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SP - collected -

① All this guy is is fingerprint guy

② Not too good a report -

③ while MPD - saw 6 min violent convulsions --  
after head shot - don't just fall

④ bullet in berm - you have no idea where  
bullet will go - as soon as it hits first bone -  
bullet

• don't shoot .38 thru glass - skip up -  
deflects --- Lots of examples

• (I) Ernie Wrightman - better eye --  
Swill - slid around bone -

Comden case -  
- all expert would say -  
Forensic expert

• palate of mouth  
• could go straight up - 90° to right, etc. ---

• Who knows where the bullet will be?



[Ball ammo - super soft on]

If found bullet - glob of  
twisted lead - couldn't  
positively id. ---

• "The bullet should be there" - don't buy that

⑤ Mica - harder to

① Magnolia leaves - how many -  
look at p

② Carpet fibers - my suit always  
covered w/ fibers --- (I) drop pants on  
floor - touch carpet ---  
- doesn't bother him

→ Match: \_\_\_\_\_

< Wayne Wms victims all have fibers/dog  
hairs in WW hair

③ The  
Why not any brain matter there?  
May not be alot.

(I) Foote Homer - abt size of dime -  
guy who convulsed...

(I) .25 shot - Fryse - no brain matter.

• 7A big slow bullet - maybe not.

Lead splatter

X-rays...

SP - I would have to walk it...

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\* SP - FBI: problem - hard to get  
a positive out of them w/ minimal sample -  
- Not even exemplars---  
- Why here? positive

Did they have alot of other info abt this?  
It already strong on his They join in  
quicker--- gave you a positive - not probable --

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→ Might try to get an independent  
examiner---

Probably would never get 100% conclusion  
of suicide---

"Palms up" - eyewitness - often wrong---

Q → Concerned - how did the unfired gunpowder get  
on the glasses?

**MEMORANDUM**

**Date:** November 17, 1995  
**From:** Hickman Ewing  
**To:** File  
**Subject:** Further Foster Investigation

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Early in the week of November 13, 1995 Ken and I talked about the review of the Foster case, what else needed to be done, etc. There has been talk of a "murder panel," made up of experienced state murder prosecutors. John Bates has taken the lead in possibly getting names for that.

Further, we have kicked around the matter of the "documents" investigation and a perusal of the Susan Thomasses, Hillary Clinton, Maggie Williams statement/testimony; whether it was true, etc.

It occurred to me on Tuesday morning, November 14, that I might talk to some attorneys, whom I trust implicitly, getting their informal opinion on several matters, before we move forward any further, or make major personnel decisions.

I told Ken that the thought had come to me that I might get several Assistant U.S. Attorneys from Memphis who have a great deal of prosecutorial experience, as well as possibly some veteran state murder prosecutors. I told Ken I envision maybe getting them together on a Saturday and going over the Foster death/documents matter with them, getting their initial impressions, etc.

I thought of AUSA's Fred Godwin, Steve Parker, and Dan Newsome. I told Ken that Fred and Steve were both police officers prior to becoming AUSA's, and that Fred and Steve both had taught on criminal justice issues. Dan was a former state of Tennessee prosecutor, who handled some murder prosecutions, and is one of the best prosecutors in the U.S. Attorney's office now.

I told Ken that I had trained Fred and Steve myself and thought very highly of their experience and insight. They both have spent hundreds of hours before grand juries developing complex cases and evaluating credibility.

I also told him about Glenn Wright, a former assistant state district attorney who worked with me on the James Earl Ray case. Glenn is now in private practice but prosecuted many murder cases while he was with the district attorney's office. Tom Henderson, who was a year ahead of me in law school, is still

in the state district attorney's office and handles almost exclusively murder prosecutions.

Ken's response was "go for it." I told him I was going to make some calls and explore this; all on an informal basis at this point.

I went to Memphis on Thursday afternoon November 16, to attend the retirement get-together for Bob Stevenson, Secret Service agent. I saw Fred, Steve and Danny at this gathering.

When it was over, I asked Steve to walk down to my car with me. I ran the idea by him, and he was very receptive to it. I gave him two copies of the Fiske report on the Vince Foster death. He will read one and give the other one to Fred Godwin to read. This will be done on a "hush hush" basis at this point.

He asked what was there in the report that he needed to look at with care. I told him I would prefer that they read it initially just to get the background, noting any questions they had as a result of just reading it "cold." I told him that I read it "cold" when I first went to Little Rock and had some questions just from reading the report. He gave me his home telephone number.

**MEMORANDUM**

**Date:** November 20, 1995  
**From:** Hickman Ewing  
**To:** File  
**Subject:** Conversation with Steve Parker

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I gave Steve Parker a copy of the Fiske report on Thursday afternoon, November 16, 1995. Steve called me on Monday morning, November 20, 1995. He read the Fiske report over the weekend, including the resumes of experts.

He said that the resumes of experts looked pretty good. He said that his initial impression is that if everything in the report is true, then the conclusion of suicide does not seem wrong. Steve emphasized the word "if" everything is true. He did say he made notes in the margin of his report. He said there were some things that troubled him about the forensics.

He said that if it was true that Foster was depressed, that that would be consistent with a suicide. He said that apparently Foster was a person to whom "self-esteem" and "self-worth" was very important. He finished first on the bar exam and had many other honors and apparently that is where he got his "self-worth" from.

I asked Steve from his reading of the Fiske report what he thought the causes of depression were. Steve said according to the report it was the travel office and the criticism from the media. Steve said he also read between the lines that Foster was probably concerned about making "scapegoats" out of people.

Steve asked what kind of place Ft. Marcey Park was. He said that he got the idea that maybe it was a hangout for homosexuals. I told him I thought that was accurate. He said the question arose as to what was Vince Foster doing in that particular park. Had he ever been there before, etc?

He also found strange the statements attributed to the witness who wanted to remain confidential, and who called Liddy 8-10 months after the fact. I told him that according to this witness he needed to go to the bathroom real bad and that was the reason for pulling into Ft. Marcey. On the other hand, the witness then said he walked some 700 ft. to relieve himself. Steve said that was ridiculous. I agreed.

Steve also said that he got the impression that you could not see the body from a regular trail but had to look over

some sort of "berm."

He said he also read about some other people being in the parking lot and wondered about them, including the lady's car which broke down. I asked him if there was reference in the Fiske report to a couple, and he said there was. [REDACTED]

Steve said that one thing that struck him was what is the relationship between what happened that night and thereafter in the office concerning the documents. He said that the conclusion that there was nothing to do with Whitewater, because Whitewater was not the subject of public talk at the time, doesn't mean anything. If Foster knew something was wrong with Whitewater, that could have been heavy on his mind, especially if something had been wrong.

We also talked about the invitation by the President to come watch the movie that night, which Steve found to be very interesting.

Steve said that if this report came to him as a prosecutor, he would say he had a lot of questions that needed to be answered. He agreed that you cannot separate the death portion of the investigation and the documents, because they both bear on each other.

Steve said that there was no map in the report from which he could get a frame of reference as to some of the events. Steve said he was going to be working on the Friday following Thanksgiving, November 24 in the Jackson office.