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# SUPPLEMENTAL CRIMINAL INCIDENT RECORD

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Investigator John C. Rolla 07/27/93

On 07/27/93 myself and Captain Hume conducted an interview with Mr. Berl Anthony concerning case number 93-30502, death investigation of Vincent FOSTER, Jr.

Mr. Anthony is the brother-in-law of Vincent Foster, Jr. Mr. Anthony stated that he has known Vince Foster for thirty-five years. Mr. Anthony is married to Mr. Foster's sister Sheila. Mr. Anthony stated that he and his wife were very close to Vincent Foster and that Vince Foster had lived with he and his wife for ninety days when he first came to Washington, D.C. Mr. Anthony stated that he and his wife had noticed a gradual decline in Mr. Foster's general disposition to the point of depression. Mr. Anthony stated that Mr. Foster was not handling the politics in Washington, D.C. very well and blamed himself personally for the failed nominations for Attorney General and some of the sub-Cabinet posts. Mr. Foster also was very upset over some unfavorable articles printed by the Wall Street Journal in the last several weeks and seemed to take them personally. Mr. Anthony stated the Mr. Foster was also concerned about his legal advice and his role in the firing of seven White House travel office aides, aka (Travelgate).

During the month preceding Mr. Foster's death, Mr. Anthony stated that he and his wife noticed that Mr. Foster's depression had become increasingly worse and became very worried about Mr. Foster's well being. Mr. Anthony stated that he believed his wife had given Mr. Foster a list of three counselors, psychiatrists or other doctors who do counseling. Mr. Anthony stated that during a conversation approximately three weeks prior to Mr. Foster's death, Mr. Foster made a comment to the effect, I have spent a lifetime building my reputation and now I am in the process of having it tarnished.

Mr. Anthony stated that the last time he spoke to Mr. Foster he believed was the morning of July 12, 1993. Mr. Foster had called him and stated that he was worried that there might be a Congressional inquiry into the above mentioned firings of seven White House travel office aides. Mr. Foster asked Mr. Anthony to refer him to an attorney. Mr. Anthony stated that he thought this an odd request because Mr. Foster was a man who kept his own counsel and was not open even with the people who knew him best. Mr. Anthony stated that he got some information together on six different attorneys and it was taken by courier to Mr. Foster's residence on July 15, 1993 at 6:53 pm.

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Mr. Anthony stated that he knew that Mr. Foster owned an old gun, but he hadn't seen it in a long time. Mr. Anthony was shown a photograph of the firearm but could not positively identify it as the one owned by Mr. Foster. Mr. Anthony stated that Mr. Foster's father had owned a couple of guns and that Mr. Foster's sister Sharon Bowman, picked up the guns from the family house in Arkansas shortly before the fathers death. Mr. Anthony believed that Mrs. Bowman might be able to identify the gun.

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November 16, 1993

**MEMORANDUM**

TO:                    White House Travel Office File

FROM:                 Judith Wish

SUBJECT:             Interview of Beryl Anthony

Rob Lyon and I interviewed Beryl Anthony today, November 16, 1993, at his office at Winston & Strawn at 10:30 a.m. He provided the following information:

1. Vince Foster lived with the Anthonys for 90 days after coming to Washington. His family joined him then and they moved into their own house. After he moved out of their home, the Anthonys did not see Foster as often.

2. Foster and Sheila Anthony were very close. She is the oldest of three children and Vince was the youngest.

3. Foster's family knew that he was depressed and had been working with him for a long time before his death. According to Anthony, his wife first mentioned to him that Foster was depressed about 90 days before his death. Time passed and she mentioned to Anthony again that Foster was really depressed. Time passed and she mentioned to Anthony again that Foster was very depressed. She was not specific with respect to symptoms

4. When it appeared that the Hill would hold hearings on the WHTO matter, Foster talked to Anthony on the telephone and told him that the prospect of hearings created a dilemma for him: he had given and would continue to give advice to WH employees regarding the Travel Office matter and yet he might be called as a witness to testify at the hearings. He did not say why he might be a witness or what information he had that would make him be such. He was very cautious. But he wanted an independent viewpoint to sort it all out. Anthony tried to tell him he had nothing to worry about and agreed to call around to get the names of some attorneys who could help. During this conversation Foster did not mention the FBI. Based on Anthony's experience as a trial attorney, he assumed some people at the WH must have told told Foster things that were not public and that maybe he thought he would have to testify about them.

5. With respect to the FBI, Anthony said that on at least two occasions he recalled Foster saying, "Beryl, you would be surprised (or shocked) that our own people would lie to us (or deceive us)." According to Anthony, Foster made it very clear that, in the context of the WHTO matter, "our own people" referred to the FBI. Foster provided no specifics. According to Anthony, Foster was a troubled individual who was struggling with a tough adjustment to a new job and new life. There were clamorings for investigations and he was taking it hard. His name appeared in the Wall Street Journal and the Post in, among others, the context of the WHTO matter.

6. Foster was a man of very few words who did not engage in casual conversation. Anthony did not try to probe regarding his statement about the FBI because Foster said what he wanted to say and no more. Anthony would have been cut off or Foster would have changed the subject. There was, thus, no reason to try to interrogate Foster. Anthony was just happy to listen to him and provide support if possible.

7. According to Anthony, Foster was not subject to exaggeration and never made inflammatory statements against anyone. For that reason, Foster's statements made a big impression on Anthony. He wanted to find a way to get Foster to settle down and open up to someone. Foster would not come to Winston & Strawn because Anthony was a lobbyist there and Sheila was at DOJ.

8. According to Anthony, Foster sincerely believed that someone in the FBI had lied, whether right or wrong.

9. Anthony has no recollection of Foster ever mentioning the FBI internal management report.

10. Anthony said that Foster was relieved that he was not reprimanded by the WH Report re the WHTO matter. Foster did not believe he had done anything wrong; if anything, he had tried to slow it down [the FBI]. But he was still bothered by the report.

11. Anthony never heard Foster say that the FBI "set up" the WH, specifically referring to the FBI report. But he knows that it had been discussed with the "inner circle" of the WH, i.e., the Arkansas and Rose Law Firm people. Foster's wife said it too. McLarty?. Anthony said that Foster and his wife were close.

12. Anthony worked with Lisa Foster after the suicide. She had a lawyer but asked him to sit in on her interviews with the lawyer and the Park Police, as an independent view.

13. Anthony will provide us with the names of the lawyers he recommended to Foster. The Park Police may also have this information. Anthony does not think that Foster talked to any of these attorneys, but thinks that he may have talked to an attorney

in Denver from whom he had sought advice before. The Park Police report should contain that name.

14. Sheila Anthony never mentioned any conversation she had with Foster to Anthony. She never mentioned her conversation with Alice Sessions and she never mentioned that Foster told her that the FBI lied. They just don't discuss these things because it brings back the whole experience of Foster's suicide and she becomes depressed.

On 7-10-93 BC spoke to military re: gays

\* 15. The first time Anthony heard that Foster was considering resigning was from Lisa Foster after Foster's death. He was surprised; it did not seem consistent with Foster's way of operating. In addition, if anyone should resign, Anthony thought, it should have been Nussbaum. He had made wrong political decisions at every turn. Foster had made the right ones, but been Countermanded. Ex. - Foster told Clinton not to take on the gays in the military issue until his second year, but Nussbaum said do it now, there won't be any repercussion. Anthony said there were lots of other things like that. But Foster desperately wanted the administration to be a success and took the criticism on himself. Anthony would tell him to lighten up, that he'd been beaten up too, that Foster needed a thicker hide, that he should forget about it, and that the press was hired to do that job.

BC didn't follow VF's advice.

16. Foster's depression was work related and press related and with the hearings on the horizon, and it appearing that Foster was going to be dragged into them, he saw no light at the end of the tunnel.

17. Foster was adamant that the WH had done nothing illegal re the WHTO matter, but they had made a political mistake in the way it was handled. The mistake had to do with dismissing the WHTO employees overnight. They should have thought it out better. He never said anything about the mistake being going to the FBI in the first place. He also never pointed fingers at anyone re fault.

18. Anthony thinks he heard the comment that the FBI wanted to go into the WH with both guns blazing (re the WHTO matter) from Lisa Foster.

19. Anthony never talked to McLarty, Kennedy, Watkins or Nusbaum about the FBI/WHTO matter. He did talk alot to Lisa Foster and a limited amount to Foster's children..

20. Anthony said that Marcia Scott works in the WH (in correspondence) and heard her make categorical statements, based on conjecture or preconceived notion (he could not tell), about the WHTO matter to the effect that the WH was the good guy and the FBI the bad guy. She is from Arkansas and visited Foster all the time at the WH. The Anthonys socialize with her.

21. Mrs. Clinton and Foster were very close. It would be consistent with their relationship that Foster would have talked to Mrs. Clinton re the WHTO matter and his thoughts re. He was the Clintons' personal lawyer as well as the Deputy GC and was working on a lot of matters for them. While Foster never told Anthony that he and Mrs. Clinton had talked, Anthony would not be surprised if Foster had talked to Mrs. Clinton about this subject. Anthony assumed that Foster was Mrs. Clinton's confidant. Anthony noted that if he ever wanted to get a message to Mrs. Clinton and didn't want to call her himself, he would send the message through Foster.

22. According to Anthony, Foster's credibility was such that, regarding the statement re the FBI in the Foster Note, he considers it true until and unless it is proven false (or the FBI is guilty until proven innocent.)

\* In the Line of Fire - BC, WLN, BL

By: David Paynter Date:  
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Jim Hamilton's Office

Outline of Major Issues for Interview of Beryl Anthony

- \* general background re: family
  - Foster's father's death
  - history of depression and suicide in Foster family

[Redacted] *Beryl - Tom Eldorado*  
*Met Sheila - she Foster's college*

- \* general background re: Foster
  - his interests
  - his marriage
  - his children
  - his friends: President, First Lady, Webb Hubbell, Marsha Scott, Bill Kennedy (ask in particular about Marsha Scott and her conversations with Foster on July 19)

*DA - 10 yrs - Eldorado*  
*family busine*  
*Congress - 14 yrs*  
*Left Jun 93 -*

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- \* White House
  - Foster's responsibilities
  - staffing
  - relationship with Bernie Nussbaum

*Advised from legally in AR - clear*  
*on parental in AR - but in*  
*WDC changed ...*  
*sharp disjuncts*  
*frustration*

- \* failed appointments
  - Zoe Baird
  - Kimba Wood

*Disruption*

\* gays in the military  
 -- what was Foster's involvement?

*he brought it up*

- \* Wall Street Journal articles
- \* Travel Office
  - outside counsel: describe discussions
  - fear of congressional hearings? why?
  - First Lady's involvement? ever mentioned?
  - ever state that "FBI lied" (note that his November 15, 1993, interview with Judith Wish indicates as much)
  - you have stated previously that you believe Foster knew things that had not been made public; what are those things?

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*realize - stand it.*

- \* phone conversation on Monday, July 12, 1993
  - what attorneys *WDC - not known*
  - any subsequent discussions with those attorneys about the conversations

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- \* did family know he was depressed?
  - Sheila had apparently told you months beforehand that Vince was very depressed
  - had his depression started in Arkansas?

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*he didn't think*  
*there would be bry.*

*Don't know*  
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\* Guns

- guns removed from elder Foster's home before death
- one remaining gun in elder Foster's home after his death

\* Events on night of July 20

① Starts by others July 20-27; Cause...

② "Note"

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By: David Paynter Date:  
12-03-2009

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 9/12/94

BERYL FRANKLIN ANTHONY, JR., former U.S. Representative, Fourth District, Arkansas, was interviewed regarding events surrounding the death of VINCENT W. FOSTER, JR. FOSTER was the former Deputy Counsel to the President, The White House, Washington, D.C. (WDC). ANTHONY was interviewed in the presence of his attorney, JAMES HAMILTON of the law firm of Swidler & Berlin, 3000 K Street, N.W., WDC. Also participating in the interview was Mark Stein, Attorney, Office of the Independent Counsel (OIC). The interview was conducted at the Office of the Independent Counsel, 1001 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., WDC. After being appraised of the purpose of the interview and the identities of all participants, ANTHONY thereafter provided the following information:

ANTHONY was the brother-in-law of VINCENT W. FOSTER, JR. He is married to SHELIA ANTHONY, FOSTER's sister. FOSTER was described to be a quiet man when it came to the expression of his opinion of issues. FOSTER lived with ANTHONY and his wife, SHELIA, for approximately 90 days upon his arrival in Washington. FOSTER came to Washington as part of the Clinton Administration on January 20, 1993.

FOSTER rarely talked about his work, but did mention to ANTHONY his concern regarding the White House Travel Office affair. Most of the Travel Office related conversation occurred in bits and pieces between FOSTER, ANTHONY, and other individuals. The thrust of FOSTER's discussions regarding the Travel Office, centered around the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) lying in its report to the Attorney General regarding the Travel Office investigation. ANTHONY had no reason to believe that the FBI misrepresented its position to the Department of Justice. FOSTER never relayed to ANTHONY what the FBI lied about.

ANTHONY thought that FOSTER's statement regarding the FBI lying, was an uncharacteristic statement to have been made by FOSTER. The reason ANTHONY specifically recalls this particular assertion is that it was so uncharacteristic of FOSTER that it

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made an impact on ANTHONY. ANTHONY was only cursorily familiar with the White House Travel Office affair. Most of his knowledge was gained through newspaper reports. ANTHONY thought that FOSTER's remarks regarding the Travel Office and the veracity of the FBI's report to the Attorney General might have been in regards to WILLIAM KENNEDY, another member of the White House Counsel's office.

FOSTER's statement regarding the FBI lying, was a contemporaneous statement recalled to have been made prior to the White House issuing its own report of the Travel Office affair. ANTHONY recalls FOSTER making his statement about the FBI on more than one occasion. At no time did ANTHONY ask any follow-up questions with regards to FOSTER's opinion about the FBI.

In addition to the White House Travel Office affair, ANTHONY was aware that FOSTER was troubled by a series of editorials that were written about him in the Wall Street Journal newspaper. ANTHONY was under the impression that the newspaper articles bugged him more than did the Travel Office affair. According to ANTHONY, this appeared to be the case whenever FOSTER made any comments in ANTHONY's presence. FOSTER would frequently discuss the Wall Street Journal articles with SHELIA and with BERYL ANTHONY. FOSTER was of the opinion that the Wall Street Journal articles were written with the intent to ruin the Clinton Administration and furthermore thought that they were written with a sense of willful maliciousness. FOSTER viewed the Wall Street Journal articles as tearing his reputation down in an almost "smirky way." ANTHONY advised FOSTER to forget about the articles. FOSTER was described to have been unable to cope with the criticism of the Washington press corp. FOSTER came from a background of praise and adoration and the criticism was quite foreign to his previous experience.

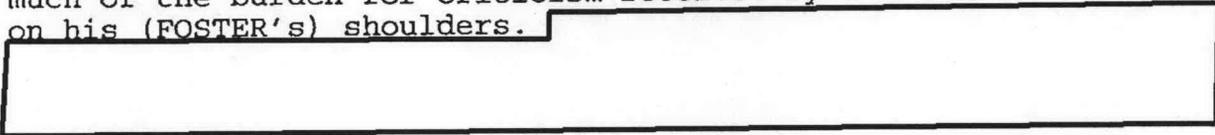
ANTHONY initiated several conversations with FOSTER to try to get him to put everything back into perspective and not take these articles too seriously. ANTHONY recalls the Wall Street Journal articles occurring at about the same time as the White House began to receive criticism for the nomination of ZOE BAIRD for the position of Attorney General. Also in the press at this time were stories regarding BAIRD, the White House Travel Office and other issues for which the Clinton White House was under a great deal of criticism. FOSTER rationalized these problems to be his fault. It was at about this time that ANTHONY

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began to detect depression on the part of FOSTER. SHELIA ANTHONY asked BERYL ANTHONY to talk to FOSTER about this condition. BERYL ANTHONY would try to make contact with FOSTER to console him during this time period. ANTHONY believes that FOSTER was upset regarding the loss of control that he had as part of the political forum in WDC. ANTHONY thought that FOSTER carried too much of the burden for criticism received by the Administration on his (FOSTER's) shoulders.



BERYL ANTHONY was aware that his wife, SHELIA ANTHONY, encouraged FOSTER to seek professional help for his condition.

ANTHONY found out later that FOSTER had gotten medical advice in Little Rock. ANTHONY recalled that FOSTER's depression occurred sometime after his (FOSTER's) initial 90 day stay with the ANTHONYs. This whole depression episode probably started prior to FOSTER's wife moving to WDC.

FOSTER became increasingly alarmed at the threats made by Republican lawmakers in area newspapers regarding holding hearings on the Travel Office matter. FOSTER felt he needed counsel if hearings did occur. He feared that his role at the White House may become adversarial as a result of the Travel Office matter. On July 12, 1993, BERYL ANTHONY gave FOSTER the names of three attorneys he could utilize in the event Congress held hearings on the Travel Office Affair. ANTHONY did not recall the names of the attorneys.

ANTHONY did not recall FOSTER ever discussing Whitewater or Madison Guaranty.

With regard to knowledge of guns possessed by FOSTER, ANTHONY advised that one Thanksgiving his father-in-law showed him a weapon that belonged to his (FOSTER SENIOR's) father. This occurred approximately 25 years ago. ANTHONY advised that he did not have any weapons in his home.

ANTHONY was aware that LISA FOSTER, FOSTER's spouse knew of a gun in the FOSTER home in Little Rock. LISA FOSTER asked ANTHONY to take possession of the gun. According to ANTHONY, there was no ammunition in the gun he took possession

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of. ANTHONY was unable to identify from a USPP photograph the gun located at the death site where FOSTER's body was located. ANTHONY was also shown the gun that was found at the death site and he was unable to identify it as the one belonging to the FOSTER family.

ANTHONY is convinced that press reports and the viciousness of the WDC political establishment was what contributed to FOSTER's death. In ANTHONY's opinion, FOSTER's role as Deputy Counsel to the President caused his demise. ANTHONY provided no further information of investigative value.