupp, latent prints

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The members of the Independent Counsel asked questions of each examiner to clarify the results of their respective examinations. Prior to the start of the conference, all of the participants viewed the video "UNANSWERED: The Death of Vincent Foster". The following is an outline of the examiner's responses to questions by members of the Independent Counsel, and their comments regarding questions raised in the video:

Blood pattern analysis [redacted] :

The positions of the decedent's head as depicted in the computer drawing on the video is wrong. The video depicts a small stain on the right side of the decedent's face, and three blood drain tracts. In reality, the facial stain is much larger, and there are only two drainage tracts.

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- 1-Ea. Participant *Ewing*
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The head assumed two positions, not four as suggested in the video. The decedent's head is tilted back at the death scene; the death scene was sloped and terraced. There was little blood surrounding the body, but there was a consistent amount of blood on the ground in the back of the decedent's head and on the back of the body, as noted on the decedent's shirt. The video ignored most of the blood pattern analysis findings. The transfer stain on the decedent's face and shirt is a saturating type of stain; a blotting type pattern- indicating that the head was in contact with the shirt for an undetermined period of time. The head could have been in contact with the shirt during the staining. The pre-autopsy photos indicate a number of post-event stain creations due to the transportation of the body; much more blood is noted on the decedent's white shirt.

Latent prints (Hupp):

It is common not to obtain latent prints off of a weapon; more likely not to get latents. The weapon was initially processed by the Park Police with only powder; even less likely to obtain latents using only this method. The locations of the developed latent prints in this case are as follows:

one latent finger print on the backside of the gun's grips.

the side of a palm on one torn section of the note.

two latent fingerprints on the Trippett business card; one of which was identified to Pete Simonello. The unidentified latent is on the back of the card.

two palm prints were located on the right rear side of the trunk of the decedent's vehicle by the Park Police.

two fingerprints were located on the right front door of the vehicle, above the window.

three fingerprints and a palm print were located on specimen Q6 (miscellaneous papers from the vehicle).

one fingerprint was located on an envelope.

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Chemistry :

Trace amounts of two prescription drugs were found in the decedent's blood. These trace amounts would not show up in a routine analysis. The blood was not tested for alcohol; it is a very routine standard test that is very reliable- alcohol would have shown up in the post-autopsy toxicology test. It seems obvious that the decedent was experiencing emotional stress; first he tried the diazepam, when that didn't work he tried the trazodone. A "normal" person would not be taking these drugs. There are countless chemicals that could have killed the decedent that were not tested for; there is no one battery of tests for all poisons- need to know the poison. The same type of gunpowder in the ammunition found in the gun is the same type of gunpowder found on the glasses, consistent with the glasses being on the decedent's face when he was shot, and indicates that the gunpowder in the ammunition was the gunpowder used to kill him.

Serology [REDACTED]:

Three genetic analysis comparisons were conducted on the decedent's blood and the blood located on the shirt and t-shirt. The t-shirt was positive on three of three, the shirt was positive on two of three; only one positive comparison is necessary for conclusive results; the blood on the shirt and t-shirt is the decedent's. The gun was negative for blood; a very limited test was conducted on the gun due to the other tests that were to be conducted on the weapon. A negative finding does not preclude blood or saliva being on the gun, this would be detected in the DNA testing. The previous dusting of the weapon for latents by the Park Police may have destroyed some or all of the blood on the weapon. Unconfirmed blood was located on the shorts. No blood was located on the glasses; also a very limited and conservative test due to other testing. The tie and the jacket had no blood on them; indicates that he took these items off prior to being shot. The video reported that it was suspicious that no bone fragments were found at the death scene, however, the Park Police did not conduct a search for bone fragments that night; the area was not tested for blood residues. The elements would have quickly washed away any small fragments. Additionally, rodents would have carried away small bone fragments.

DNA [REDACTED]:

The decedent's DNA was located approximately 4 in. to the rear of the muzzle of the gun on the barrel. This seems to indicate that the DNA is from saliva, as from the mouth of the decedent. The location of the DNA would be consistent with the approximate position of the revolver to create an entrance wound in the soft palate. The semen that was located is from the decedent; it is not a mixed stain- no nonsperm.

Materials analysis [REDACTED]:

Prior to the FBI search, the positioning of the decedent's body was precisely located on the slope. No soil was found on the decedent's coat, which indicates that it was not on the ground at the death scene. Micaceous soil in very small amounts was found on the scrapings from the decedent's shoes and socks (combined). Micaceous soil is flaky and glittery. This finding is consistent with the conditions and weather at the time of death. There would be no expectation of finding soil on the decedent's shoes because of the conditions and weather.

Firearms [REDACTED]:

There was no indication that a silencer had been attached to the revolver found in the decedent's hand. Silencers are usually not attached to revolvers since sound would still escape from the cylinder area of the weapon. A gunshot sound would be muffled by the trees and the victim's mouth. Lead, in the form of smoke, can be detected up to two feet from the discharge of a firearm. Lead residues found on the decedent's shirt is consistent with the cylinder blast of the revolver.

Additionally, lead was detected at the 6th button on the shirt. The ammunition found in the revolver was Remington .38 special, with an HV headstamp. It is old ammunition and very common. Unable to say why the gun was not knocked out of the decedent's hand; very difficult to say whether it should have been knocked out of his hand, extremely speculative. The hand hold used by the decedent on the revolver is not the simplest or easiest, but is definitely plausible.

Hairs and Fibers [redacted]:

inches
Two unidentified blonde hairs, along with a large and varied number of carpet fibers, were located in the debris from the scrapings of the decedent's clothing. One of the blonde hairs was 12 in long. Neither of the hairs appear to have been forcibly removed. Unknown debris is common in any investigation. The decedent could have come into contact with the hairs and fibers at any point, but more likely within the past day. In a common household, it is possible that the hairs and fibers could have come from the laundry. The number and type of carpet fibers does not indicate that the decedent was rolled up in a carpet.

[redacted]
The FBI search of Ft. Marcy Park for the bullet was logical and methodical; parameters needed to be set. Three different metal detectors were used, all set for a "bullet standard". Everything was not dug up, only items that could be bullets. Many bullets were found, none capable of having been fired from the revolver. The bullet was definitely not in the slope where the decedent was found.

There was no prior meeting of all the examiners to collectively discuss their findings in this case.

The conclusions by all of the examiners, when viewed comprehensively, strongly indicates suicide.

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EXCLUSIVE ISSUE

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IGNORE IT AND THEY WILL GO AWAY. OR WILL THEY?

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The mainstream media is hoping and praying that *true investigative reporters* will just curl up, wither and die. The established press is, at long last, being challenged by the new breed of **Reality Investigators**. The ability to be mocked, called a liar and "your information is trash", is part of being on the cutting edge of today's information super highway. Never before, in the history of printing, has more factual information flowed to the general public. The media is at long last getting a run for their money. When a small newspaper, The Bradenton Herald, located in Florida, called and stated they wish to stop receiving our daily political information that is supplied at no cost, you naturally ask why. Their answer; they call your the information **trash**, wasting their fax paper and valuable fax time and in the same breath say that you should go back to whence you came. This British journalist took it very personally and let them have it with both barrels, if you know what I mean. The title of the article was **EXCLUSIVE - JUST WHAT THE HELL IS THE MEDIA HIDING THIS TIME?** Maybe the shoe fits and they knew they didn't need to be at the ball, in the spotlight, with the ugly partner called **THE TRUTH!**

What sparked this entire event? Simply a journalist prepared to tell the truth like it should it be. When, through your investigative efforts, information and facts become so hot as a news story and you know your colleagues have access to the same information, (if they worked at it,) but refuse to even acknowledge simple indiscretion, then you know something is wrong. All in one day these facts became (WRTS 116371) Grand Jury in Washington convened by Kenneth

Starr, was interviewing and expecting testimony from the U.S. Park Police. They were in for a major surprise. All of the Park Police officers involved in the Vince Foster investigation plead the fifth amendment and consulted with their group attorney. Now there's trust in the system for you! Pleading the fifth is common from the other side of the fence, criminals or suspects will often evoke this right to protect their freedom and ensure they don't incriminate themselves. So, America's finest are stating, by their actions, they have something to hide. Just what did occur on July 20, 1993? How did the U.S. Park Police become the department of choice to investigate the highest ranking government official's death since the demise of JFK? Murder or suicide are not the normal activities of officers who give squirrels tickets for jaywalking and book trees for exceeding the speed limit.

Foster's body was found in Fort Marcy Park and, it is believed, if the officers had testified they would have had to explain how Foster's body was moved into their jurisdiction. Yes, the body was moved, from where at this point is pure speculation. The Park Police, and other government officials, do know and will be forced to tell in the near future. Kenneth Starr, and his Independent Counsel team, will not let this strange event go unnoticed.

To think that this is enough to pull an Independent Counsel's hair out is true. Starr is not the only Counsel with problems. Donald Smaltz, who is investigating Mike Espy (former Agriculture Secretary), has been told, by Janet Reno, he can't expand his investigation and encompass Tyson Chicken employees. Now under the rules and regulations of Independent Counsel, permission must be granted by the Justice Department, with no recourse after denial. Except one factor, both Tyson Chicken and Donald Smaltz have filed sealed court

papers in Washington regarding this matter. Tyson Chicken's lawyers are attempting to derail the investigation and control the events and actions of a government appointed official.

You would think the media would be filling their front pages with this news that is more interesting than the O.J. Simpson case. Wrong! Even indictments handed down, by an Arkansas Grand Jury, never make the front page. On March 29, 1995, Billy McCord was indicted for money laundering and gambling, you might think that is worthy of news coverage and in some cases you could be right. This case has more to it than meets the eye, Billy McCord once was president of Lasater & Co. Ring a bell? Yes, the same Lasater who went to jail with Roger Clinton for transportation of cocaine and tied directly to William Jefferson Clinton. Troopers who worked for the governors security detail, have stated, Clinton was at the same party at which his brother, Roger and Dan Lasater were busted. Apparently a trooper warned the then governor, of the impending raid, and was whisked away, minutes before all hell broke lose. You may have seen the warm and fuzzy story about Lasater on CNN. Any time a rebuttle is needed, John Camp, Special Assignment reporter creates a story that tells half truths for the Clinton Noodle News network. Billy McCord has even stronger ties to Bill Clinton and Pasty Thomasson, employed at the White House, and believed to have limited security clearance. Where did you read about this story? Do you understand the lack of integrity of our media?

The sad irony of the whole affair is one of missed success. Yes, the media could be reaping in additional revenues if they would accept the fact that intelligence does live inside most Americans. Have we been "dumbed down" further than we think? I will give credit to some editors who reported the indictment of Neal T. Ainley, bank president and lackey of Bruce Lindsey. What they didn't report was the fact Ainley was brought into the fold, at all, was due to the dulcet tones of Webster Hubble, felon-to-be, singing at the top of his voice. April 28 is sentencing day for Web, and Starr has been changing his water, giving him more (URT 16371) placing different editions of national and local

papers on the floor of his cage. The right place for most newspapers don't you think? Seriously, Mr. Hubble has fingered more than just Mr. Ainley. Although this young ex-bank president has also assisted with the felony finger pointing and shown the investigation team his boss, Herbie Branscombe, owner of the Perry County bank. Who will be next on the indictment trial? Bruce Lindsey has more chance of being on the next wave of criminal hand-me-downs. Lindsey signed the checks Ainley issued and failed to report. Jim Guy Tucker, Arkansas governor, is allegedly tied directly to dubious real estate dealings prior to becoming one of Arkansas's finest. Two other names aren't far behind and are both Clinton insiders, George Stephanopoulos and Betsy Wright, their indictments maybe delayed, but won't be far behind. Webster Hubble may have some company sooner then he thinks.

Arkansas seems to attract a strange group of people who have continued their activities since making it to the White House and could end up in the *Big House*. Sadly it didn't start with Bill Clinton, although he has played a major role in a cover-up that will be the downfall of more politicians and law enforcement officials than ever imaginable. Mena, Arkansas, will go down in the annals of history as the downfall of three presidents, Ronald Reagan, George Bush and Bill Clinton, who knowingly closed their ears and eyes to a covert operation that, in turn, resulted in a flow of drugs and dirty money more massive than this nation has ever seen. There are too many deaths attributed to this antagonistic state of Arkansas. No, I will not give them credit by naming and counting the deaths that never needed to happen. Sadly there will be more, and our mainstream media will sit by and ignore the whole situation.

The Mena story doesn't stop there. Investigators have been working on the drug and money connections for years. One investigator for the state of Arkansas, Russell Welch, has been strangely moved away from his family and the case. This took place on March 18 with little or no notice at all. It is rumored he was threatened with a lawsuit. Even his superiors have had supervisors documenting

Welch's daily activities, including phone calls he receives. Just what does this man know? Maybe a lot more than his senior officers want him to know. Welch has been turning over more Mena stones than you can imagine. Sadly, informants and witnesses are silenced in many different ways. Russell Welch and author, Terry Read, lost an informant and a major witness on March 21. Robert Bates, aircraft engineer, who worked closely with Barry Seal and informed the parties of the events involving drugs and money transactions died. The local police are treating the death as suspicious and we have learned the autopsy found traces of drugs and mouthwash in his system. This mixture has been found before in other strange deaths. At this stage of the investigation for all parties involved, I imagine they're all looking over their shoulders and in their toothpaste.

Depositions are being taken in the Terry Read case. Read's book, *Compromise*, explains much about the Mena Connection. Larry Patterson, Arkansas State Trooper, has already stated under oath, the connection between Bill Clinton, George Bush and Oliver North in this case. More will be revealed over the next few weeks as more depositions continue. This case and the cover-up of Vince Foster will go deeper than any other case in history. Foster was working on personal affairs of Bill and Hillary Clinton, Whitewater, the real estate affair and including money tracking computer software that is allegedly stolen from Inslaw, who designed the PROMIS software system. Both the Hamilton brothers, who designed the software, have charged that the government stole their design and used it for their own gain. Bond King, Jack Stephens is allegedly linked to this software and is saying nothing at this time.

Foster's story doesn't stop here, through investigation it has been revealed that Foster had an appointment with a shrink. This had been arranged by his sister, Sheila Anthony, who works for the Justice Department. Her concerns were for the safety of the information Foster would divulge during consultations. The FBI has interviewed the doctor and established that Foster never met with her for any appointments. He does confirm Anthony's

conversations and concerns. So what was Foster up to? It seems he was working on the software program which tracked illegal money transactions. If this is so, then what else will be linked to Foster, and Bill or Hillary Clinton?

The plot thickens and so does the lies and innuendo. So what will happen? Only Kenneth Starr can indict and he will. The magic date of April 28 is all important to us all. This is the day Hubble will find out if he sang loud enough and how many weeks, months or years he will serve behind bars. I know your next question. What about Bill and Hillary? Bill Clinton, in my opinion, will never spend one day behind bars and will be charged with a lesser crime involving vote fraud. Hillary is another case. She, in Bill's eyes, can be sacrificed. The obstruction of justice charge will stick. Is this to do with Whitewater or linked to health care and her dear friend Ira Magaziner? In the next few weeks we will see a massive hole blown in the Clinton administration, if Kenneth Starr carries out his mission as he is expected to. This will be the most focused upon political move by any Independent Counsel. So, we will see just what our mainstream press will do, no doubt, they will go their own separate ways.

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SHARON, PENNSYLVANIA

Letters to the Editor

Vince Foster: Big Questions Remain

Your March 23 page-one article labeling critics of the botched investigations of the death of Vincent W. Foster Jr. as "conspiracy buffs" reflects the fact that most journalists who have written about this case want to believe the official reports and refuse to examine critically the evidence they present.

You say that those who have pointed out flaws in the investigations are "generating elaborate and scurrilous rumors about his suicide." You describe Christopher Ruddy, the first reporter to challenge the findings of the Park Police investigation, as "the king of Foster conspiracy theorists." You say that Mr. Ruddy and many other conspiracy theorists "stop short of saying they have proved murder." You say this "may be because so many of the theorists' suspicions can be explained away by a cursory reading of a report by Robert Fiske, the former independent counsel."

A cursory reading of Mr. Ruddy's stories should have shown you that rather than weaving conspiracy theories and generating scurrilous rumors about Mr. Foster's death, Mr. Ruddy did what you and other journalists should have done. Hearing charges that the Park Police investigation had been bungled, he did his own investigation. He was the only reporter who interviewed the EMS personnel and Park Police officers who had seen Foster's body as it lay in Fort Marcy Park. He reported that some of them and experts he consulted had doubts about the quick rush to judgment that this was a suicide. There was the unusual posture of the body (laid out as if it was in a coffin), the paucity of blood, the gun in the hand, the failure to find the bullet or bone fragments from the exit wound in Foster's skull and his shiny shoes in a dusty park.

As Mr. Ruddy pursued the story for the New York Post, he found many flaws in the Park Police investigation, all resulting from their failure to observe the rule that unattended violent deaths should be investigated as a homicide until there is enough evidence to rule out that possibility. The Park Police admitted that they didn't immediately check Mr. Foster's car for fingerprints because "it was obviously a suicide."

Mr. Ruddy neither generated nor disseminated rumors. He reported facts that exposed serious flaws in the Foster investigation. Your article's statement that many of the suspicions raised were explained away by the Fiske report is inaccurate. The Fiske report actually revealed even stronger evidence that cast doubt on the finding that Foster killed himself in Fort Marcy Park. The appended FBI lab report concluded that Foster's head had not always been in the face-up position in which it was found. This was proven by the blood on his right shoulder and on his right cheek and jaw.

Mr. Fiske's rejection of the alternative explanation—that the blood indicates that the body was moved—was based on the claim of his four pathologists that moving the body would have resulted in a lot of blood being spilled on Mr. Foster's clothing and skin. One of these pathologists (Dr. Donald Reay) has since acknowledged that this could have been controlled by bandaging the exit wound.

The Park Police investigators apparently made no tests for gunshot residue on Foster's hands or face, but the autopsy reported that black marks presumed to be gun smoke were observed on both index fingers in front of the gap between the cylinder and the barrel, precluding the possibility of his having a firm grip on the gun to aim it. It would be awkward to have even one hand in that position and senseless to have two. It would have been difficult to aim the gun accurately, risking incurring an injury that would paralyze but not kill.

These are only a few of the unanswered questions that have been posed by those that you berate as "conspiracy buffs" who generate "scurrilous rumors" about Foster's death. If you don't have the answers, you could at least tell your readers what the questions are.

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For someone who thinks conspiracists are silly (yet newsworthy), you certainly weave a pretty good conspiracy tale of your own.

You assert that my organization, the Western Journalism Center, has a political agenda because of its connections with "conservative activists." One of those, it turns out, was a major contributor to Bill Clinton's presidential campaign.

Any good conspiracy theory must, by definition, do two things: (1) explain who's behind it, and (2) reveal what really happened. In our investigation we have scrupulously avoided doing either of these two things. We have simply and painstakingly raised questions and inconsistencies that our colleagues have missed.

So what is your agenda? On April 4, 1994, your news story stated that then-Special Counsel Robert Fiske was about to conclude Foster had killed himself. While it turned out you were right, the curious thing about it is that by April 4, 1994, Robert Fiske had not yet conducted any substantive aspects of his investigation—no FBI lab tests, no pathology review. This fact was reported by Christopher Ruddy in the Pittsburg Tribune-Review on March 21.

Mr. Ruddy's 20-page response to former special counsel Robert Fiske's report was the only detailed critical analysis published before Fiske was sacked by a three-judge panel. Though you apparently forgot to mention it, Mr. Starr has empaneled the first grand jury investigation into the case.

Some of the substantive points raised by Mr. Ruddy: The gun did not have Foster's fingerprints on it. The family has not been able to positively identify the gun. The gun remained in Foster's hand despite the explosive recoil. Gunpowder residues, as noted in the Fiske report, demonstrate that neither of Foster's hands was on the gun's grip when it was fired.

There was uncharacteristically little blood at the scene, according to the medical examiner on the scene—a direct contradiction of the Fiske report. Mr. Foster left no suicide note and made no final arrangements for his family. The note he allegedly left did not have his fingerprints on it. Key crime scene photos, as well as X-rays, are missing. Mr. Foster would have had to walk more than 700 feet through the heavily wooded park without getting a trace of soil on his shoes and clothing. While he had no soil on him, his clothing was littered with unexplained carpet fibers of various colors. Several witnesses even dispute the location of the body's discovery.

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As a concerned former college mate of Vincent Foster Jr., I have done much more than "a cursory reading" of the Fiske report, and I can say unequivocally that the report (which is itself quite cursory) does not "explain away" the numerous inconsistencies in the case pointed out by Mr. Ruddy.

The flecks of mica the FBI lab found on Foster's shoes, socks and clothing are consistent with his body having been transported and dumped in the park. But I have walked the 200 or so yards that Foster would have had to walk to get to where they say his body was found, and that simply can't be done without getting dirt on your shoes. The barren ground in front of the second cannon where they say they found his body is also inconsistent with the one photograph that has been released to the public and also inconsistent with the description of surrounding "heavy vegetation" given by all initial viewers of the body.

I also wonder how it is possible for a police investigator to write that he was told by the autopsy doctor that X-rays showed no bullet fragments in Foster's head when the doctor, as he now maintains, took no X-rays, and how it is possible for assiduous investigators to overlook for almost a week a crucial note torn into 28 pieces and left in Foster's briefcase.

GARY D. MARTIN

Chantilly, Va.

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If the CIA or La Securite were doing a course on professional disinformation they could hardly find a more worthy exhibit for study than your articles on Vincent Foster. You have helped to convince the world that Vincent Foster committed suicide— notwithstanding compelling evidence to the contrary.

Your most recent article of March 23 is yet another study in insinuation and falsehood. Your intent is plainly to discredit those of us who have attempted to maintain public pressure for a thorough and honest investigation of Foster's death.

Crucial forensic evidence strongly suggests that he met foul play. At least seven of America's leading forensic experts have stated for the record that the pattern of powder burns on both Foster's left and right index fingers is "not consistent with suicide." They include Massad Ayoob, head of the Lethal Force Institute; Dr. Vincent Di Maio, medical examiner for San Antonio, Texas; Dr. Martin Faschler, who headed the U.S. Army's Wound Ballistics Laboratory, and Vincent Scalise, who was for many years a New York City Police crime scene expert as well as a forensic consultant to the House Committee on Assassinations.

Yet rather than report this important expert testimony, you say that all that keeps Foster's memory alive are "elaborate and scurrilous rumors about his suicide."

A lot more is involved. What is at issue are not rumors, but facts, few of which are known to most Americans. To ask that the truth be told is not to search for conspiracies.

The thinking citizen who looks beyond your reports to review the medical, biographical and simply descriptive facts of the case will be left with the strongest impression this side of certainty that Foster was murdered.

JIM DAVIDSON

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VINCE FOSTER
... Died mysteriously.

The "Independent" Counsel Said
It Was A "Suicide"! Did
Bill Clinton Orchestrate The....

A Book Report

Murder of Vince Foster

By Chas. W. Sanders

"It is understandable that liberals will not allow themselves to even consider the possibility that the Clintons (Bill and Hillary) are murderers," stated Michael Kellelt in his book, **THE MURDER OF VINCE FOSTER**.

"It is far more disconcerting to see conservatives stop short of accusing the Clintons of murder."

Michael Killelt's 115-page book, **THE MURDER OF VINCE FOSTER**, goes into detail the way Robert Fiske, the "Independent" Counsel, failed to report the truth in his investigation of Vince Foster's death to protect the Clintons.

The "Independent" Counsel reports the death of Vince Foster as a planned suicide. He did a very poor job of doing a complete and detailed investigation of the death of

Foster.

Sergeant George Gonzales was one of the first to discover the body. He made several observations that seemed unusual. One of the most glaring was the "almost perfectly straight" positioning of the body as it lay on the slope. It should have been expected to be contorted.

Sgt. Gonzales noted several other major clues on the scene that appeared inconsistent with

a suicide. Example: The gun remained in Foster's hand; his clothes and the general area were less bloody than would be expected.

These facts suggested the possibility that Foster had been shot elsewhere and carried to Fort Marcy Park.

After considerable resistance from the Clinton Administration, a special "Independent" Counsel was established to investigate the

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death of Vince Foster.

Robert Fiske was selected as the "Independent" Counsel and he concluded that Foster's death was a suicide. Fiske was replaced by Kenneth Starr, but Fiske's report still is the official record.

However, according to Kellelt, it is time to examine this report thoroughly. It is hoped a new investigation would seek the full truth. Fiske's report appears to be an attempted "white-wash" of the death. In fact, the Fiske report is a...JOKE!

"The death of Vince Foster," by editorial diagnosis, had been advanced by liberal psychobabblers for several months. It was not needed for this report. Americans deserved more," stated Kellelt.

The Fiske report sought to explain some of the "mysteries of the suicide." Why did the gun remain in his hand despite the violent reflex action that would have occurred?

The police lab did not find Foster's fingerprints on the gun. The lab did find a fingerprint

that was not Foster's.

Two very important questions that the investigation did not address were: (1) If this was a suicide, the body would have been found in a contorted position, and (2) The bullet would have been found. The answer to these two questions would have ruled out the suicide theory.

"It appears the procedure Fiske used was--a successful investigation seeks to arrive at a conclusion based on facts. Fiske's investigation established facts based on conclusion," stated Kellelt.

Official photos, taken when the body was discovered, showed Foster lying face upwards, his cheek or jaw was not in contact with his shoulder. The shirt covering his right shoulder was soaked with blood.

Yet, probably every medical person in the universe agrees that all muscular and neurological activity would have ceased within seconds after the bullet passed through the brain stem.

Foster could have fallen into a position with his head

against the shoulder, but once in that position, there would have been no way that the head could move back to the position facing upwards after contacting the shoulder--not without help.

This simple fact was devastating to the suicide theory. It presents a picture of clear evidence that Foster's body had been moved prior to its discovery in the park.

The man who discovered the body, called CW for Confidential Witness, told the FBI he didn't see a gun in Foster's hand. Yet, the official photos show Foster holding a gun.

The "Independent" Counsel's report maintains Foster shot himself with the revolver placed deep in his mouth. Yet, there was no blood on the revolver and no flame burns in his mouth.

The autopsy revealed that the bullet exited Foster's skull, leaving a wound over one inch in diameter, yet no skull fragments were found at the scene. Colored carpet fibers, not matching his home or his office, were found on his clothes.

All this evidence and data was not interpreted. It appeared in the report but was ignored in the analysis and conclusions.

It's bad enough which Fiske ignored information that doesn't

support his objectives, but when he knowingly failed to provide pertinent information, we have to face the suspicion that he was intentionally trying to mislead.

This is illustrated by the report that the gun was found in Foster's right hand. But Foster was...left-handed and the "Independent" Counsel had to know this fact.

Stated in the report, but glossed over with no comments, is an observation that CW saw Foster lying with both palms facing upward. The report by Fiske, however, does not contribute the key information here, which is that the pictures of the body show Foster with his palms facing down.

When liberals discuss the death of Vince Foster, the words "strange" and "mysterious" have a crystal clear meaning. Any event or evidence that does not support the suicide theory is strange or mysterious.

Setting aside all comments, countering arguments, or explanations for the moment, we are left with...A total of 21 points against suicide.

Setting aside all countering arguments or explanations, and setting aside the psychobabble, reports indicate...A total of five items of evidence in favor of

MURDER Cont...

It appears that Fiske's report starts with the premise that is...was a suicide based on the evidence he said he found. Then all other evidence found would become subordinated, molded, explained, or even ignored in order to become compatible with his premise.

After reviewing the material, it is by no means concluded that the gun was deep in Foster's mouth, against the soft palate, when the shot was fired. The erratic distribution of gun-powder, no flame burns in the mouth, no blood on the gun, yet a high concentration of gun-powder on the soft palate, suggest the vision of someone hurriedly spreading powder around, throwing a wad into the mouth and placing the muzzle deep in his mouth before putting it in his hand.

Yet, even if Foster shot himself and the gun was fired deep in his mouth, you would expect to find some damage in the mouth.

But imagine firing an OLD 38 Colt with its sharp recoil action--the hand holding the gun, plus the gun itself--would go in every direction, violently. The revolver's sight on the muzzle would be especially destructive.

In this event, there would be severe cuts and probably broken teeth; in other words, the same signs as a struggle.

It has been suggested, if someone had been holding a gun in Foster's mouth after firing, probably less damage would have resulted than if Foster pulled the trigger himself, especially if that someone was experienced in the use of guns and had a steady hand.

Since the contention is that Foster shot himself with the gun deep in his mouth, so crucial to the "Independent" counsel's suicide theory, you must be overly careful not to dismiss the possibility too quickly.

"The "Independent" Counsel's strongest argument in favor of a suicide is worthless," declared Kellett.

The concluding statement of the "Independent" Counsel's report should have stated : "All the available evidence overwhelmingly supports the conclusion that Vince Foster, Jr. was murdered and his body was transported to Fort Marcy Park and the FBI absolutely no evidence to the contrary."

The really BIG unanswered question concerns the raid on Vince Foster's office. What information could have been in Foster's office that would require such fast and secret movement to a more secure and/or safe location?

The records show that Foster's body was not identified by White House staff members until after 10:00 p.m. His body was found at 6:20 p.m. and his identity was determined later.

According to Sgt. Greg Brown, the White House was called at 7:00 p.m.--yet Foster was actually identified by White House staff members sometime after 10:00 p.m.

It took the White House staff members about 1-1/2 hours, after they received the call from police, for them to identify the body.

The White House officials (or ghouls) immediately hustled over to Foster's office. It appears they were waiting for the telephone call from the police. The White House officials barely arrived or beat the FBI investigators to Foster's office. When the FBI investigators arrived at Foster's office, they were told to sit outside while the White House staffers continued searching. The White House officials cited executive privilege and national security as their reasons.

Who had the authority to get Hillary's top two assistants to move fast to search Foster's office?

It wasn't the President--he was busy with the LARRY KING LIVE show during all this time. Hillary wasn't told

the problem until 9:45 p.m. which is long after the ghouls had been in action.

Margaret Williams, Hillary's Chief of Staff, said Nussbaum called her to go break into Foster's office and get his files.

"This fast action MUST be done for national security!"

What did Bill Clinton know about Vince Foster's death?

Clinton told the police that he didn't know when he talked with Vince Foster last. Then he remembered that he had "last spoken to Foster Sunday evening, about a 20-minute chat to cheer him up."

"The question that must be answered is not whether or not Clinton lied, but rather why did he lie?" Kellett said.

"There are many supporting facts behind this argument. Here is a President who looked into the cameras on several occasions and lied to millions of Americans. This is certainly indicative of an individual with severe psychological problems."

Finally, the "Suicide" note did appear. It was several

days after Vince Foster's death. The White House produced a note, torn in 27 pieces, and unsigned. They said it fell out of Foster's briefcase while they were gathering a package of his possessions to send to his wife.

Don't tell me they expected the FBI to believe that comment?

It is amazing, when you realize that the so-called "Suicide" note never mentioned suicide or anything close to it.

Another important question--Why, especially after some doubts were raised concerning the veracity of the "suicide," would Clinton continue to prevent the FBI from investigating?

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REVIEW & OUTLOOK

Mena Again

The strange story of what was going on at an airport in Mena, Arkansas, 10 years ago is an embarrassment to both the Democratic governor who ran Arkansas in the 1980s and to the Republicans who ran the White House. But two dogged Arkansans, former Internal Revenue Service Investigator William Duncan and Arkansas State Police Investigator Russell Welch, have kept the story alive. For more than a decade, Messrs. Duncan and Welch have been stitching together evidence of Mena-related schemes to smuggle drugs, launder money and ship weapons, possibly involving both Arkansas law enforcement and the U.S. intelligence community.

On Tuesday, Mr. Welch was summoned to Little Rock to appear before the State Police Commission. A review panel had demanded his immediate transfer to Little Rock. The reason? Inadequate attention to paperwork and the "need for closer supervision," says Wayne Jordan, a police spokesman. "It has nothing to do with" the Mena probe.

Repeated attempts to bring the Mena affair before state and federal authorities have failed. Mr. Duncan's stubborn insistence on investigating Mena, detailed on this page October 18, resulted in the destruction of his career in federal law enforcement. So naturally, when his colleague Russell Welch finds himself in a disciplinary hearing before the State Police Commission, we think it at least worthy of public note regardless of the official explanation. One year short of qualifying for his pension, Mr. Welch's transfer clearly would be tantamount to demotion and prelude to dismissal.

Mr. Welch tells us that his troubles started a little over a year ago, when he responded to inquiries from The Wall Street Journal and "CBS Evening News." Until then, he says he had always received above-average ratings on his performance reviews and high marks from his peers. Suddenly, questions were being raised about his paperwork. On one occasion, Mr. Welch says his commander, Major Charles Bolls, the chief of the Criminal Investigation Division, complained that Mr. Welch was "becoming like the two troopers who provided the press with

details on Gov. Clinton's alleged sexual misadventures. In February, a police panel persistently questioned him about whether he was writing a book about Mena.

Two weeks ago, Mr. Welch was notified of the administrative hearing and ordered not to work on his appeal during office hours. Among those rising to his defense was Charles Black, a former Mena-area public prosecutor who once had attempted to investigate the drug charges surrounding the airfield. Today Mr. Black is a deputy county prosecutor in Texarkana. Concerned about what was happening to Mr. Welch, who had no lawyer to represent him, Mr. Black went to Tuesday's hearing in Little Rock.

There, Mr. Black got the opportunity to question Major Bolls. According to observers of the proceeding, Major Bolls grew agitated when questioned about the Mena investigation and denied that it had anything to do with the transfer. Mr. Welch, Major Bolls said, was "consumed" with Mena and needed to be brought to Little Rock "so we would know where he was and what he was doing." By day's end, Mr. Black had won a 30-day continuance and Mr. Welch was placed on paid administrative leave.

A conflict of interest most likely prevents Mr. Black from further involvement in the case. He told us, however, "I'm convinced that Russell's activities in investigating Mena and talking to the media are playing a role in this whole mess." Mr. Jordan, the state police spokesman, hints that Mr. Welch's personnel file contains more damaging information and urges Mr. Welch to okay its release. At the least, Russell Welch clearly needs a lawyer, and a very tough one at that.

Mr. Welch's new lawyer might want to talk to Linda Ives, who drove up to Little Rock for the hearing. In 1987, Mrs. Ives's teenage son Kevin and his friend Don Henry were murdered by the railroad tracks south of Little Rock. She has waged a long campaign to prove their deaths are linked to drugs and Mena and a coverup. This troubling incident was reported by the Los Angeles Times in May 1992.

"That hearing was not about a trooper who didn't do his job," Mrs. Ives told us. "It was about a trooper who did his job only too well. Anybody who tries to tell the truth is discredited and ruined."



Russell Welch

Missing papers stir new queries in Foster death

Agents in Starr's inquiry conduct hunt for box taken from White House room

BY PETE YOST
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WASHINGTON — In yet another mystery arising from Vincent Foster's July 1993 suicide, federal agents are investigating whether a presidential aide removed a box of papers from a White House office the morning after Foster's death, according to people close to the investigation.

The agents are involved in independent counsel Kenneth Starr's investigation into the Whitewater Development Corp. affair.

For the past year, prosecutors have been unable to locate the box. They don't know what was in it, where it came from or whether it relates to Foster's death, the sources said.

The sources spoke only on condition of anonymity.

A Secret Service officer reported seeing a White House aide, Craig Livingstone, carrying a box of papers down from the second floor of the White House's West Wing the morning after Foster's suicide, said the sources. Foster's office was on the second floor along with the offices of several other presidential aides.

A U.S. Park Police detective who investigated Foster's suicide said Livingstone confirmed to him that he had moved a box of papers from the floor that morning. Detective Pete Markland said he questioned Livingstone after being alerted by the Secret Service officer.

"It was obviously unusual to him that Livingstone would have been coming down with papers like that," Markland said.

Markland said Livingstone told him the box was not from Foster's office. Whitewater investigators, however, are still trying to determine where Livingstone picked it up, where he took it and what was in it, the sources said.

Livingstone's lawyer, Randall Turk, said his client "did not remove any documents from the White House or the White House counsel's office the morning after Mr. Foster's suicide, and he has no knowledge of anyone else having done so."

Livingstone declined comment, except to say he appeared before a federal grand jury. Mark Tuohey, who is conducting the investigation in Washington on Starr's behalf, also declined comment.

At the time, Livingstone worked for William Kennedy, an associate White House counsel and a former colleague of Foster and first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton at Little Rock's Rose Law Firm. Kennedy has since moved back to Little Rock and rejoined the Rose firm.

Livingstone, who had security responsibilities at the White House, was among the first to be notified that Foster had shot himself in a federal park across the Potomac River from Washington on July 20, 1993. He and Kennedy went to the hospital later that night to identify the body.

The next day, Park Police officers went to the White House to search Foster's office for a suicide note.

According to Markland, a Secret Service officer told them he had seen Livingstone bringing down a box of papers from the second floor that morning. The officer reportedly suggested that the Park Police investigators talk to Livingstone about it.

Markland introduced himself a short time later, telling Livingstone, "You were seen carrying a box of papers off the second floor. Did they come from Mr. Foster's office? Were you in Mr. Foster's office?"

Markland said Livingstone replied that he had obtained the material from elsewhere on the second floor and that he hadn't gone into Foster's office. No further questions were asked.

Whitewater investigators had hoped to conclude their investigation last summer into the actions of White House aides after Foster's suicide. But questions arose about whether the White House might have tried to hide documents from authorities.

White House officials have denied wrongdoing.

Two days after Foster's death, several files involving the Clintons' Whitewater real estate venture in Marion County and other business dealings were removed from Foster's office by presidential aides and sent to the Clintons' private quarters.

The Clintons were partners from 1978-92 with Jim McDougal in Whitewater, a failed 230-acre residential development along the White River. Foster was working on Whitewater-related issues for the Clintons at the time of his death. Those records ultimately were turned over to Whitewater investigators by the Clintons' private attorney.

Sources said the search for the box Livingstone was seen carrying was the primary reason for a delay in that phase of the investigation, which was begun by Whitewater special counsel Robert Fiske Jr. A panel of three federal judges replaced Fiske with Starr on Aug. 5.

Fiske had said last June that he planned to close his investigation into the handling of Foster's papers in several weeks. He reversed himself in July, renewing requests that the White House turn over all documents related to Foster.

In the past month, Starr's office has subpoenaed 10 witnesses to question them about issues involving the Foster documents, including whether they saw Livingstone remove a box, the sources said.

John Podesta, the White House staff secretary, said administration officials are cooperating.

Markland said Starr plans to question him Friday.

A spokesman for the Secret Service refused to disclose the name of the officer who reported seeing Livingstone carrying the box.

Markland said when he encountered the White House aide, Livingstone's eyes were red and he appeared distraught over Foster's death. White House officials kept Markland and other Park Police officers from entering Foster's office until the next day. Even then, Bernard Nussbaum, then the White House counsel, prevented officers from looking at Foster's papers and sorted through them himself.

"The whole search of that office was absurd," Markland said.

Markland said the office was supposed to have been secured, but when he asked to see Foster's trash, "it wasn't there. ... They said it was taken out by maintenance or the housekeeper."

A log of people entering Foster's office July 21, 1993, reads: "Cliff Sloan, to replace a bag of trash previously taken from Mr. Foster's trash can."

Sloan was then an assistant White House counsel.

Markland said he believes White House officials "obviously had something to hide."

He said Nussbaum's failure to discover a torn-up note at the bottom of Foster's briefcase until days later "clinches it for me."

Nussbaum, he said, looked into the briefcase twice that day and told the police officers, "It's empty."

The Washington Post contributed to this article.

People who ought to be busted

The latest in Little Rock statuary was unveiled last week at the Governor's Mansion when a bust of Bill Clinton made its first public appearance.

Whether future generations revere the bronze portrait or pigeons merely rest on it is for the future to tell. Love him or not, Clinton deserves a bust; being president is thankless task.

But other people deserve busts, too. Many times these people go unrecognized, unrewarded, unappreciated. But without their hard work and dedication, our lives would stink.

So here are today's nominees for People Who Deserve Their Own Bust:

- Kenneth Starr. Don't recognize the name? He's the special federal prosecutor roaming around Arkansas looking for dirt. While he looks, he fulfills the duties required of him under the Federal Lawyers Relief and Full Employment Act.

Look at the legal staffs of the special prosecutor. The poor people would have to do run-of-the-mill legal work, or wait tables, if it weren't for special prosecutors and their endless investigations.

The bust of Starr should be unveiled at the next meeting of the bar association.

- City employees in Little Rock and North Little Rock who picked up all the storm trash last week.

What a mess. Hard work, but within a matter of days the bulk of this stuff was collected. The statuette for these city workers



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should be carved out of one of the humongous oaks that tumped over in the wind.

While we're on storm damage, let's toss a bouquet to neighbors who helped out those less vigorous or less well-equipped to handle what fell over in the yard.

- A nice sculpture, maybe in the shape of a Smokey Bear hat, to all the police running the current campaign to slow down drivers. My heart was won over by the news that the state police will start ticketing truckers who follow too closely.

Not much in this life is scarier than looking in the rear-view mirror, seeing a truck grill and being able to identify the bug species on it.

- Whoever filled in the pothole on Lee Street just west of University. Man, this thing was about two feet deep. One day it magically appeared, probably washed out by a big flow of water. A few days later it was just as magically filled in.

Now, about the nearby washboard, also known as North University . . .

- The inventor of air conditioning. Already some people have started to turn on

the AC, without which these parts would be uninhabitable for much of the year.

Air-conditioner repairmen should be given their own little statuettes. They're worth every penny and literally save lives in the summer months.

Every once in a while some wild-eyed environmentalist from Vermont will argue that car air conditioners should be banned. Fine—if car heaters are banned at the same time.

That way the death rate of people collapsing in their cars from the elements would be the same in Vermont as it would be in Arkansas. Which is only fair.

- Inventors and marketers of the affordable VCR. Because of their brilliance and fortitude, it's now possible to spend an hour at the video store picking out a movie, have an SSD—Serious Spousal Disagreement—over the selection, then watch a bad movie in the comfort of your own home.

And then have another fight over whose pick it was.

- The great thinker who came up with the remote-controlled garage door opener. Garage doors are heavy, too heavy for us crotchety old coots to be lifting two or three times a day.

Surely there are more people who deserve their own busts like Bill. Hillary anyone?

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While girls attempt suicide with greater frequency, most victims are white, non-urban males. As in the Gamma Chi tragedy, a combination of firearms and alcohol are the crucial elements in the majority of fatalities, causing the mistaken notion that young adult suicide is a spontaneous, spur-of-the-moment mistake in

judgment. In fact, most suicides are pondered and planned well in advance. Among both sexes there appears to be an "incubation period" of days, weeks, or even months between the time the decision in favor of suicide is made and the actual act is attempted. This period is usually marked by obvious and almost universal warning signs. If someone you know is suicidal, your ability to recognize these signals could make a difference.

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Before committing suicide, people often make direct statements about their intention to end their lives, or less direct comments about how they might as well be dead. If a friend or acquaintance reveals a desire to die, or exhibits one or more of the traditional "warning signs," what course of action should you take?

Don't be afraid to talk about it. According to the AAS, discussing it will show the person you don't condemn him or her for having such feelings and will help the individual to know that someone cares. On the other hand, don't try to offer advice or paint a rosy picture. Comments such as "Things aren't really as bad as they seem..." or "You'll feel better in a day or two..." only make the suicidal person feel more guilty and hopeless than before.

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Contact Chicago advocates "active listening." Without being judgmental, the listener should reflect not only the feelings and meanings which are obvious in the spoken words, but those which are implicit. By using active listening skills to mirror what the person has said, you help the suicidal individual re-examine the intent and consider other options. It is important to direct the speaker's attention back to *his or her own words or the meanings conveyed by them*. In essence, you are decoding the speaker's message and sending it back for verification.

When the speaker says, "Everything in my life is going wrong. My whole world is falling apart," the active listener might reply, "It sounds like you feel as though there's no way to control what's happening in your life right now." Active listening responses can be preceded by an expression such as "I think what you're trying to say is..." or "What I'm picking up from you is..." Recognizing and naming feelings is difficult for the suicidal person. Unexpressed emotions negatively impact the behavior, so aiding such a person to express feelings is a vital task.

Get help. Suggest that the person call a suicide prevention center or AAS (see sidebar). Advise speaking to a sympathetic teacher, clergyman or doctor.

If these suggestions meet with refusal, take it upon yourself to contact someone yourself for advice on handling the situation. Don't be afraid of appearing disloyal. "This is one secret that should not be kept unless the friend voluntarily seeks help," emphasizes Debbie Berger. "Be a personal 'suicide patrol.' Caring and concern of a peer *can* make a difference—between life and death."

It is imperative to point out that *you are in no way responsible for the suicidal person's ultimate decision*. It is easy to be drawn into a downward spiral of guilt and despair should a suicide occur despite all efforts to prevent it.

It is equally important to realize that some suicides do occur with no obvious signals

The Warning Signs of Suicide

Suicide threats

Threats of self-destruction and similar statements should always be taken seriously. They are a very real sign of danger.

Blatantly non-characteristic behavior

The subject seems to have taken on a whole new personality. The outgoing person becomes withdrawn, unfriendly or disinterested. The shy introvert becomes a thrill-seeker or troublemaker, or suddenly seems warm, friendly and eager to be liked.

Obvious depression

A hitherto seemingly well-adjusted person continually expresses hopelessness, cries easily, and seems badly affected to an unusual degree by extraneous circumstances—news stories, sad books or movies, other people's misfortunes.

A sudden increase in creative output, often with a sad or gloomy theme

The subject suddenly begins spending an inordinately large portion of his time in self-expression—painting, writing, playing music. Almost always the creative offerings are of a sad or depressing nature.

Final arrangements

A person begins giving away treasured personal possessions—books, records, photographs, artwork, writings.

The danger of all of the above symptoms increases dramatically when they are exhibited by a person who has previously attempted to take his own life. Four out of five persons who commit suicide have made at least one previous attempt.

beforehand. This seems to be what happened at the University of Maryland. "When you live with a guy round the clock, you really get to know him," Stein pointed out later. "If there had been any kind of sign, we would have noticed. Believe me, there was *nothing!*"

The victim was bright, well-liked, apparently successful. His classmates had noted no changes in character or behavior and they had spent a pleasant day together. Yet, within hours of parting, they had become "survivors of suicide," the term used by the AAS to describe the other victims of these tragedies—the friends and family left behind.

Numb, the brothers spent most of the day in hushed solemnity, meeting on and off in small groups to express their grief and bewilderment. Without even knowing it, they had already embarked upon a program of emotional healing, taking the very steps recommended by experts who deal with the emotional turmoil and devastation that is the aftermath of suicide. Seeing how they worked for the brothers of Gamma Chi will help clarify them.

Reach out. Don't be afraid to express your own grief openly, and don't hesitate to console others. Verbalizing feelings helps define them, and your words of sympathy to someone else can prove to be your own greatest consolation. In this most important step, these brothers had a clear advantage: their numbers and the closeness of their fraternal bonds. "We all just hung out together the whole day," Stein remembers. "talking about it, trying to figure it out. If you passed someone, you just sort of grabbed him and hugged him."

Call on your own strength. After a suicide, survivors often feel helpless—they

were unable to prevent a happening of such disastrous proportions. Offer your help to others; it will help you redefine your own strength. Stein and the others immediately re-contacted the victim's parents and offered to help with whatever needed to be done, providing solace, conversation and support in addition to the extra manpower. According to Stein, "...it helped the family a lot just to know what good friends their son had, just to see that he had a bunch of decent guys behind him."

Utilize the strength of others. Lean on someone who is a few steps further from the heart of the tragedy, someone with a different perspective who can offer guidance and support. Most people choose a clergyman, doctor, or funeral director for this function. "We were lucky in that the university has a really excellent Greek advisor [Terry Zacker]," reports Stein. "She was really concerned and caring and really helped us work things out."

Look to the future, not the past. Mentally reliving the last days and hours, searching for non-existent clues to what happened is not only useless, but harmful. The emphasis should not be on looking back, but on moving forward. Even before the shock had worn off, the brothers began planning a campus memorial service and, with the help of Zacker, reserved a chapel, devised a program, and announced the ceremony. Additionally, they busied themselves in preparing for the White Rose Ceremony, which was subsequently performed at both the memorial service and the funeral, and made plans for future get-togethers with the victim's family,

While the tragedy is still very recent, the brothers of Gamma Chi give every indication of having survived it, stronger and better. They remain close with the victim's family, especially his brother, visiting them frequently to lend strength and support. "The healing process is a long one," reports the AAS, which publishes a wide range of support materials for suicide survivors, including a quarterly newsletter. The feelings of depression, helplessness and grief may recur over months, even years. Remembering and implementing the steps to recovery will ensure a healthy progression from grief and bewilderment to spiritual strength and a greater appreciation of life, as it did for the brothers in Maryland. ■

When you need help...

Whether for yourself or someone else, when you need help, there is certain to be qualified assistance nearby. Contact the American Association of Suicidology (AAS) at (303) 692-0985 or write them at 2459 S. Ash, Denver, CO 80222. They will provide you with the number of a certified crisis center in your area. The AAS also offers comprehensive education and certification in the crisis intervention field, with an emphasis on providing continuing education for the paraprofessional volunteer and formal crisis management. In addition, they publish an annual directory of suicide prevention and crisis intervention agencies in the U.S. and Canada. Write for their catalog of publications, including books, pamphlets, slide presentations and videos on suicide prevention and support for persons who have lost a friend or family member to suicide.

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Contact Chicago advocates "active listening." Without being judgmental, the listener should reflect not only the feelings and meanings which are obvious in the spoken words, but those which are implicit. By using active listening skills to mirror what the person has said, you help the suicidal individual re-examine the intent and consider other options. It is important to direct the speaker's attention back to *his or her own words or the meanings conveyed by them*. In essence, you are decoding the speaker's message and sending it back for verification.

When the speaker says, "Everything in my life is going wrong. My whole world is falling apart," the active listener might reply, "It sounds like you feel as though there's no way to control what's happening in your life right now." Active listening responses can be preceded by an expression such as "I think what you're trying to

If these suggestions meet with refusal, take it upon yourself to contact someone yourself for advice on handling the situation. Don't be afraid of appearing disloyal. "This is one secret that should not be kept unless the friend voluntarily seeks help," emphasizes Debbie Berger. "Be a personal 'suicide patrol.' Caring and concern of a peer *can* make a difference— between life and death."

It is imperative to point out that *you are in no way responsible for the suicidal person's ultimate decision*. It is easy to be drawn into a downward spiral of guilt and despair should a suicide occur despite all efforts to prevent it.

It is equally important to realize that some suicides do occur with no obvious signals

The Warning Signs of Suicide

Suicide threats

Threats of self-destruction and similar statements should always be taken seriously. They are a very real sign of danger.

Blatantly non-characteristic behavior

The subject seems to have taken on a whole new personality. The outgoing person becomes withdrawn, unfriendly or disinterested. The shy introvert becomes a thrill-seeker or troublemaker, or suddenly seems warm, friendly and eager to be liked.

Obvious depression

A hitherto seemingly well-adjusted person continually expresses hopelessness, cries easily, and seems badly affected to an unusual degree by extraneous circumstances—news stories, sad books or movies, other people's misfortunes.

A sudden increase in creative output, often with a sad or gloomy theme

The subject suddenly begins spending an inordinately large portion of his time in self-expression—painting, writing, playing music. Almost

beforehand. This seems to be what happened at the University of Maryland. "When you live with a guy round the clock, you really get to know him," Stein pointed out later. "If there had been any kind of sign, we would have noticed. Believe me, there was *nothing!*"

The victim was bright, well-liked, apparently successful. His chaptermates had noted no changes in character or behavior and they had spent a pleasant day together. Yet, within hours of parting, they had become "survivors of suicide," the term used by the AAS to describe the other victims of these tragedies—the friends and family left behind.

Numb, the brothers spent most of the day in hushed solemnity, meeting on and off in small groups to express their grief and bewilderment. Without even knowing it, they had already embarked upon a program of emotional healing, taking the very steps recommended by experts who deal with the emotional turmoil and devastation that is the aftermath of suicide. Seeing how they worked for the brothers of Gamma Chi will help clarify them.

Reach out. Don't be afraid to express your own grief openly, and don't hesitate to console others. Verbalizing feelings helps define them, and your words of sympathy to someone else can prove to be your own greatest consolation. In this most important step, these brothers had a clear advantage: their numbers and the closeness of their fraternal bonds. "We all just hung out together the whole day," Stein remembers. "talking about it, trying

were unable to prevent a happening of such disastrous proportions. Offer your help to others; it will help you redefine your own strength. Stein and the others immediately re-contacted the victim's parents and offered to help with whatever needed to be done, providing solace, conversation and support in addition to the extra manpower. According to Stein, "...it helped the family a lot just to know what good friends their son had, just to see that he had a bunch of decent guys behind him."

Utilize the strength of others. Lean on someone who is a few steps further from the heart of the tragedy, someone with a different perspective who can offer guidance and support. Most people choose a clergyman, doctor, or funeral director for this function. "We were lucky in that the university has a really excellent Greek advisor [Terry Zacker]," reports Stein. "She was really concerned and caring and really helped us work things out."

Look to the future, not the past. Mentally reliving the last days and hours, searching for non-existent clues to what happened is not only useless, but harmful. The emphasis should not be on looking back, but on moving forward. Even before the shock had worn off, the brothers began planning a campus memorial service and, with the help of Zacker, reserved a chapel, devised a program, and announced the ceremony. Additionally, they busied themselves in preparing for the White Rose Ceremony, which was subsequently performed at both the memorial service and the funeral, and made plans for future get-togethers with the victim's family.

While the tragedy is still very recent, the brothers of Gamma Chi give every indication of having survived it, stronger and better. They remain close with the victim's family, especially his brother, visiting them frequently to lend strength and support. "The healing process is a long one," reports the AAS, which publishes a wide range of support materials for suicide sur-

When you need help...

Whether for yourself or someone else, when you need help, there is certain to be qualified assistance nearby. Contact the American Association of Suicidology (AAS) at (303) 692-0985 or write them at 2459 S. Ash, Denver, CO 80222. They will provide you with the number of a certified crisis center in your area. The AAS also offers comprehensive education and certification in the crisis intervention field, with an emphasis on providing continuing education for the paraprofessional volunteer and formal crisis

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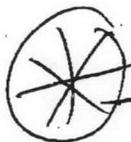
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Todd

Any one else involved in, small reported survey. Are you aware of anyone else involved?

UF

I've never discussed this with Susan.
I know by there's any other way to know.
Now discussed with Justice.



I think that's all I should say about that.

JCH

What was critical mass?

UF

Clear from Sat. that there's a recruitment issue.
The when, and the how, and the who... David

Todd

where The sources of action included in (1) & T2M

UF

when he said that - I ~~wasn't~~ concerned myself with it again.
in my hand, in my gut, it was a dead issue. Captain Henry said he was

Todd

(2) CC Memo of

UF

I know nothing about it 'til after it broke.
Did not know she was a cabin
I know child worked in David's office, had a related role in
campaign, had worked there...

Todd

Why she was detailed there is nothing you know about

DCH

Did you talk to Wynn w/ Ellen?

UF

no. not for ~~any~~ if any, have spoke with Thomson separately, but not much.

I only had 2 calls with Jeff, they were short, and I wanted to stay

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1. Vince Foster's mother in Hope, AR
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By: David Paynter Date:
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MEMORANDUM

TO: All OIC Attorneys
Dana Gillis
Russ Bransford
Chuck Regini

FROM: Brett Kavanaugh

RE: Grand Jury Schedule

DATE: April 14, 1995

The following is the ~~Foster~~ grand jury schedule for the next two weeks.

Wed. April 19

[Redacted]

Tues. April 25

[Redacted]

Wed. April 26

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

We have numerous interviews outside the grand jury to be scheduled for the next 4-6 weeks, including some in Little Rock. Chuck Regini and I plan to be in Little Rock the first week of May for several interviews.

① Bill Hudson

853-1702

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① 4 guys - followed her into
Perkins Restaurant ...

③ she met w/ Hudson