

Pritchard

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By dap Date 12/31/09
NW 25720 NND37918

10-12-95 (Thurs)

Ambrose Britchard

Occidental - WDC

HE - 7:00pm - 9:30pm



Feb 84 - Lasater, Patry T. to Belize
stopped in NO intx - Threat - MEM OCDF...
Roy came from Amer -

5 Suspic - USBP

w3, w4 - CB midrep

Patrick (knows) - w2 - saw briefcase
Blue Sedan (not vid) o VF's

Anonymous call to (7X) to UNO Pgs
2 men + (drugs) - blessed

Edwards - told girlfriend
I was the last person to see VF alive.

Roeic - Rex Armistead

Rey Mabus - now Ambassador to S.A.

Mabus - Edwards close

Edwards (establish in Paris) - Mabus fire
true abot

• Turkey (head of SA intel) - GTN w/ WJC


St. James

Atlantic Research - A Luxury All Suite Property - Cornell - POM wepa
IC w/ NSA... big contrib '82 contract

Danny Castellana (Luce ~~Angelo~~)

found dead - wv motel - 9/1

Henny Lee found he committed suicide

Conspiracy theorists will go wild if
he finds VP suicide

Intel - related deaths: Castellana

Internet wise - JD won VP



- Mark Swaney - Fayetteville -
- knows alot wbt ADFA
Swell ADFA
- Col. Simms - head of Wld
Comm. Agency - run by Def. Dept -
45 men unit
Phone system, etc.

• [Nichols video]

- 5:48 EDT - 7 min. call -
D. Dickey to Gov. Mans. 2

HRC (under LR 7:26
not 7:40 —

Qualification of calls -
HRC (please) - MW - ST -
H. Dickey ----
MW paged VF at 6:20 ----





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10/10/95 1034 am

⊙ Called AP - left msg w/
"his bride" - will be in town Thu/Fri...

0930

10-11-95 Called 800 #

⊙ Secretary had msg for me -
Thurs dinner -
OIC in principle - Thurs evening
I stay at St. John.

TO Hickman

DATE 10/11 TIME 8:00

PHONE CALLS
"WHILE OUT" RECORD

M. Caroline Britchard

OF _____

PHONE 301-365-4643
AREA CODE NUMBER EXTENSION

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| TELEPHONED | | PLEASE CALL | |
| CALLED TO SEE YOU | | RETURNED CALL | |
| WILL CALL AGAIN | | URGENT | |

MESSAGE Thursday evening on
Friday

TAKEN BY: _____

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time to time to fax articles or internet
info. This is from him.*

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A Death That Won't Die

The investigations into Vince Foster's demise have revealed a hodgepodge of contradictions, inaccuracies, and unresolved mysteries. One leading reporter on the case explains why we may never know what happened.

Despite mounting political pressures, things seemed to be looking up for Vince Foster personally in the days and weeks before his death on July 20, 1993. His family had arrived from Little Rock, putting an end to the deracinated bachelor life he had been leading in Washington since the beginning of the year. The first to come was his daughter Laura, brimming with filial devotion.

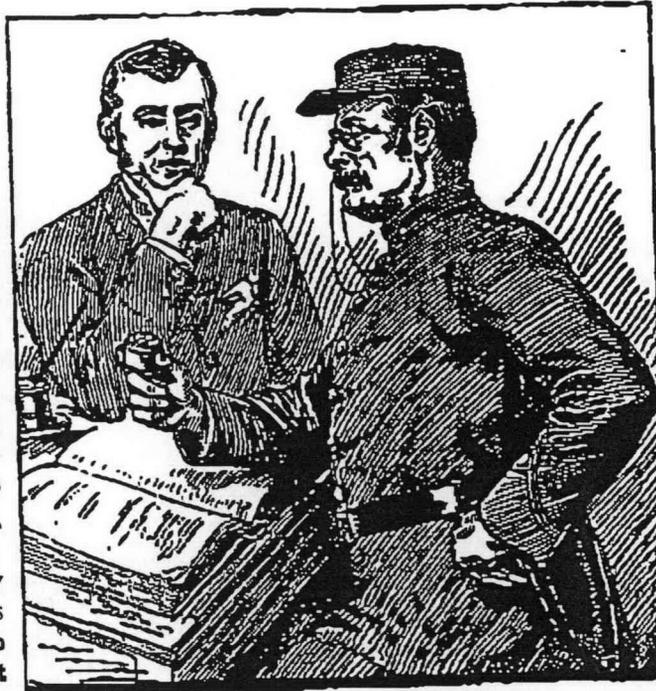
"I have a distinct memory of him celebrating Laura's birthday and bringing her to one of our Friday night movies," said Hillary Clinton.

"He had his arm around her and they looked so happy. He seemed very happy that finally he was going to have his family back."

His wife, Lisa, came a little later with their two sons Vincent and Brugh. They crowded together in a little Georgetown house, trying to get by on the greatly reduced salary that Vince was earning as Deputy White House Counsel.

He was clearly making an effort to control his workaholic habits. In mid-July he went on a weekend trip to the Eastern Shore in Maryland with his wife, allowing himself the rare luxury of a full two-day break. On Monday, July 19, the day after they returned to Washington, he tried to get home early in time for the family meal, although his idea of

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early turned out to be a quarter to eight. Lisa had hoped he would make it back an hour earlier, she told the FBI. She had prepared a dinner of scallops.

That evening President Clinton called to invite him over to the White House to watch a film—*In the Line of Fire*, as it happened. They talked briefly about "operational problems at the White House" and they agreed to meet two days later, according to testimony given by the president. But Vince excused himself from coming over to see the film. He wanted to be with his

family. After supper he chatted to his youngest child Brugh about an idea they had for buying a boat.

The next day, July 20, Vince's sister Sharon Bowman was coming up from Arkansas with her daughter Mary. Vince was planning to take his niece to lunch at the White House as a special treat. When the Bowmans arrived that evening Vince was already dead. His body had been found near a Civil War howitzer in Fort Marcy Park, not far from the headquarters of the CIA.

The consternation was general. "Mrs. Foster nor other relatives, or friends were able to provide any insight as to why Vincent Foster would take his life," wrote Park Police detective John Rolla, after visiting the Foster residence that night. At the White House they were equally perplexed. President Clinton described Foster as the "Rock of Gibraltar"

immediately after the death and said that his suicide was inexplicable.

It was several days later that the so-called "suicide note"—torn into at least twenty-seven pieces, without leaving fingerprints—appeared in Foster's briefcase several days after it had already been searched. Unidentified sources were cited in the major newspapers noting that Foster had been losing weight. The investigation of Independent Counsel Robert Fiske pointed to this weight loss in concluding that Foster was depressed. But medical records show that Foster gained a few pounds during his time at the White House. He weighed 194 lbs. in December 1992 and weighed 197 lbs. at the autopsy.

During the Fiske investigation the FBI found traces of Trazodone in Foster's blood at a concentration of 0.06 ug/ml. The Fiske Report cites this as key evidence indicating depression. But the Report does not mention that the family doctor, Larry Watkins, had prescribed the drug to help Foster combat insomnia, not depression. Watkins told the FBI that he "did not think that Foster was significantly depressed."

The Fiske Report states that Foster's colleagues could see signs of deterioration in his state of mind. It says that "Deborah Gorham, his Executive Assistant, confirmed that Foster's productivity dropped significantly in the last few weeks of his life." But I have been unable to find anything in her FBI or Park Police statements that would support such an assertion. On the contrary, Gorham's FBI statement says that "she did not see anything in Foster's behavior that would indicate a distressed state of mind."

As for the family, Fiske never took statements from Foster's children, not even from Laura who accompanied her father into work on the day of his death. This is not to dispute claims that Foster was going through a rough patch. Lisa Foster told investigators that her husband was under "a great deal of stress." But she also told the *New Yorker* recently that she did not realize he was depressed. Being under strain and being clinically depressed are not the same thing.

Fiske was highly selective in the way he used testimony. In some cases, his judgment is nothing short of amazing. His report said, for example, that a couple found at Fort Marcy Park when the police arrived had not "observed anything unusual." In fact, one of them told the FBI that she saw a bare-chested man in the driver's seat of Foster's car. The other remembered seeing a man with long blond hair and a beard outside the car with the hood up. This was crucial testimony from the only witnesses found at the crime scene—a very important snippet of evidence. And yet it was ignored.

Foster was found dead with a .38 caliber Colt revolver in his right hand, according to the U.S. Park Police. But the first person to discover the corpse, known as the "Confidential Witness," says that he did not see a gun. Asked if he were certain, he said under oath to an ad-hoc congressional delegation headed by Rep. Dan Burton (R-Ind.): "As sure as I am standing here, I am absolutely and totally unequivocally, the palms were up. I looked at both

palms. There was nothing in his hands." He said that the FBI badgered him into saying that: It was possible the gun was hidden from view by dense foliage. He also took issue with a photo leaked to ABC News that showed Foster's right thumb trapped in the trigger guard, saying "that is not a picture of what I saw."

The Park Police were swift in concluding that the death was a suicide. "It seems to me that we made that determination prior to going up and looking at the body," said detective Cheryl Braun, the senior investigator at the scene. This violated standard police practices. All deaths of this kind are to be treated as homicides until there is enough evidence to rule out murder. But the suicide ruling cramped further investigation. It was cited by the Justice Department as grounds for backing off its original pledge to conduct a vigorous investigation in July 1993. It also kept the FBI at bay. As a practical matter, of course, the FBI could have taken over the case had it wished. But FBI Director William Sessions, who had been under political pressures of his own, was sacked on July 19, the day before Foster's death. His replacement, acting director Floyd Clark, chose not to assert FBI authority. Sessions has since said that the Foster investigation was "compromised from the beginning."

The gun was a 1913 Colt made up from parts of two separate weapons. It was too old to trace. Foster's fingerprints could not be found. Nor could the bullet. No matching ammunition was found in Foster's homes. The gun was never positively identified by the family. There has been a good deal of confusion about this. It is said that the vintage Colt was an heirloom from Vince's father. But Vince's nephew, Lee Bowman, who used to go hunting with his grandfather and knew the gun well, did not recognize it. He told the FBI that he "didn't remember the black handle and the dark color of the metal."

As for Lisa Foster, it is puzzling that she is now telling the *New Yorker* that the gun belonged to Vince. The Park Police Report is quite categorical that she could not identify it. "She was presented with a photograph of the weapon that was found with Mr. Foster's body, but was unable to identify it." The hand-written notes of the Park Police detective say "not the gun she thought it must be." She had been expecting it to be a "silver, six-gun, large barrel" revolver that Vince had brought up from Arkansas. But it was not.

Typically, a .38 caliber revolver makes a deafening noise. Yet nobody heard a shot. There are a number of residential houses close to the spot where Foster's body was found. Yet Fiske's investigators never bothered to canvass these houses to see if anybody had heard a shot.

Much that has emerged publicly about the case is the result of work by investigative reporter Christopher Ruddy. It was Ruddy who broke the original set of stories in the *New York Post* in January and February 1994 that revealed a possible cover-up in the Foster case, and it is he who has kept the story alive in the *Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*. Ruddy cites homicide experts who say that Foster must have fired the gun with both hands clutched over the cylinder, given the unusual pattern of gunpowder on Foster's

hands. This would have been a near impossibility.

Two homicide detectives, who performed their own two-month investigation into the Foster case earlier this year, issued a report concluding that the crime scene had "likely been staged," with the gun placed in Foster's hand to make it look like a suicide. This report, funded by the Western Journalism Center in California, was prepared by Vincent Scallce and Fred Santucci, both veteran homicide experts from the New York City Police Department.

Their report concludes that "a high probability exists that Foster's body was transported to Fort Marcy Park." They were struck by the fact that Foster must have walked 700 feet into the park, yet the FBI lab tests found no soil on Foster's shoes. In a simulated experiment their model re-enacted the scene and was found with abundant soil on his shoes. The Fiske Report notes that there was mica on Foster's shoes. But this proves nothing. His body was found lying on vegetation that was covered with flecks of mica, and particles were found all over his clothes.

The Scallce Report said that blood tracks on Foster's face at the time the body was discovered meant that his head must have been moving around after death, assuming four different positions. The carpet fibers on Foster's clothes have never been explained. FBI agent Larry Monroe testified in Senate hearings that "they most likely came from his residence or office," but tests were not conducted, because "we had overwhelming evidence to reflect that it was a suicide."

The autopsy report of Virginia's Assistant Chief Medical Examiner James C. Beyer says that the bullet made an exit wound of 1 inch by 1 1/4 inch in the back of Foster's head. Yet no skull fragments or brain matter were ever found. The Fairfax County paramedics who arrived early on the scene were struck by the lack of blood and several have stated that they did not see an exit wound. Sgt. George Gonzalez said in his deposition that "there was very little blood for an accident such as this," adding, "I didn't see an exit wound."

Although some have testified to seeing blood on Foster's body, a curious number of people at the scene have not. Corey Ashford was one of the rescue workers who helped put the body in a bag for transport to the morgue. His FBI statement says that he "lifted Foster from behind the shoulders, cradling Foster's head. Ashford did not recall seeing any blood while placing Foster in the bag." His colleague Roger Harrison told the FBI that he also "did not recall seeing any blood on Foster and did not recall seeing any blood on individuals handling the body."

Richard Arthur said he did not see an exit wound in the back of the head. In his FBI statement he said Ashford told

him later that "Foster's head was intact and he had not observed any exit wound." Arthur filed an incident report which classified the death as a homicide.

Yet the Fiske Report does not mention any of this. Instead it says that when Fairfax County Medical Examiner Dr. Donald Haut arrived on the scene, "Foster's body was rolled over and those present observed a large pool of blood located on the ground where Foster's head had been. Haut observed a large exit wound in the back of the skull."

This is not what Haut told the FBI. His statement reads, "No blood was recalled on the vegetation around the body. . . . although the volume of blood was small, Haut did recall that the blood was matted and clotting under the head." He did not describe the wound but said he "believed it was consistent with a low velocity weapon." (Haut remembered a case in which a much more devastating wound had been caused by a smaller caliber weapon.)

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Furthermore, the doctor who certified death at the Fairfax Hospital did not see an exit wound. According to his FBI statement, Dr. Julian Orenstein of the Fairfax Hospital lifted the body by the shoulders "to locate and observe the exit wound in the decedent's head." An unsuspecting reader would deduce from this elliptical wording that Orenstein had in fact seen

the exit wound. But he told the London *Sunday Telegraph* that this was not the case. "I never saw [an exit wound] directly. I didn't spend too much time looking back there. My suspicions weren't aroused."

Fiske relied on the testimony of two Park Police officers who said they saw a large amount of blood when the body was rolled over. He chose to discount the contrary testimony of paramedics who handled the body, and he finessed the observations of the key doctors. The dispute over the exit wound could be resolved by examining X-rays, but there do not seem to be any, even though Dr. Beyer signed the autopsy report with a check indicating that X-rays were taken. Beyer is also quoted in the Park Police Report saying that the X-rays showed there were no metal fragments in Foster's skull. Now Dr. Beyer says that X-rays were never taken because the machine was out of order.

Will Kenneth Starr do a better job than Robert Fiske? It is too early to tell. On the positive side, he has at least employed a grand jury (though a very limited one). Fiske never did this. But the *Pittsburgh Tribune-Review* has reported on some ominous signs. The lead prosecutor investigating the Foster death, Miguel Rodriguez, resigned in March after running into interference from the head of Starr's Washington operation, Deputy Independent Counsel Mark Toubey. Rodriguez was prevented from pursuing critical leads.

according to the *Tribune-Review*, and Tuohy made it clear to him that he favored a quick ruling of suicide.

In a disturbing twist, Rodriguez found that he could not trust the FBI investigators to do their job. The FBI lab had concluded that a set of crime scene photos were unusable. But he knew this to be absurd so he sent the film to a private laboratory, which had no trouble enhancing the photos. They reveal, according to Ruddy, that the gun in Foster's hand was being moved around after the Park Police had arrived, with blades of grass protruding between different fingers in different photos.

The *Tribune-Review* also reported that a set of Polaroid photos had been deliberately blurred by the FBI. Rodriguez was able to obtain original copies which showed that Foster had a wound or bruise in the neck that had been dismissed as a blood "contact stain" in earlier reports, and was not mentioned in the autopsy report.

Mark Tuohy resigned at the beginning of September. Deputy Independent Counsel Hickman Ewing, who is based in Starr's Little Rock office, has effectively taken over the handling of the Foster case.

There are signs that he intends to do a much more thorough job. In mid-September the FBI conducted a blitz at Fort Marcy, searching high up in the trees for the elusive bullet. At last things are being done that should have been done two years ago.

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But it may be Sen. D'Amato who succeeds in cracking open the whole case. D'Amato is leading yet another investigation into the case, and he suspects that the inner circle of the Clintons may have been notified of Foster's death far earlier than they claim. The *Sunday Telegraph* explored this theme last April. This author reported that the Park Police may have found Foster's White House ID on the front seat of his Honda Accord before 6:45 p.m., yet the official notification of the Secret Service took place almost two hours later at 8:30 p.m. Interestingly, the Secret Service Memorandum says that the "U.S. Park Police discovered the body of Vincent Foster in his car." A clerical error?

Dr. Donald Haur told me that everybody knew Foster was a White House official by the time he arrived at the park. (The Fiske Report claims this was at 7:40, but he told the FBI that it was 6:45 p.m.) "They all knew right away," he said. A Fairfax County rescue worker who left the park at 6:37 p.m. told me, "We all knew that it was a White House official when we left." He also said that he was under strict gag order from his superiors and asked not to be identified. Rescue worker James Iscove also knew that Foster was a White House official when he returned to his station before 6:45 p.m., according to an FBI report.

How do the Park Police explain the delay? They say it

was a communications mix-up. Investigator Cheryl Braun, who found Foster's White House ID, told the FBI that she gave instructions to another officer to pass on the word to the shift commander. This officer, who is never fully identified, allegedly forgot to do so. Braun then made the call herself at roughly 7:30 p.m. This still leaves almost an hour unaccounted for. In any case, the shift commander, Lt. Pat Gavin, inadvertently contradicted her story. He told the *Sunday-Telegraph* that he "was informed by another officer on the scene, John Rolla.

An Arkansas State Trooper, Roger Perry, has signed an affidavit stating that he learned of the death suspiciously early, definitely before 7 p.m. Central Time. He says that he was on duty that afternoon at the governor's mansion in Little Rock when Chelsea Clinton's former nanny, Helen Dickey, called from the White House to convey the bad news. "She was kind of hysterical, crying, real upset," said Perry. "She told me that Vince got off work, went out to his car in the parking lot, and shot himself in the head."

After receiving the call, Perry telephoned several other people in Little Rock to relay the news. One of them was Trooper Larry Patterson. Another was Lynn Davis, former commander of the Arkansas State Police. They have both issued affidavits swearing that they learned about Foster's death before 6 p.m. Central Time, a full hour and a half before the official notification.

Sen. D'Amato says he intends to get to the bottom of this bizarre story. He has issued subpoenas for Trooper Perry and Helen Dickey. If this mysterious telephone call did in fact take place, the White House has a colossal problem on its hands. Dickey insists that she did not learn about Foster's death until 10 p.m. at night, when she was watching TV on the third floor of the White House residence. But what if there are phone logs that suggest otherwise?

It is not the purpose of this article to explain what happened to Vincent Foster on July 20, 1993. I do not have any answers. I only have questions. Was Foster in fact depressed? What evidence is there to prove that Foster shot himself with the gun that was found in his hand? What is to account for the discrepancies in testimony between the Park Police and the medical personnel at the park? When did the White House really learn about Foster's death? Was testimony by the only witnesses near the crime scene misrepresented by the Fiske Report? These are just a sampling. Those who have followed the case closely can doubtless think of dozens of discrepancies that need to be cleared up.

In the end it may be established beyond all doubt that Foster died by his own hand in Fort Marcy Park. But until there is a proper investigation, we will never know the truth. □

10-2-95

Bayer -

Pritchard -

Ruddy -

DeHaven -

(I will be in WDC Oct. 11-13)

Search of Acuk - ends this wk.

MEMORANDUM

Date: September 29, 1995
From: Hickman Ewing
To: File
Subject: Ambrose Evans-Pritchard

I got word to Ambrose Pritchard that I would like to talk to him. He called me on September 27. I talked with him on the morning of September 28.

He said, "it looks like you've been busy in Ft. Marcy Park the last two weeks." I told him we were "digging around."

He also said he heard that I would like to talk to him. I told him that I planned on being in Washington the week of October 9-13 and would like to get together with him if possible.

I told him that I appreciated him sharing some of his views with me when we met at Shoney's in Little Rock. I told him I wanted to talk with him further and get any additional views he had. He said he would be glad to.

He said he would be out of Washington the week of October 2-6, but would be there the week of October 9-13. I told him that I would call him as the time grew closer when I saw exactly what my travel plans were and what exact dates I would be in Washington. I told him I would either call him or leave him a voice mail.

[This conversation and the forthcoming meeting is pursuant to Ken Starr's request that we follow up on the suggestion of Congressman Shiff to interview Ambrose Pritchard.]

9-27-95

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| PHONE CALLS "WHILE OUT" RECORD M. <u>Andrew Patchard</u> OF _____ PHONE <u>(202) 393-5195</u> <small>AREA CODE NUMBER EXTENSION</small> | | WILL CALL AGAIN | <input type="checkbox"/> | URGENT | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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8-4-95

Pritchard

800-854-3542

202-628-4823

⊙ Gorham Dep for SBC ---

• 2 NSA binders - given to Le
by USF - put in SN safe ---

• Not brought out in SBC Org ---

⊙ Was DG given envelope the day before
by WLD at Systematic?

MEMORANDUM

Date: August 7, 1995
From: Hickman Ewing
To: File
Subject: Ambrose Pritchard

Upon my return to the office on Friday, August 4, 1995 just before 1:00 p.m., Pam advised me that there was an urgent call for me from Ambrose Pritchard. I called Ambrose after getting a call from another person saying that Ambrose needed to talk to me on an urgent matter.

I called Ambrose and talked to him for a couple of minutes. Actually, I just listened to what he had to say. He told me that Deborah Gorham, former secretary in the White House counsel's office, had stated in her deposition to the Senate Banking Committee that Vince Foster had given her two binders containing National Security Agency materials the day before he died. Gorham allegedly told the Banking Committee that Foster told her to give these binders to Bernie Nussbaum to put into the White House safe.

Ambrose said that this material had not been brought out in the public hearings. He wanted to know if we were aware of this. I told him I could not say if we were or not.

He also asked if I had heard that Webb Hubbell had given Deborah Gorham an envelope the day before Foster died and that the envelope contained something about Systematics. Again, I told him, I was not aware of that.

Ambrose said that a story would run in the London Sunday Telegraph. I told him I would be interested in seeing it.

On my way back to Memphis on that Friday afternoon, from about 3:25 p.m. until 3:44 p.m., I was listening to AM 1360. A female talk show host conducted an interview with Ambrose.

The female talk show host said she was in Peoria and gave her name as something like, "B.Q." She said she was talking with her good friend Ambrose Pritchard. She said there would be an article coming out in the London Daily Telegraph on Sunday. Ambrose said it was actually called the London Sunday Telegraph.

During the course of his remarks, Ambrose said that the Whitewater matter really wasn't very important. The talk

show host asked him to rate which were more important to the country, Mena, the Vince Foster Death, or Whitewater. Ambrose said that Mena was very important because it involved the government allowing and covering up drug activity. He also said the Vince Foster Death matter was very important. He said the Whitewater matter was at best trivial corruption and not important.

He said the Vince Foster death had not been investigated properly and that there were a lot of indications of foul play. Starr's investigation was brought up. Ambrose said he was going to reserve judgement on Ken Starr. He then said that the chief prosecutor on the case, Rodriguez, had resigned because he was obstructed by Mark Tuohey.

Pritchard said that Starr had a Washington office and a Little Rock office. He said the Washington office was not being run properly.

He also talked about Newt Gingrich making statements that he was not satisfied about Foster's death being a suicide. He said that Gingrich was going to hire an investigator to look into it. He also made reference to the Judiciary Committee looking into something.

0730

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Shoney's

Ambrose Pritchard

Larry Wood

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David Tipton - Fairfax Co. VA
 so wound in back of head
 small caliber (.22) of note

Joe Purvis - A.D. -
 cotton ball - checked wound

Robt Maxwell -
 Systematic -
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W.H., H.C., VF - Systematic
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 2) travel logs

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Micha Morrison

Next sec ops - get out of hand
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Since then there have been fresh developments in this story. Sworn testimony taken from a court case in Arkansas has linked Bill Clinton directly to this cloak-and-dagger operation, which has possible ties to U.S. intelligence. Not a word about these depositions has been written in The Washington Post.

But failure to report the news is one thing. Active disinformation is another. Last week's article in The Post insinuated that The Sunday Telegraph had fabricated a story about clandestine trips to Switzer-

land by Vince Foster. The author, Susan Schmidt, The Post's full-time reporter on Whitewater, said sources "with access to Foster's American Express receipts say they show no purchase of airline tickets to Switzerland."

But when confronted, she admitted that her sources did not in fact have access to information (which The Sunday Telegraph did have) about the two flights Mr. Foster made to Geneva in 1991 and 1992. Furthermore, she had no credit-card numbers and did not know which of Mr. Foster's American Express cards may have been involved. Nor did she have any records from the airlines. "These records are closely guarded," she said, by way of explanation.

The only information she had, it turns out, referred to a single pur-

chase in July 1993 conducted through the White House travel office. We would surmise that her "sources" (plural) are in the Clinton White House.

Ms. Schmidt called me before she wrote her piece and asked what I thought about some of the wild allegations being made that Vince Foster had ties to Israeli intelligence and was under investigation by the CIA for espionage.

I told her that it sounded pretty far-fetched and was not consistent with what I knew about Mr. Foster. She ignored this. In her article, she implied that The Sunday Telegraph was advancing such claims.

This, broadly, is the method that has been deployed by The Washington Post to muddy the waters and discredit anybody who has been asking legitimate questions about the death of Mr. Foster.

Is the newspaper that broke Watergate now, intentionally or not, aiding and abetting a cover-up a generation later?

As for key developments in the Foster case over the past few months, The Post has been silent. It failed to report that Miguel Rodriguez, the lead prosecutor looking into the death, had resigned in March because the highly politicized investigation was being obstructed.

[The Post] does not seem to be aware of enhanced photographs showing that the gun found in Mr. Foster's hand was moved around after his death, and that he had a wound on his neck that the authorities had tried to cover up.

Ms. Schmidt, however, says that The Post is doing a terrific job. "The Washington Post has broken every story about Whitewater," she said. "At least every story that's been true."

Revealed: Clinton aide made mystery trips to Geneva Secret Swiss link to White House death

The Sunday Telegraph

MAY 24, 1995

by Ambrose
Evans-Pritchard
in Washington

THE mystery over the death of the White House aide Vincent Foster is getting deeper. Records shown to the *Sunday Telegraph* reveal that he had clandestine dealings in Switzerland, and even purchased an airline ticket to Geneva just three weeks before his death.

Foster's travels have never come under scrutiny before. Two investigations have concluded that he shot himself on July 20, 1993, because he was upset over harsh editorials in the *Wall Street Journal* and other mundane matters. But his trips abroad have come as a total surprise to his family.

They could prove to be of great importance. Foster was an intimate friend of both Bill and Hillary Clinton and was responsible for handling their private financial affairs at the White House.

The revelations of Foster's covert forays to Switzerland come after a week in which the Senate announced details of new televised hearings on the Whitewater scandal, due to begin later in the summer.

But it remains far from certain whether the Republicans in Congress are prepared to reopen the file on the deputy White House counsel's death.

The records show that Foster bought a ticket to Switzerland on November 1, 1991 — during the early phase of the Clinton presidential bid — travelling on American Airlines from Little Rock to Paris with a connection to Geneva on Swiss Air. The

return flight was booked for November 3, giving him less than one full day on the ground in Switzerland. The cost was \$1,490.

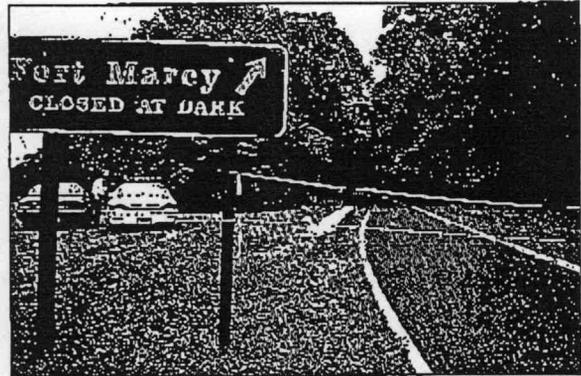
A year later he did exactly the same thing, darting in and out of the country. On December 7, 1992 — during the presidential transition period — he bought a ticket from Little Rock to Geneva, via Paris, returning on November 9.

Finally, on July 1, 1993, he purchased a ticket through the White House Travel Office from Washington to Geneva on TWA and Swiss Air, reimbursing the White House from his personal American Express Card. But he never made the trip and was refunded by Swiss Air on July 8.

Twelve days later he was found dead in a Virginia park next to the residence of the Saudi ambassador. A Colt '38 revolver of Edwardian vintage was found jammed in his hand. Independent experts have described the crime scene as a textbook case of a murder made to look like a suicide.

These are only a sample of his flights, nor the full picture. On December 20, 1988, for example, he flew to Batman in remote Turkish Kurdistan. At his death he had built up more than 500,000 "airmiles" on the frequent flier programmes of major US airlines.

On Delta he apparently had 197,853 miles. Much of it came from flying overseas. His foreign trips on Delta during the late 1980s and early 1990s were often purchased at "executive fares", a category of discount that is only available to senior government officials — or



Death site? The park where Foster's body was found

contract operatives doing work for the federal government. That raises the question: was Foster a US agent at a time when he was ostensibly in private practice as a Little Rock lawyer?

Sources close to the Foster family say that his widow, Lisa, was not aware of any trips he made to Switzerland, which suggests that he was not engaged in routine work for the Rose Law Firm. Apparently there are no Swiss stamps in his passport, but this would not necessarily be unusual.

Mrs Foster has accepted the official verdict that her husband committed suicide. In her statement to the FBI she said that he had been depressed and had "no sense of joy and elation at work". She believed that this may have been related to the Waco disaster.

"Lisa Foster believes that Foster was horrified when the Branch Davidian complex burned. Foster believed that everything was his fault," wrote the FBI. (OIC document 000278). But there

may have been other concerns on his mind. A psychiatrist told the FBI that he was contacted on July 16 1993 by Foster's sister, Sheila Anthony, a top official at the Justice Department. She told him that Foster was working on "top secret" issues at the White House and "that his depression was directly related to highly sensitive and confidential matters".

It remains to be seen whether the investigation of Special Counsel Kenneth Starr will get to the bottom of the Foster mystery.

Many in Washington now consider that the investigation by Robert Fiske last year was a charade and a black mark on the American judicial system. It reached the conclusion that Foster committed suicide before much of the forensic evidence had been analysed by the FBI crime labs, before key witnesses had been interviewed, and before the autopsy review by independent experts. Several of the FBI documents appear to have been doctored. One official close to the investigation has described the scale of lying and fabrication by government officials as staggering.

There are signs that the same thing could be happening again. Very few witnesses have been called before the Grand Jury. The police have not even visited

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the houses within earshot of the spot where Foster was supposed to have shot himself. Yet a highly placed member of the investigation has already been leaking stories to journalists saying that there is nothing to the Foster death, and that there will soon be a fresh ruling of suicide.

The lead prosecutor handling the death of Foster, Miguel Rodriguez, resigned in March. Sources say he quit because he felt that certain members of the Starr team were more interested in covering up discrepancies than finding out what really happened, and were merely going through the motions of an investigation. The Starr team counters that his resig-

nation was largely the result of a character clash.

The *Pittsburgh Tribune-Review* reports that Rodriguez was unable to call key witnesses before the Grand Jury. The paper said he had also lost confidence in the FBI, which appeared to be sweeping crucial evidence under the carpet. For example, the FBI had discarded a set of crucial crime scene photographs, deeming them unusable. Rodriguez turned to a private firm, which had no difficulty enhancing the photos.

Rodriguez cannot be dismissed as a Right-wing prosecutor with an axe to grind. He is a liberal by background and rose to his current position as Assistant US Attor-

ney in Sacramento after working as a civil rights lawyer. It is astonishing that the American media has made so little of his resignation. If a lead prosecutor during the Watergate scandal had departed in such circumstances it would have been headline news.

What is it about the death of Vince Foster that has caused every investigation to recoil? First the US Park Police, then the Fiske investigation, then the Senate Banking Committee and now, perhaps, Kenneth Starr's team — all have dipped their toe in the water and pulled it straight back out again. One can only deduce that the temperature must be very hot indeed.

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White House aide was murdered, say experts

By Ambrose
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VINCENT Foster, the deputy White House counsel, was probably murdered and his body carried into a park as part of a staged suicide, according to a team of independent crime-scene experts employed to investigate the death.

The private report is being taken extremely seriously by the official investigation of special counsel Kenneth Starr, according to sources close to the inquiry.

Foster was an intimate friend of Bill and Hillary Clinton and handled their personal financial affairs at the White House. The US Park Police concluded that he shot himself in the mouth on July 20, 1993. Two subsequent inquiries endorsed the suicide verdict, but Starr has reopened the investigation

and has called witnesses for the first time before a federal grand jury.

At a press conference on Thursday one of the experts, retired New York Police detective Vincent Scalice, said that in almost 30 years of police work he could not recall "ever running across a situation where we found a body in a case of suicide that was so neatly arranged, with the gun so conveniently positioned in the hand in such a straight, orderly fashion".

The report said that the lack of blood on the front of the body was "inconsistent" with death by a gunshot

through the mouth, raising the likelihood that Foster's heart had stopped before the gun was fired.

The report was commissioned by the Western Journalism Center, a California group that supports investigative journalism.

The experts said that Foster was supposed to have walked 700ft through a park, yet there was no soil and grass on his shoes. There was also no blood splatter on the vegetation and ground. In addition the experts asked why the houses near the park were not canvassed in accordance with normal procedure.

The report adds to the growing sense in Washington that there has been a huge cover-up -- but one that is starting to unravel.

Two Question Suicide Findings

WASHINGTON (AP) -- Two crime-scene experts said Thursday their review of Vince Foster's death led them to conclude there was a high probability Foster's body was transported to a Virginia park after he died.

U.S. Park Police and Whitewater prosecutor Robert Fiske found that Foster died in Fort Marcy Park of a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head. Whitewater prosecutor Kenneth Starr is reviewing the matter.

Disputing these findings, Vincent Scalice and Fred Santucci concluded that "homicide has not been ruled out" in Foster's July 20, 1993, death. Foster was deputy White House counsel and a close friend of President and Mrs. Clinton.

Scalice and Santucci reviewed the case for the Western Journalism Center, a nonprofit group supporting the work of reporter Christopher Ruddy who has raised questions about Foster's death.

Scalice runs Forensic Control Systems and served 21 years with the New York City police department. Santucci was with the department 27 years.

Scalice and Santucci said that if Foster had walked into the roadside park, there would have been traces of soil on his shoes. No traces were found, and that fact, combined with other evidence, led them to conclude that "a high probability exists that Foster's body was transported to Fort Marcy Park from an outside location," the two men said in a report.

They would not speculate on who might have been responsible for Foster's death.

STUDY CONCLUDES FOSTER DEATH POSSIBLY A HOMICIDE

By JULIA MALONE

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- The park site near a Civil War cannon where the body is said to have been found is "not consistent with the heavy and dense foliage" said to have been all around the body.

- Although various fabric fibers were found on the body, there was no evidence that officials searched either Foster's car, home or office to see if the fibers matched. (An FBI lab report last year said only that the "sources of these wool and carpet fibers or their possible significance is unknown to the laboratory.")

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White House aide's body moved to park, detective says

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Vincent Scalice's investigation of the circumstances surrounding Foster's death cited numerous inconsistencies in the official findings in former independent counsel Robert Fiske's report that a despondent Foster killed himself at Ft. Marcy Park outside of Washington in July, 1993.

Two congressional panels agreed with Fiske's conclusion and Foster's family issued a statement calling rumors he had been murdered "despicable."

Scalice, a New York City homicide detective for more than 20 years, was paid by the California-based Western Journalism Center, which has close ties to conservative groups that have been skeptical of the official version of events.

The new independent counsel, Kenneth Starr, has been reviewing Foster's death with a grand jury.

Scalice told a press conference that aside from the issue of whether it was a homicide or suicide, "the overwhelming evidence does not support the conclusion that Vincent W. Foster Jr. committed suicide in Fort Marcy Park."

He based his conclusion on a "recreation" of the death as outlined in Fiske's report by using a male model who was close in build to Foster at the site where investigators said his body was found, gun in hand.

Scalice, who said he was hindered by the lack of crime scene photographs, then did laboratory analyses of soil and other samples on the model's shoes and clothing that raised questions about Fiske's findings.

The detective also cited the lack of blood found on the ground, the position of the weapon in Foster's hand and how neat his body appeared when it was found to conclude that there was a "high probability" the positioning of the gun was staged and the body had been moved.

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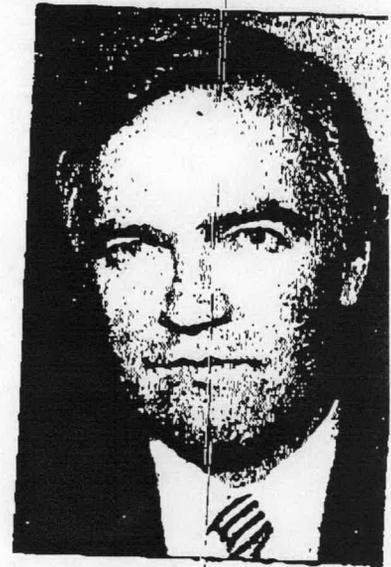
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Inquiries by the *Sunday Telegraph* have established, however, that an Arkansas State Trooper, Roger Perry, has signed an affidavit stating that he learned of the death suspiciously early, definitely before 7pm local time. (Arkansas is an hour behind Washington).

In an interview he estimated the call at 5.15pm — or 6.15pm in Washington DC, very shortly after the Park Police first discovered the body.

He claims that he was on duty that afternoon at the Governor's Mansion in Little Rock when a junior White House aide, Ms Helen Dickey, called to tell the Governor and his wife what had happened.

"She was kind of hysterical, crying, real upset," said Perry. "She told me that Vince got off work, went out to his car in the parking lot, and shot himself in the head."

The wording is significant. It is very similar to the Secret Service memorandum a night of the death

car." The memorandum was wrong, of course. Or was it? When rescue workers and Park Police found the body after a telephone tip off at 6.03pm, Foster's corpse was deep inside a Virginia park. But the body-in-the-car version was the first one circulating in the White House that night.

After receiving the call, Perry telephoned several other people in Little Rock to relay the news. One of them was Arkansas State Trooper Larry Patterson. A second was Lynn Davis, a former US marshal and former commander of the Arkansas State Police. Both Patterson

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and Davis have issued affidavits — which carry a penalty of perjury — swearing that they were told of Foster's death before 6pm local time. This would be a full hour-and-a-half before the Secret Service says it was notified by the US Park Police.

Dickey, a former nanny to Chelsea Clinton, is a member of the tight-knit Arkansas group. She refused to answer queries about the alleged call to the Governor's

House press office, however, did not return repeated calls.

A Freedom of Information Act request for the telephone logs from the White House social office, where Dickey worked in 1993, was made on behalf of the *Sunday Telegraph* last year, but it was rejected without explanation.

It is possible that Perry, Patterson, and Davis are confused about the time, though they all seem certain that it was during the Little Rock rush-hour.

But there is another reason to doubt the official version of events.

People on the scene that night dispute a key element of the story put out by the Park Police. The shift commander on duty, Lt Pat Gavin, told the FBI that he notified the Secret Service within five to 10 minutes of finding out that Foster was a senior White House official. This would suggest he discovered the fact at about 8.20pm — that is, shortly before the 8.30pm call to the Secret Service.

But there is no doubt that the Park Police found Foster's White House ID on the front seat of his Honda Accord much earlier, probably before 6.45pm. The first medical examiner to see the body, Dr Donald Haut, told the *Sunday Telegraph* that everybody knew Foster was a White House official by the time he arrived on the scene at 7.30pm. "They all knew right away," he said.

A Fairfax County rescue worker, who left the park at 6.45pm, said: "We all knew that it was a White House official when we left." He is

involving the death of President Kennedy. He is considered an eminent expert witness in homicides, crime scene reconstruction and forensic analysis.

Forensic Control Systems also employed Fred Santucci, a former forensic photographer with the New York City police with 15 years experience. Santucci has worked on thousands of homicide cases, dealing with photography of crime scenes, forensic analysis of crime scene photos, and crime scene reconstruction.

Laboratory tests for the investigation were conducted by Dr. Richard Saferstein, former head of the New Jersey State Crime Lab, who is considered one of the pre-eminent forensic scientists in the country and is the author of the standardized text on forensic science.

All three were present at the crime scene reconstruction -- a detailed study of the actual scene, and comparative analysis based on known facts of the case -- at Fort Marcy this past March.

Scalice and Santucci found that the overwhelming forensic evidence supported the notion that Foster had been transported to Fort Marcy Park.

Supporting evidence included:

- * The fact no soil was found on Foster's clothing and shoes in FBI laboratory tests, though he allegedly walked more than 700 feet to the site where he was found. In tests conducted on three pairs of shoes -- and one walked just several paces down the path where the body was claimed to have been found -- coherent soil was found on each. Clothing worn by a model on the path Foster was said to have been found also had soil.

- * The fact that shoes worn by a model had grass stains on their soles, which should have been apparent on the soles of Foster's shoes after traversing the grassy park in warm weather. The FBI report omits any mention of such stains.

- * The body's unusual position. As described in numerous reports, his body was neatly arranged, arms at his sides. The experts found the arrangement unnatural. The experts determined the explosion of the gun should have propelled Foster's arms to his sides, but at an angle to the body.

- * The fact no blood splatter or other tissue was apparent above Foster's head on the vegetation and ground, although the bullet had exited the top rear of the head. "If he had killed himself there, there most definitely should have been obvious blood staining above his head," Scalice commented.

- * The testimony of the medical examiner who reviewed the death scene noted a small amount of blood at the scene, and said blood

had matted, or congealed, on the back of Foster's head. The report states this is an indication the wound may have been "covered if the body was moved."

* Blood tracks on Foster's face noted by an FBI analysis indicate that his head assumed as many as four positions after his instant death.

In addition to the serious issue of the body's transport, the experts also found that the forensic evidence doesn't support police claims that Foster's body was found near to what is called the second cannon site.

The experts reviewed a crime scene Polaroid released by ABC News. They noted foliage similar to it not at the second cannon site, but at the first cannon area, some 200 feet away. Specifically, the experts noted in the Polaroid a particular leaf identified as *Magnolia acuminata* that is found at the first cannon site, but not at the second cannon area where the police claim to have found the body.

Additionally, lab tests showed soil on clothing worn by a model at the site police claim. The FBI found none on Foster's clothing.

"Had Foster's body been lying on that dirt path, on a hot summer day, dirt should have been found on his backside," Scalice noted.

The Fiske report contends that the soil in the location is micaceous and Foster's shoes and clothing contained flecks of mica.

Tests conducted by Dr. Saferstein also found the soil to be micaceous. But tests also noted that the dust-like particles of the mineral mica are found abundantly on foliage and vegetation, in the absence of soil, throughout the park.

Since the experts found soil mixed with mica in all of their tests on shoes and clothing, they concluded that mica found on Foster's shoes and clothing indicates only that his body was lying on foliage, and is consistent with the fact the body was likely transported to the spot it was found.

The experts also came to several specific findings, such as:

- * Gun powder residues found on Foster's left and right hands indicate neither hand was on the hand grip when it was fired, which they concluded was inconsistent with suicide;
- * The position of the gun in the hand, as pictured in the ABC Polaroid, indicates a "high probability" the gun was staged in the hand. (In a footnote, Scalice and Santucci noted that "in their combined experience of fifty years of investigating homicides, (they) have never seen a ... gun positioned in a

suicide's hand in such an orderly position.")

* It would have been physically impossible for Foster's eyeglasses to have been thrown or bounced to the location they were found, some 13 feet away from the body. The report indicates the location of the glasses are more likely an indication the crime scene was tampered with;

* Carpet fibers of various colors found all over the body are "highly significant" and indicate Foster's body was probably in contact with one or more carpets before the body's arrival at the park.

"This may be the most important evidence of the case," Mr. Scalice said, since the fibers could have indicated Foster's movements before his death. Scalice was surprised neither the Park Police nor Fiske's investigators conducted a systematic investigation of carpets at Foster's home, and on the White House campus, where Foster was last seen alive.

"This is not a case of apparent suicide," Mr. Scalice said, adding that if such a case had presented itself at any city police department it would be treated as a serious homicide until it could be proven otherwise.

Scalice, as noted in the report, found the lack of visible blood at the scene of Foster's death as "disturbing," and said it is an indication that Foster's heart had already stopped beating when the shot was fired and that Foster may have died by other cause.

Joseph Farah, Executive Director of the Western Journalism Center, a non-profit organization that supports investigative journalism, praised the efforts of the experts.

"This was a detailed analysis of the case, the type of work police investigators should have done, but didn't."

Mr. Farah noted that only two of the four forensic experts hired by Mr. Fiske visited Fort Marcy and examined the crime scene.

The Western Journalism Center has supported and promoted the investigative reporting on the Foster case by Christopher Ruddy of the Pittsburgh Tribune Review.

"The report is a vindication for Chris. His sober reporting on the case details the inconsistencies of the case and the mishandling of the investigation. He has never offered any conspiracy theory of the case, nor come to any inappropriate conclusions. This report states that there is a story here."



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ONE STEP AHEAD WITH NICK ASHTON

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POLITICS, LIES AND VIDEO TAPE.

When reporters and talk show hosts persistently ask you the same old question and you repeat the same old answer, it gets boring. So the next time you're asked the question and you know the answer is still the same, do you still give the same answer or lie and make-up the reply?

Unfortunately **Larry Nichols** of **Clinton Chronicles** fame is doing just that, resorting to lies. From the outset Nichols has expressed he would reveal **a scandal a week** on Bill Clinton. Folks, we know Clinton is bad and shouldn't be in office, but no one is that bad. Larry Nichols has unfortunately gone too far and has been caught in too many lies and unsubstantiated information. Nichols will go way past *real facts* to sell a video tape and maintain his focus in the media spotlight. Nichols ego is out of control and **Citizens For Honest Government** hasn't put the brakes on and reeled him in. The sad thing is, the talk radio circuit is as guilty as Nichols and have encouraged him to the point of no return. Many talk show hosts and so called networks, who serve the people, need to review the dollars generated from the sales of *now* suspect video tapes.

As the former National Press Secretary of CFHG, I have worked with Nichols, in fact was introduced to him through the interview process and had him guest on my national talk show. I quizzed and checked his information, and in the early days Nichols was correct. Sadly the pressure of stardom has made Larry Nichols resort to lies, innuendo and the usual trappings of the limelight. It's not just this journalist who is questioning Nichols motives. Go look at the Information Super Highway and see for yourself. **FOIA # none (URTS 16371)** DocId: 70082876 Page 40
asked. When Michael Reagan has Nichols as a

guest, that night or the next morning there is a transcript of the interview. Nichols words are there, world-wide, for all to see and absorb. The facts have to be correct. When a talk show host is asked to have a securities expert in studio, as Nichols has a bombshell to explode on a major accounting firm and their involvement with Arkansas Development Finance Authority, but Nichols never makes his point. The host called me and asked if Nichols was on something! And he didn't mean sitting on a cushion.

Nichols has a pain problem, and over the last six years has been using pain medication as a crutch. People around him know this and have been ignoring it. I joined CFHG because of the mission statement, to promote people who have honesty and integrity. Today, I chastise and cry for them, as they know not what they do. The original message is still there, but the messenger has been contaminated and needs to be detoxified. The almighty dollar has dragged down too many good people who have started on the right track and unfortunately been sidetracked to oblivion.

Let's see who in the media will now tell the truth and allow for the real story of political corruption to reach the people of these United States. No one can deny there is a problem with Clinton and our Government. It has to be exposed with the **TRUTH** and not with lies which sound better than the truth. Truth is power!

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April 25, 1995

Ambrose Pritchard told me that he is on a 4-year assignment in Washington for the London Sunday Telegraph. He has been there 2 1/2 years so far. He was on his way to Oklahoma City. He has done stories on the "militias" in the past.

He has some real serious questions about the "exit wound", or the lack of one. He says that most saw no exit wound. He said the report seems to rely on what the medical examiner, who did the autopsy, wrote. He said that that man had messed up other autopsies. *Buyer*

He said the 2 people who put the body in the body bag really didn't see an exit wound in the back of the head as drawn by the medical examiner. They also were surprised at the small amount of blood.

The morgue guard saw the body when Dr. Orenstein looked at it. Also David Tipton, Fairfax County P.D., was in the room when Orenstein looked at the body. Orenstein says he looked only at the front of Foster's head, and not the rear of his head; so he did not see an exit wound. Tipton says he saw a "small wound" in the back of the neck, made with a small caliber weapon, like a .22. He did not see the type wound listed by the medical examiner.

Joe Purvis, Little Rock atty, and friend of Tommy Wittenburg of the Funeral Home, saw a cotton ball/dressed wound on the back of the neck or head.

Another question is why there were no teeth broken. The .38 found at the scene has a metal sight on the top of the barrel. It seems that it should have hit something if recoiling rapidly.

April 25, 1995

Ambrose Pritchard wrote an article in the London Sunday Telegraph on April 10 entitled "Time Riddle in Foster Death".

I told him I had read the article. He says that Roger Perry reports receiving the call from Jane Dickey of the White House well before the White House supposedly even was notified by the Park Police. I asked him if Perry had any kind of log of such an incoming call. Perry told him that Hillary Clinton had done away with the practice of logging in incoming telephone calls. He said Perry did make notes of the call.

Pritchard says there is a 1 1/2 hour window which people had to do things before it was officially reported. His article raises the question of what went on then, including the possibility of someone going in Foster's office during that time frame.

He has been told that 1 of the 4 keys supposedly found in Foster's pants pocket by Rolla was to a high security lock. In one of Foster's file cabinet was a safe.

He is suspicious of Lt. Gavin. Gavin and Rolla are good friends. I told him that it was my understanding that Rolla was working his first homicide. He said Rolla was previously assigned to narcotics.

One of the main things the Thurs. press conferenc/4 experts will question is the carpet fibers. Pritchard had copies of the Senate Report (2 volumes). He said the FBI agent who testified said that the fibers could have come from laundry, etc, and they were not pursued.

April 25, 1995

Ambrose Pritchard advised:

He has heard that Hillary Clinton flew to Little Rock from Santa Barbara, CA on July 20, 1993.

The White House, etc. has been unwilling to produce the flight logs, etc.

He has heard that she was supposed to be flying from CA to Andrews AFB in Washington, but instead, at some point, diverted to Little Rock.

The "Liles", who rented the Fosters' residence, now live at 3 Palisade Court. Go to the end of University. Turn left on Palisade. It is the 2nd house on the left. Boxes were supposedly removed from Foster's house (shortly after the death, and while the Liles were living there), by members of the Rose Law Firm. Their unlisted telephone number is FOIA(b) 6.

April 25, 1995

Ambrose Pritchard advised:

He has been told that Vince Foster was receiving covert payments relative to the Systematics matter. The point of contact was supposedly Robert Maxwell, the wealthy British person. The Israelis were involved with the USA in installing computer systems around the world. INSLAW connected to this.

Hubbell, Foster, and Mrs. Clinton supposedly did work for Systematics while still with Rose Law Firm. The weekend before Foster died, Hubbell supposedly told Foster that DOJ was investigating him (Foster) relative to his receiving payments.

Foster supposedly was suffering some depression. He supposedly took the Waco thing very hard. It is speculated that he knew more about what went on than what has become public. He was much more concerned about that than Travelgate.

Pritchard has talked to the family some. Vince was talking with Brugh about sailboat the night before he died. After the weekend he appeared to be improved.

Forbes Magazine has a big article ready to go on the Systematics thing, and the links to Clintons, Foster, etc. Supposedly efforts have been made to keep it from running. Two of Malcolm Forbes brothers wanted to be sure it was correct before it was run. Mikva supposedly has told Touhey about this proposed article.

It was a national security matter that got out of hand. It is not just this administration, but is "institutional".

April 25, 1995

Ambrose Pritchard talked to me about the Systematics, Foster links. He also mentioned the Israelis.

I asked him about the Arabs.

He brought up David Edwards. He said the WSJ was very interested in Edwards. I told him I had read their story, "Who is David Edwards?"

He said Micah Morrison is the reporter who is real hot on this.

In regard to Mark Touhey, A. Pritchard said that it is their information that Touhey is very active in Democratic circles, and leans toward the left side of the party.

He was seen eating with Mikva approx. 6 weeks ago. This they find to be "irregular".

I told him that Touhey was an experienced prosecutor and had prosecuted a Congressman before.

I told him that I got along well with Touhey. I told him that Touhey had not prevented the calling of any witnesses before the grand jury, or interviews that needed to be done.

As to the stories, by Ellen Pollock, etc., that say the VF death investigation is near an end, and the conclusion will be "suicide" with the body not being moved, I told him that the investigation is not over.

I told him that we are very interested in getting the whole truth, as much as it is possible to get. We are interested in any facts, that are facts.

He told me that 4 experienced crime scene examiners will have a press conference on Thursday, and will issue a report on their parallel investigation of the scene. They will conclude the body was moved. I asked if they will issue a written report, and he said he understood they would. I told him we would be interested in seeing it.

I told him that Chris Ruddy had told our office about the news conference.

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HEADLINE: Time mystery of Clinton aide's death

BYLINE: by Ambrose Evans-Pritchard in Washington

BODY:

THE White House may have received an early tip-off about the death of Vincent Foster, the President's Deputy Counsel, long before the US Secret Service unit in the building was officially notified. Evidence has come to light that members of the President's staff knew of Foster's death earlier than they have stated, raising the possibility of a cover-up of the circumstances leading to his mysterious demise. The official version of events says that normal procedures were followed and that the White House was first alerted when the Secret Service received a call from the US Park Police. Foster, a former law partner of Hillary Clinton in Arkansas, managed the Clinton's personal financial affairs at the White House. He was found shot in a Virginia park on July 20, 1993. The death was ruled a suicide in an investigation by the US Park Police. The US Secret Service office at the White House was told of the discovery at 8.30pm. But Arkansas State Trooper Roger Perry, who was on duty that night at the Governor's mansion in Little Rock, has issued an affidavit stating that he learned about the death from a White House aide certainly before 7pm Central Time, (8pm Washington DC time), and possibly much earlier. The White House has refused to comment on the matter. A request for the relevant telephone logs under the Freedom of Information Act was turned down. In a parallel development, The Sunday Telegraph has learned that the Park Police knew Foster was a White House official much earlier than previously supposed. A Fairfax County rescue worker who was on the scene from the very beginning said that by the time he left the park at about 6.45pm, everybody knew that the victim worked at the White House. The decision by the Park Police to treat the case as a suicide from the very beginning allowed them to retain jurisdiction. If it had been treated as a suspected homicide, the case would have passed to the FBI. Last year, the investigation of Special Counsel Robert Fiske endorsed the Park Police ruling of suicide. But the Fiske probe has been criticised for failing to call a grand jury which would have the power to compel testimony under oath. A new prosecutor, Kenneth Starr, has re-opened the investigation.

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Ambrose Pritchard called - London Sun Telegraph -
has been talking to an investigator - Larry Wood.

⊙ Possible link with Jerry Parks
and Vince Foster -

VF insisted LB have JP for security -
suggested more than a casual relationship

JP owed \$80,000 for work - kept
calling WB - ^{client} contact: Dede Myers -
looked inter - thought we pd you -

Stamped check - she determined -
embroidered w/ the campaign -

Offered 30¢ on the dollar -
accidentally was pd in early July -

JP in state of paranoia -
house broken into - files missing -

2 mos. later - he was killed -
Tom James - LRPD - did good job -
was pulled off it - ground to a halt.

Jane Parks trusted him -
(duplicate FOIA # none (URIS-16371) DocId: 70205848 Page 50) -
passed on to FBI Memphis (possibly personal file); sitting there

① All The WST, etc. reports - Foster investigation
"winding down"

off the record - premature

① "a line of jurisdiction" within the Park -
is it all

County line was thru the Park...

FOIA -

• Helen Dickey - WH Social Office -
she called Gov's office - JGT to BT -
~~Roger~~ Barry (ASP) took call - called 3 people -
• very early -
• this call apparently was around 5PM - AR time -
• AP requested telephone logs from HD's
office - WH flat out refusal ...

① Extremely tight security -

Recorded on video

How long it is kept?

Can tell if person shared that day

Exactly what time he drove out the WH.

Why not a factor?

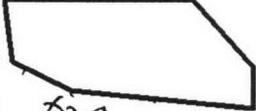
① He knows nothing - if what he was -
think (speculation) spent more time

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'I just got really intensely involved - AN I could observe

① (W/18 (each)) -

- I wouldn't rec. account.

① FBI interview w/ Psychiatrist - 
Anthony told him - VF dealing w/ top
secret matter ---

(doesn't square w/ the note that was tampered -
poss. doesn't square up.)

① SZ told dtr - lunch w/ VF -

walk - psych - is it w/ Travelgate?

No - don't want to get into it.

① Travelgate / WSI article - never made
sense -

[No mention of Miguel]

① I advised Brett of this on
the afternoon of 3-21-95 [5:15pm]

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A Death That Won't Die

The investigations into Vince Foster's demise have revealed a hodgepodge of contradictions, inaccuracies, and unresolved mysteries. One leading reporter on the case explains why we may never know what happened.

Despite mounting political pressures, things seemed to be looking up for Vince Foster personally in the days and weeks before his death on July 20, 1993. His family had arrived from Little Rock, putting an end to the deracinated bachelor life he had been leading in Washington since the beginning of the year. The first to come was his daughter Laura, brimming with filial devotion.

"I have a distinct memory of him celebrating Laura's birthday and bringing her to one of our Friday night movies," said Hillary Clinton. "He had his arm around her and they looked so happy. He seemed very happy that finally he was going to have his family back."

His wife, Lisa, came a little later with their two sons Vincent and Brugh. They crowded together in a little Georgetown house, trying to get by on the greatly reduced salary that Vince was earning as Deputy White House Counsel.

He was clearly making an effort to control his workaholic habits. In mid-July he went on a weekend trip to the Eastern Shore in Maryland with his wife, allowing himself the rare luxury of a full two-day break. On Monday, July 19, the day after they returned to Washington, he tried to get home early in time for the family meal, although his idea of

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early turned out to be a quarter to eight. Lisa had hoped he would make it back an hour earlier, she told the FBI. She had prepared a dinner of scallops.

That evening President Clinton called to invite him over to the White House to watch a film—*In the Line of Fire*, as it happened. They talked briefly about "operational problems at the White House" and they agreed to meet two days later, according to testimony given by the president. But Vince excused himself from coming over to see the film. He wanted to be with his

family. After supper he chatted to his youngest child Brugh about an idea they had for buying a boat.

The next day, July 20, Vince's sister Sharon Bowman was coming up from Arkansas with her daughter Mary. Vince was planning to take his niece to lunch at the White House as a special treat. When the Bowmans arrived that evening Vince was already dead. His body had been found near a Civil War howitzer in Fort Marcy Park, not far from the headquarters of the CIA.

The consternation was general. "Mrs. Foster nor other relatives, or friends were able to provide any insight as to why Vincent Foster would take his life," wrote Park Police detective John Rolla, after visiting the Foster residence that night. At the White House they were equally perplexed. President Clinton described Foster as the "Rock of Gibraltar"

immediately after the death and said that his suicide was inexplicable.

It was several days later that the so-called "suicide note"—torn into at least twenty-seven pieces, without leaving fingerprints—appeared in Foster's briefcase several days after it had already been searched. Unidentified sources were cited in the major newspapers noting that Foster had been losing weight. The investigation of Independent Counsel Robert Fiske pointed to this weight loss in concluding that Foster was depressed. But medical records show that Foster gained a few pounds during his time at the White House. He weighed 194 lbs. in December 1992 and weighed 197 lbs. at the autopsy.

During the Fiske investigation the FBI found traces of Trazodone in Foster's blood at a concentration of 0.06 ug/ml. The Fiske Report cites this as key evidence indicating depression. But the Report does not mention that the family doctor, Larry Watkins, had prescribed the drug to help Foster combat insomnia, not depression. Watkins told the FBI that he "did not think that Foster was significantly depressed."

The Fiske Report states that Foster's colleagues could see signs of deterioration in his state of mind. It says that "Deborah Gorham, his Executive Assistant, confirmed that Foster's productivity dropped significantly in the last few weeks of his life." But I have been unable to find anything in her FBI or Park Police statements that would support such an assertion. On the contrary, Gorham's FBI statement says that "she did not see anything in Foster's behavior that would indicate a distressed state of mind."

As for the family, Fiske never took statements from Foster's children, not even from Laura who accompanied her father into work on the day of his death. This is not to dispute claims that Foster was going through a rough patch. Lisa Foster told investigators that her husband was under "a great deal of stress." But she also told the *New Yorker* recently that she did not realize he was depressed. Being under strain and being clinically depressed are not the same thing.

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It was several days later that the so-called "suicide note"—torn into at least twenty-seven pieces, without leaving fingerprints—appeared in Foster's briefcase several days after it had already been searched. Unidentified sources were cited in the major newspapers noting that Foster had been losing weight. The investigation of Independent Counsel Robert Fiske pointed to this weight loss in concluding that Foster was depressed. But medical records show that Foster gained a few pounds during his time at the White House. He weighed 194 lbs. in December 1992 and weighed 197 lbs. at the autopsy.

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The Fiske Report states that Foster's colleagues could see signs of deterioration in his state of mind. It says that "Deborah Gorham, his Executive Assistant, confirmed that Foster's productivity dropped significantly in the last few weeks of his life." But I have been unable to find anything in her FBI or Park Police statements that would support such an assertion. On the contrary, Gorham's FBI statement says that "she did not see anything in Foster's behavior that would indicate a distressed state of mind."

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according to the *Tribune-Review*, and Tuohey made it clear to him that he favored a quick ruling of suicide.

In a disturbing twist, Rodriguez found that he could not trust the FBI investigators to do their job. The FBI lab had concluded that a set of crime scene photos were unusable. But he knew this to be absurd so he sent the film to a private laboratory, which had no trouble enhancing the photos. They reveal, according to Ruddy, that the gun in Foster's hand was being moved around after the Park Police had arrived, with blades of grass protruding between different fingers in different photos.

The *Tribune-Review* also reported that a set of Polaroid photos had been deliberately blurred by the FBI. Rodriguez was able to obtain original copies which showed that Foster had a wound or bruise in the neck that had been dismissed as a blood "contact stain" in earlier reports, and was not mentioned in the autopsy report.

Mark Tuohey resigned at the beginning of September. Deputy Independent Counsel Hickman Ewing, who is based in Starr's Little Rock office, has effectively taken over the handling of the Foster case. There are signs that he intends to do a much more thorough job. In mid-September the FBI conducted a blitz at Fort Marcy, searching high up in the trees for the elusive bullet. At last things are being done that should have been done two years ago.

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But it may be Sen. D'Amato who succeeds in cracking open the whole case. D'Amato is leading yet another investigation into the case, and he suspects that the inner circle of the Clintons may have been notified of Foster's death far earlier than they claim. The *Sunday Telegraph* explored this theme last April. This author reported that the Park Police may have found Foster's White House ID on the front seat of his Honda Accord before 6:45 p.m., yet the official notification of the Secret Service took place almost two hours later at 8:30 p.m. Interestingly, the Secret Service Memorandum says that the "U.S. Park Police discovered the body of Vincent Foster in his car." A clerical error?

Dr. Donald Haut told me that everybody knew Foster was a White House official by the time he arrived at the park. (The Fiske Report claims this was at 7:40, but he told the FBI that it was 6:45 p.m.) "They all knew right away," he said. A Fairfax County rescue worker who left the park at 6:37 p.m. told me, "We all knew that it was a White House official when we left." He also said that he was under strict gag order from his superiors and asked not to be identified. Rescue worker James Iacono also knew that Foster was a White House official when he returned to his station before 6:45 p.m., according to an FBI report.

How do the Park Police explain the delay? They say it

was a communications mix-up. Investigator Cheryl Braun, who found Foster's White House ID, told the FBI that she gave instructions to another officer to pass on the word to the shift commander. This officer, who is never fully identified, allegedly forgot to do so. Braun then made the call herself at roughly 7:30 p.m. This still leaves almost an hour unaccounted for. In any case, the shift commander, Lt. Pat Gavin, inadvertently contradicted her story. He told the *Sunday-Telegraph* that he was informed by another officer on the scene, John Rolla.

An Arkansas State Trooper, Roger Perry, has signed an affidavit stating that he learned of the death suspiciously early, definitely before 7 p.m. Central Time. He says that he was on duty that afternoon at the governor's mansion in Little Rock when Chelsea Clinton's former nanny, Helen Dickey, called from the White House to convey the bad news. "She was kind of hysterical, crying, real upset," said Perry. "She told me that Vince got off work, went out to his car in the parking lot, and shot himself in the head."

After receiving the call, Perry telephoned several other people in Little Rock to relay the news. One of them was Trooper Larry Patterson. Another was Lynn Davis, former commander of the Arkansas State Police. They have both issued affidavits swearing that they learned about Foster's death before 6 p.m. Central Time, a full hour and a half before the official notification.

Sen. D'Amato says he intends to get to the bottom of this bizarre story. He has issued subpoenas for Trooper Perry and Helen Dickey. If this mysterious telephone call did in fact take place, the White House has a colossal problem on its hands. Dickey insists that she did not learn about Foster's death until 10 p.m. at night, when she was watching TV on the third floor of the White House residence. But what if there are phone logs that suggest otherwise?

It is not the purpose of this article to explain what happened to Vincent Foster on July 20, 1993. I do not have any answers. I only have questions. Was Foster in fact depressed? What evidence is there to prove that Foster shot himself with the gun that was found in his hand? What is to account for the discrepancies in testimony between the Park Police and the medical personnel at the park? When did the White House really learn about Foster's death? Was testimony by the only witnesses near the crime scene misrepresented by the Fiske Report? These are just a sampling. Those who have followed the case closely can doubtless think of dozens of discrepancies that need to be cleared up.

In the end it may be established beyond all doubt that Foster died by his own hand in Fort Marcy Park. But until there is a proper investigation, we will never know the truth. □